

Korea Wails

At 12:00 on December 19, 2011, the news about the demise of Kim Jong Il, leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was announced. In an instant the whole of the country was turned into a sea of tears.

Wails of grief were heard everywhere. At the unexpected sad news the people throughout the country cried bitterly, beating the ground and their breasts. Some old men even fell unconscious, and children stamped their feet.

The whole nation's mourning over the death of their leader moved the world deeply.

As the international community acknowledges, Kim Jong Il was the great, outstanding leader of the Korean people and their beloved father, whom they could not live separated from even for a moment. He always shared joy and sorrow with his fellow people, treasuring and loving them. He made tireless efforts to build a thriving country and improve the people's standard of living, continuing high-intensity forced march of on-site guidance, before passing away on a train owing to the excessive mental and physical exertions.

The Korean people could not believe their leader had passed away. They would not have felt so sad even though the sky might have collapsed and the earth caved in. For them, he was symbolic of their destiny and happiness. That was why they proudly sang the song *No Motherland without You*, which reflected their readiness to defend him unto death.

The officials and employees of the Kwangbok Supermarket in Pyongyang Kim Jong Il gave his last on-site guidance at said that they could hardly believe that he died as he, full of vigour, visited their workplace quite recently, and continued:

"The leader expressed great satisfaction over the fact that a modern supermarket has been built. When he said that he felt ease of mind, we were so delighted that we clung to the sleeves of his coat."

"We were convinced that we people were always in his mind, but we paid less attention to his health. We don't deserve to be called his followers and children."

"Our hearts ache when we think of the fatherly leader who was on an endless journey to the last moment of his life for the good of his beloved people, enduring every description of hardships and trials."

The poet who wrote the song *The Blue Sky over My Country*, one of the famous and popular songs in Korea, visited a square in downtown Pyongyang with the help of a stick. He cried sadly, beating the ground:

"The sky was seen when you were alive, dear leader, but I can't see it now."

The officials, technicians and workers of the Huichon Ryonha General Machine Factory, who secured world supremacy in the CNC technology thanks to the deep concern and several visits of Kim Jong Il, expressed their grief as follows:

"The leader promised that he would visit our factory again with a bouquet when he received the news that we manufactured a parent machine. But he passed away without keeping his promise."

All the Korean people believe that he will always be with them, and express their firm belief and resolve to support wholeheartedly and faithfully the leadership of General Kim Jong Un, who is the successor to Kim Jong Il.

The Korean people's tears are not simply a display of deep sorrow. The tears are the crystallization of the expression of the single-hearted unity of the Korean society, where the people and their leader share the same destiny. They are the outburst of the determination of all the Korean people to remain faithful to the ideas and leadership of their leader Kim Jong Il,

a determination as hot as lava, as clear as crystal and as solid as diamond.

No force in the world can check the advance of the Korean people. They will surely hold him in high esteem as their eternal leader and carry out his ideas and cause to the letter.