

Daybreak Hours of Kim Jong Il

The hour before daybreak is a time for many people to have sweet dream. And some others take constitutional exercises or stroll at this time.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il of the Workers' Party of Korea receives this common concept differently.

He started his work at the WPK Central Committee on June 19, 1964. Early the next morning he said to the officials in the following vein. A revolutionary is apt to breathe in the air at dawn earlier than others. Officials should tread on the morning dew and take in daybreak air earlier than others.

He has faithfully abided by his words for over four decades.

His hours at dawn can be said to be the constitution of his working day with high intensity.

There are many anecdotes about his daybreak hours; he worked into the early morning hours, doing at a time two or three things of examining an important documents and giving instructions to the creation of a new song, he continued his inspection tours of many industrial establishments, rural communities and army units, greeting the dawning days. In the 1970s a revolutionary opera The Flower Girl was created in the DPRK and staged in many countries in Asia and Europe, creating a great sensation. Kim Jong Il reportedly sat up all night for several days, listening to over 2700 pieces of songs in order to select only tens of songs to be played in the opera. One August day in 2000 he started his journey of field guidance early in the morning to a sericulture farm in the northern alpine region of Korea, crossing rugged mountains, in order to solve the problem of people's clothing. It was also at daybreak in July 2001 when he arrived by car at a rural village in Poman-ri, spreading out beautiful scene of standardized fields, fish ponds swarming with rainbow trout, a power station and modern dwelling houses.

Time can be said to be the most valuable for him, as he works energetically to build at the earliest possible date a thriving socialist country with a great national power, where everything prosper and people lead a happy life with nothing to envy in the world. He once said he wishes if a second were a whole hour so that he should work more for the good of his country and his people.

Kim Jong Il's hour early in the morning is an aggregation of moments of historical significance which ushers in a new chapter of prosperity for socialist Korea.

It happened when he went round the revolutionary battle sites associated with the brilliant achievements President Kim Il Sung(1912-1994), father of socialist Korea, had made during the anti-Japanese war. One early morning he sat on the shore of the Tuman River flowing along the northern top of Korea, dropping a line in the water. Accompanying officials thought he was taking a short rest. But he was engrossed not in angling but in maturing a grand plan for imbuing the whole society with Juche idea authored by President Kim Il Sung, the gist of which is that man is the master of his own destiny and has the power to carve it out.

A few years later, on February 19, 1974, he solemnly declared the programme of modelling the whole society on the Juche idea, with the result that all members of the Korean society have armed themselves firmly with the Juche idea and closely rallied around the WPK and their leader with single-hearted unity more powerful than of a nuclear weapon. Neither the whirlpool of revival of capitalism which swept the socialist countries in East Europe between the late 1980s and the early 1990s nor the worst-ever economic difficulties this country had to suffer due to the political and economic blockade and sanctions by the US imperialists could break down this single-hearted unity.

The eye-opening events which have taken place in recent years in the DPRK are also connected with his hour at dawn.

Kim Jong Il, on his guidance trip early in the morning on May 4, 1998, stopped his car at a place. After taking in the view of fields with various small patches for a while, he said resolutely that the land of the country should be improved, setting forth a grand plan for changing the appearance of the land beyond recognition. In accordance with it, such a tremendous change took place as rezoning small patches of paddy fields which have been down through generations into large standardized fields in the DPRK in a few years.

Last year, too, he continued the forced march of his field guidance day and night, from the west coast to the east coast and from one tip to the other parts of country. His energetic activities resulted in bringing about world-shaking events, including another successful launch of an artificial satellite, the attainment of cutting edge CNC technology, the perfection of a fresh steel-making system which integrated the iron- and –steel making process into a whole without using cokes and iron scraps, and the like.

The Korean people are reposing boundless trust in and following their leader who works around the clock solely for their blissful future, without caring for himself.