

DPRK's Methodology of Building a Thriving Nation

The international community is eyeing Democratic People's Republic of Korea which is determined to open the great, prosperous and powerful nation in 2012.

The country already ranks among political, ideological and military powers, and has attained a high level of science and technology. It now intends to build a socialist powerful nation by economic power within the year 2012 that marks the centenary of birth of President Kim Il Sung(1912-1994), the founder of socialist Korea.

Now there's only a few years left before 2012.

In view of the fact that Korea went through harsh economic hardship recently, it is by no means easy to build a thriving nation.

What is the methodology the nation has adopted for accomplishing the cause□

First, Korea is making every effort to build a powerful nation in the way of giving full play to the revolutionary zeal and creative activity of the masses of the people with priority given to the ideological work.

Socialist society develops on the intentional activities of the people who have been imbued with socialist ideology.

Tapping to the full the patriotic enthusiasm of the masses with the ideological work well in advance of every other kind of work is an important mode of revolution and construction consistently pursued by Korea.

In the past Korean people liberation from the Japanese imperialists' military rule (August 15, 1945), built a new society, won the war(1950-1953) against the United States and its allied forces, and registered miraculous achievements in the periods of the postwar rehabilitation, socialist revolution and socialist construction – All these could hardly be thinkable apart from the indomitable spirit of the masses of the people. The people have grown up strong in ideology and faith in the course of breaking through the upheavals of history.

Their spiritual strength got evident in the second half of the 1990s when they firmly safeguarded socialism even in the grimmest trials of crushing the persistent

anti-socialist offensive of the imperialists' allied forces and overcoming repeated natural disasters unprecedented in history.

Today the merit constitutes the mightiest driving force in building a thriving nation.

Secondly, Korea is building a prosperous nation with its own raw materials, efforts and technology, that is, on the principle of self-reliance.

The country put forth the line of building an independent national economy long ago when it was engaged in building a new society, and has followed it consistently in all spheres of economic construction, thus bringing about great changes and innovations.

Satellite launches are typical examples, a full show of their achievements.

When Korea manufactured and launched satellites Kwangmyongsong No.1 in 1998 and Kwangmyongsong No.2 this year, it neither asked others for help in technology nor expected cooperation from them.

The satellites are a 100per cent home-made from design, manufacture, assembly and launch site to observation after launch, to say nothing of a screw. Their successful launch is just a fruition of self-reliance.

Today the slogan "Self-reliance is the only way out!" is enshrined in the hearts of the Koreans as their unshakable faith.

The self-reliance that made Korea win victory after another surmounting manifold difficulties is demonstrating its might in the present building of a thriving nation as well.

Thirdly, Korea is speeding up the construction of a powerful nation in the way of making a place or a unit as an example and generalizing it throughout the country.

The place which suffered the harshest ordeals in Korea in the latter half of the 1990s was Jagang Province situated in the northern mountainous region.

Under the deep concern of the state and with the painstaking efforts of its residents, Jagang Province has developed into the most flourishing area in the country.

The locals have built numerous minor power stations, planted potatoes and grown

even three crops a year in the alpine area. All this has led to the self-sufficiency of electricity and food.

They have also raised livestock including goats, sheep, chicken and rabbits on a large scale and built pig farms to solve the problem of meat. Recently, an e-library and a IT centre were set up in Kanggye City, the seat of provincial government. The nocturnal view of Kanggye City washed by the Jangja River is known as one of the scenic wonders of which Koreans boast.

Similar efforts have been made in other provinces to take their cue from the model role played by Jagang Province, thus changing their places better to live in by taking advantages of their local features and merits.

In December 2008, the Chollima Steel Complex, the nation's leading steel producer, sent a letter to all the working people throughout the calling on them to bring about a fresh turn in the building of a prosperous nation. In hearty response to the letter, they are making miraculous innovations and achievements on all fronts.

Fourthly, the Korean leader Kim Jong Il is giving great encouragement and inspiration to the masses of the people through his personal inspections.

He is taking the helm of the all-people general offensive to build a thriving nation – not in his office but on the continued inspection tours. His inspection tours to Jagang Province for the past decade have covered a distance of more than 20 000km, which is equivalent to making 33 rounds of the province.

From the outset of this year he continuously provided on-the-spot guidance to the whole country, the number of which is 3-4 times more than that in the same period of last year.

Whenever he gives field guidance, he acquaints himself in detail with the actual conditions on the spot, and encourages the people who are all out to build a powerful nation, solving problems arising in the work and life of officials and workers.

The Korean people who look forward to seeing their leader all the time regard it as the highest honour to have him at their workplace and are aglow with a wholehearted desire to carry through his far-reaching plan for the building of a thriving nation.

Fifthly, the country is constructing a prosperous nation on the principle of managing the economy by a thoroughly socialist method.

The socialist economy is, in essence, a planned economy different from the capitalist market economy. It is an economy that all economic activities including production, distribution and consumption of material wealth are undertaken according to a unified plan of the state.

In Korea, all its economic potentials are grasped, mobilized and used in an integrated and planned way. A series of measures have been taken to ensure profitability to the maximum, while maintaining thoroughly the socialist principle in economic management.

These measures are paying off in the present building of a thriving nation.

The DPRK is now dashing forwards the building of an economic power, despite the catastrophic economic turmoil sweeping the whole of the capitalist world.