

## **Founder of WPK**

The Workers' Party of Korea(WPK) founded on October 10, 1945 is greeting its 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. The might of the WPK as a steel-strong and invincible Party acknowledged by the international community is inconceivable apart from the exploits of President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) who founded it.

## **Starting point of Party founding**

President Kim Il Sung embarked on the road of struggle to liberate Korea and its people from the military occupation of the Japanese imperialists(1905-1945) and conceived a plan to form a genuine vanguard organization of the revolution which would lead the anti-Japanese national liberation struggle in Korea under a correct programme in reliance upon the masses of the people.

As a result, the Down-with-Imperialism Union(DIU) was formed on October 17, 1926 with young Korean revolutionaries of a new generation. It set it as its immediate task to defeat Japanese imperialism and achieve Korea's liberation and independence, and as its final objective to build socialism and communism in Korea and, further, destroy all imperialism and build communism throughout the world. Its formation was the starting point of the struggle to found a new type of party, a revolutionary party of Juche type, in Korea.

The DIU's programme became the basis of the WPK and its principle of independence the principle of building the WPK and conducting its activities. The

revolutionaries of the new generation trained by the DIU became the backbone for founding the WPK.

### **Original party-building mode**

Kim Il Sung, who started his revolutionary activities by forming the DIU, held the historic Kalun Meeting in June 1930 and delivered a speech, **The path of the Korean Revolution**, in which he scientifically formulated the character and tasks of the Korean revolution and, based on it, set forth the party-founding policy as well as the lines of waging the anti-Japanese armed struggle and forming an anti-Japanese national united front.

The gist of his party-founding policy was to build a party independently. He saw to it that a new way of party-founding should be opened up in a creative way, firmly based on the prevailing situation of Korea, without following other countries in their methods of party founding.

What was most noticeable here was that a party should be founded in such a way of setting up basic party organizations and steadily expanding and strengthening them prior to proclaiming a party centre. This new method of founding a party from its grassroots organization up to higher ones was quite different from the existing method of founding a party from higher organs down to lower ones.

The president ensured that the preparations for the party founding should be made in close combination with the struggle to fight against the Japanese imperialists so that fine revolutionaries tested and steeled in the struggle should be trained to build up the organizational backbone of the party founding.

In accordance with his party-founding policy the Korean revolutionaries could dynamically launch the preparations for founding the party in the flames of arduous anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle to liberate their country.

### **Proclamation of party founding**

On the basis of organizational and ideological preparations for a party founding made during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, President Kim Il Sung saw to it that the party was founded without delay after Korea's liberation(August 15, 1945).

He sent the anti-Japanese fighters to different parts of the country to readjust, expand and newly establish local party organizations, enlarge the party ranks and maintain their purity. Thanks to their energetic activities, party organizations were readjusted and reinforced in a large number of factories, enterprises, organs and local areas in a short period of time, and revolutionaries who had been working individually were rallied.

On October 10, 1945, the inaugural congress of the Central Organizing Committee of the Communist Party of North Korea(the predecessor of the WPK) was held in Pyongyang. The congress supported and approved Kim Il Sung's proposal of establishing the Central Organizing Committee of the Communist Party of North Korea and formed the said central organizing committee, proclaiming the founding of the Party to the whole world.

The Workers' Party of Korea, a powerful guiding force of the Korean society, was thus founded on October 10, 1945 in less than two months after Korea's liberation.

Since its founding, the WPK has been able to make victorious advance along

the road of building a new society and the people-centred socialism, with the Juche idea authored by Kim Il Sung as its guiding principle.

Together with the invincible might of the WPK which organizes and guides all the victories of the Korean people, the exploits performed by President Kim Il Sung, its founder, will shine forever.