

Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il and His Impregnable Country

December 24 this year marks the 19th anniversary of Kim Jong Il's appointment as Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army.

Since he took the helm of the army, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has demonstrated its prestige as an invincible power, advancing vigorously along the road of socialism in spite of the imperialists' frantic moves to isolate and stifle it.

Looking back on the closing years of the last century, the United States claimed itself as the world's sole superpower following the end of the Cold War, brandishing a big stick in the international arena. Its vassal states, in pursuit of its ambition for world domination, joined in expanding the scope of war and aggression against independent countries. Consequently, the sovereignty of those countries has been trampled upon and, worse still, some of them have been robbed of their territories.

To cope with the prevailing situation, Supreme Commander Kim Jong Il held aloft the banner of Songun.

His Songun politics is a new mode of socialist politics which puts forward military affairs as the most important of all national affairs and the army as the hardcore and main force to defend socialism and push forward the socialist cause as a whole. It is based on the principle of Songun that the party, state and people can survive as long as they are defended by the army.

Songun politics has made the country's military position unassailable.

The supreme commander, when the United States was bringing its isolate-and-

stifle manoeuvres to extremes, gave top priority to the strengthening of the country's defence capabilities and ceaselessly carried on his inspection tours to the military units across the country so as to develop the People's Army into an invincible force. He set it as a major task for enhancing military capability to equip the army with its unique strategy and tactics, and encouraged the officers at all levels to decisively improve their commanding abilities by acquiring unique combat methods and modern military science. He also ensured that all the service personnel, true to the training-first policy, concentrated efforts on training and intensified it in a realistic war climate, so as to prepare themselves to be combatants possessed of high military techniques and sturdy physics with which to fulfill their combat duties in any circumstances.

He has also paid utmost concern to developing defence industry, regarding it as the key to developing the country into a socialist power. His leadership bore fruit: the country's self-reliant defence industry has become further modernized and so contributed to upgrading the army on a higher level, the all-people, nationwide defence system has been consolidated all the more: and the country has possessed a powerful war deterrent.

Songun politics has rendered Korean's politico-ideological position secure in every way.

The traditional single-hearted unity of the Korean society in which all the people are united around their leader in one ideology, mind and purpose has entered a new, higher stage of development under Kim Jong Il's Songun-based leadership. The soldiers are performing with credit their role as the main force in both national defence and socialist construction, and the people are working hard to learn from their spirit and mettle; the unity of the army and the people

has been made invulnerable.

Songun politics has brought about an epochal turn in the building of a great, prosperous and powerful country.

Korea, which ranks as a politico-ideological and military power for its national capabilities centred on military capability, is making a historic advance to reach the status of an economic power. The world's attention is now focused on socialist Korea, where all the people have turned out in the effort to open the gates of a great, prosperous and powerful country in 2012, the year marking the centenary of birth of its founder Kim Il Sung, such an amazing reality in Korea is born of Kim Jong Il's Songun politics.

As long as it is led by his Songun-based leadership, Korea will remain forever as an impregnable power.