

15 years since the death of Kim Il Sung

Fifteen years passed since the death of President Kim Il Sung(1912-1994), founder of socialist Korea: and if one looks at the realities in Korea, one feels as if he is still alive leading his country and people.

Kim Il Sung Will Always Be with Us

At the news about the passing of President Kim Il Sung on July 8,1994, the Korean people wailed in deep sorrow and grief at the loss of their leader. Millions of citizens of Pyongyang lined the streets covering over 40km to bid the last farewell to their late leader.

Beyond their expectations, the funeral motorcade,with the portrait of the beaming leader at the head, made its way through the streets. Looking up the sunny portrait of the leader, the people were convinced that he had not passed away, that he had returned to life as a man of a sun-like image with a bright smile, and that he would always be would always be with them. The Korean people call the portrait the beaming image of President Kim Il Sung. Ubiquitous in Korea are the portrait and the slogan “The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung will always be with us.”

Documentary films on the history of his revolutionary activities are produced one after another, and broadcast in cinemas and on TV. The Complete Works of Kim Il Sung and the Kim Il Sung’s Works are continuously published one volume after another, and the continuing editions of his memoirs With the Century are off the press. Radio and TV stations still begin their everyday programme with Song of General Kim Il Sung.

The Juche era with the year 1912,when he was born, as the first year was instituted,and April 15,his birthday, was designated the Day of the Sun, The Constitution of the country stipulates that Kim Il Sung is the eternal President of the

DPRK.

The April Spring Friendship Art Festival, which had been previously held in a grand style in Pyongyang on the occasion of his birth anniversary, is still held. The heads of state and public figures of many countries still send gift to Korea in his honour.

Let Us Thoroughly Carry Out Kim Il Sung's plans and Instructions

After Korea had suffered the greatest national bereavement, the world observed keenly what policies the country would follow in the future. There were various conjectures, like "Korea's policies would deviate a little from the previous ones" and that it would switch over to "reform and opening".

In November 1994 the Korean Central Radio reported that Chairman Kim Jong Il of the DPRK National Defence Commission had issued an order On Building Chongnyu Bridge(second stage) and Kumnung Tunnel No.2 in Pyongyang in the name of the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army. It was a solemn declaration aimed at putting into effect Kim Il Sung's lifetime intention to have Pyongyang built into a more magnificent city.

Subsequent policies pursued by Korea were all directed to inheriting Kim Il Sung's lifetime cause and intentions, and they began to be materialized one by one.

The project of building Chongnyu Bridge(second stage) and tunnel were finished in less than a year. The Anbyon Youth Power Station, a far-reaching nature-harnessing project Kim Il Sung had planned in his lifetime, was built as a miracle of Korea in the 1990s. The many large, small and medium-sized power projects and the large-scale land rezoning project implemented across the country changed the appearance of the country beyond recognition. Kaechon-Lake Thaesong and Paekma-Cholsan waterways and other gravitational waterways were completed, consolidating the basis of agricultural production. Moreover, many factories, enterprises and

stockbreeding bases, like goat, cattle, ostrich, chicken and pig farms, were newly built in many parts of the country. With the construction of the Kwangmyongsong Salt Works and the Wonsan Bay Salt Works, the history of salt production began in the eastern coastal areas of Korea. Hundreds of thousands of modern dwelling houses mushroomed in urban rural areas, and Mts. Chilbo and Kuwol, Ryongmun and Songam caves and many other famous mountains and scenic spots were developed as cultural and recreational centres for the people.

The Korean people are firmly determined to open the gate of a great, prosperous and powerful socialist country in 2012 that marks the 100th birthday of Kim Il Sung. To build a thriving country was Kim Il Sung's lifetime wish and intention.

Kim Il Sung will always be with the Korean people.