

Historical Root of the WPK

President Kim Il Sung of socialist Korea (1912-1994) formed the Down-with-Imperialism Union (DIU) on October 17, 1926.

The formation of the DIU was a historic event of special significance in carving out the destiny of the Korean nation and in the modern history of Korea, because the Workers' Party of Korea, the guiding force of Korean society, struck its roots in the DIU.

The DIU's programme constitutes the foundation of that of the WPK.

President Kim Il Sung formed the DIU with young revolutionaries of the new generation, in the course of groping for a new road to liberation and independence of the country militarily occupied by the Japanese imperialists (1905-1945). The DIU set as its immediate task the defeat of Japanese imperialism and the achievement of Korea's liberation and independence, and as its final objective the building of socialism and communism in Korea and, further, the destruction of imperialism everywhere and the building of communism throughout the world.

The programme of the DIU based on the ideals of anti-imperialism and independence constitutes the foundation of the programme of the WPK, whose immediate goal is to achieve complete victory of socialism in the DPRK and accomplish the national-liberation people's democratic revolution throughout the Korean peninsula, and final goal is to model the whole society on the Juche idea to completely materialize the independence of the masses of the people. And the WPK defines it as its important task to oppose US imperialism and all other forms of imperialism and dominationism and struggle for peace and democracy, national independence and victory of socialism on a worldwide scale.

The principle of independence, the ideal of the DIU, constitutes a steadfast guideline for the WPK in its development and activities.

With the formation of the DIU the Korean revolution could embark on a new road of advancing on the principle of independence.

Revolutionaries of the new generation trained by the DIU waged 20-year-long anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, maintaining the Juche-oriented standpoint that the masters of the Korean revolution are the Korean people themselves and they are the motive force of the Korean revolution, and finally achieved the liberation of Korea.

The WPK has rejected domination and interference of outside forces and given priority to the demand and interests of its country and people in settling all the problems.

The WPK has always held fast to the principle of independence in formulating and implementing all its lines and policies.

After the liberation of the country (August 15, 1945) it took the road to Korean-style democracy in the building of a new society. It put forward the original line of giving priority to the development of heavy industry while simultaneously developing light industry and agriculture in economic construction. It stuck to the line of building an independent national economy without yielding to the pressure of great power chauvinists to enter the COMECON.

In the closing years of the last century socialism collapsed in succession in the former USSR and other East European countries, and the imperialists speculated that socialist Korea could neither escape the doom. But it was a misjudgment they made as they were too ignorant of the strong independent stand of the WPK. Now the world community admires at the WPK's independent politics by which it settles all the problems arising in the revolution and construction according to its own judgment, determination and will not reading other's face or dancing to its tune.

The WPK is inheriting the banner of single-hearted unity upheld by the DIU.

The members of the DIU held in high esteem Kim Il Sung, who opened up a new path of the Korean revolution, as the leader of revolution and the centre of unity and cohesion and gave birth to the history of single-hearted unity.

Korea has now achieved the solid single-hearted unity—the Party, army and people have formed an integral whole, organizationally and ideologically, centred on supreme leader Kim Jong Un, a crystallization of moral obligation, and guard ranks for defending the leader unto death. The celebrations of the centenary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung held in April this year in Pyongyang were a grand political festival that fully demonstrated to the world the might of single-hearted unity of the Party, the army and the people of Korea that absolutely trust and follow Kim Jong Un.

The WPK sticks to the basic principle of anti-imperialist struggle, the banner of Songun, the DIU consistently maintained.

It was the thoroughgoing anti-imperialist stand of the DIU to wipe out all forms of imperialism by force of arms and build a new people's world free from exploitation and oppression.

The Korean war (1950-1953) was a heroic struggle of the Korean army and people that demonstrated their mettle of fighting with arms against the US and other imperialist forces with a do-or-die determination and will under the leadership of the WPK and achieving victory at any cost.

The lines of the WPK, including the line of carrying on economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, the self-defensive military line of turning the whole army into a cadre army, modernizing the whole army, arming all the people and fortifying the whole country, and the line of economic construction in the Songun era of giving priority to the development of defence industry, are run through with traditional idea of attaching importance to the arms and the anti-imperialist stand that have their roots in the DIU.

The US ceaselessly committed military provocations including the Pueblo and EC-121 incidents in the 1960s to threaten Korea, but each resulted in their apologizing to or kneeling down before

the Korean people. It was all thanks to the revolutionary armed forces that developed into an invincible army under the Songun-based leadership of the WPK.

Today the WPK has a membership millions strong, who are imbued with the spirit of anti-imperialist independence, handed down from the DIU with only several members. The WPK members are fully determined to carry forward the cause of anti-imperialist independence and the socialist cause pioneered by the forerunners to the end.