

Leader of WPK

Kim Jong Il was elected General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea(WPK) on October 8,1997.

Led by Kim Jong Il, the WPK has developed into an invincible party, enjoying absolute support and trust of the people.

Expect no change from me!

After the sudden demise of President Kim Il Sung(July 1994), who had led the WPK for nearly 50 years, the international political circles supposed that there would be some changes in the lines and policies of the WPK.

Their speculations turned out wrong; the Democratic People's Republic of Korea held up the slogans, "The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung will always be with us!" and "Let us arm ourselves thoroughly with the revolutionary ideas of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" Kim Jong Il has ensured that the Korean people constantly adhered to the Juche idea, revolutionary idea authored by President Kim Il Sung, as the guiding ideology, and made public his work, **The Workers' Party of Korea Is the Party of Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung**, in October 1995. In the work he declared that the WPK will exalt itself as the Party of Kim Il Sung for ever by conducting Party work and activities, as in the past, true to his ideas, intention and method.

Expect from me no change whatever, this was an iron will Kim Jong Il manifested before the world.

The WPK, under his leadership, has been able to advance without any deviation along the road of socialism pioneered by President Kim Il Sung.

By dint of Songun-based politics

Towards the end of the last century the Korean people were faced with worst trials and hardships: They lost their national father, natural disasters hit the country for some years consecutively, and the United States and its imperialist allies directed the spearhead of their anti-socialist attack on it.

At that critical juncture Kim Jong Il made a grim decision to overcome the prevailing difficulties and defend socialism. By formulating Songun-based theory that the army means the Party, the state and the people, he administered Songun politics that gives top priority to strengthening the military capabilities and advancing the socialist cause as a whole by holding the People's Army as the core unit, the main force.

His Songun-based leadership has effected at a higher level the Party's guidance over the army, and consequently the WPK has developed into a party on the firm foundation of army-people unity. He has ceaselessly inspected army units, thus developing the Korean People's Army(KPA) into an invincible and matchless strong army and a paradigm in upholding the Party's idea and cause, and led all the

civilians to model themselves after the spiritual world of soldiers.

Songun-based politics has ensured the perfect unity between the Party and the army, and between the army and the people, making it possible for the Korean people to safeguard socialism in the worst-ever trials. The KPA soldiers, holding up the slogan of “let us take charge of both national defence and socialist construction!” have always made breakthroughs in the important and labour-intensive sectors of the national economy, such as land realignment and power station construction projects. Their extraordinary spiritual strength and indomitable will prevalent across society contributed to preparing a springboard for building a great, prosperous and powerful socialist nation.

In the van of building a thriving nation

The WPK has set a gigantic goal of opening the gate to a thriving nation within 2012 to mark the centenary of birth of President Kim Il Sung, founding-father of socialist Korea. An all-people general offensive is now under way in the country to achieve the goal.

Standing in the van of the struggle is Kim Jong Il.

Already in the early days of his Party work he put forth a slogan, “Let the whole Party go among the masses!” and ensured that Party officials mixed with the people and shared bitter and sweet with them. He himself visits various KPA units and economic sectors without letup. The number of his field guidance last year alone reportedly amounted to more than 200 units.

He visited the construction site of the Huichon Power Station, one of major fronts in building an economic power, at the outset of this year and some months later again, where he inspired the builders to fresh innovation and achievements. In February he visited the February 8 Vinalon Complex twice in three days.

Kim Jong Il's field guidance has become a powerful driving force that produces miraculous events in the country.

The country's landscape is being transformed beyond recognition day by day, and science and technology have greeted the heyday of development with the acceleration of putting the national economy onto a modern and IT basis. Artificial earth satellite Kwangmyongsong No. 2 was successfully launched into orbit, and the Juche-oriented steel-making system using no coke and iron scraps was established. The CNC technology that pushed back the frontiers of machine-building industry is being introduced in many units. The prospect of the construction of the Huichon Power Station, a project previously considered over-a-decade-long one, is that it can now be finished within three years. Mass production of vinalon wool was celebrated as an auspicious event throughout the country, and rapid increase of fertilizer production by anthracite gasification ushered in a turning point in agricultural production. Many factories and enterprises have already surpassed their record level of production.

The Workers' Party of Korea led by General Secretary Kim Jong Il will surely accomplish brilliant successes in the cause of building a socialist thriving nation.

