

Power of Ideology Is Limitless

The whole course traversed by the Korean revolution, which has won only victory overcoming hardships of history, is an eloquent testimony to the fact that the power of ideology is limitless.

When they set out on the road for the country's liberation from the Japanese military occupation (1905-1945) at the beginning of the previous century, Korean revolutionaries had nothing with them.

Ideology was the one and only weapon of the Korean revolution which started from the scratch. Upholding the banner of the Juche idea and the Songun idea advanced by President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994), Korean revolutionaries waged an arduous and heroic armed struggle against the Japanese imperialists armed to the teeth while rallying comrades and obtaining weapons by the strength of ideology. With no state to back them from the rear or support from a regular army, they achieved the liberation of the country (August 1945) by defeating the powerful Japanese imperialism boasted of being the "leading power" in Asia.

After the country's liberation they successfully carried out complicated and challenging tasks of building a new society by enlisting broad sections of the masses by the strength of ideology.

By giving full play to the political and ideological might they also shattered the myth of the mightiness of the United States during the three-year Korean war (1950-1953), plunging it to downhill slide. When the war broke out, a few people thought that Korea could emerge victorious. However, the service personnel and people of the DPRK, two years old after its founding, decisively repulsed the armed invasion of the US-led imperialist allied forces, united in one mind and will to safeguard their ideology and society at the cost of their lives, and thus demonstrated the spirit of heroic Korea to the whole world.

Though the US burgled that Korea would never rise up even after 100 years, the Korean people accomplished the tasks of postwar reconstruction within three years with the same mettle as they displayed in the war. Then they dynamically launched the Chollima movement wiping out passivism and conservatism and realized the industrialization within 14 years (1957-1970) which took other countries dozens or hundreds of years. High politico-ideological enthusiasm of the people brought about the establishment of people-centred socialist society of the Korean style and of the socialist state, independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in national defence. In the closing years of the last century Korea rose up as an impregnable socialist fortress while remained unperturbed by both international political upheavals like the collapse of socialism in several countries and the extreme manoeuvres of the imperialist allied forces carried out to isolate and stifle it, taking advantage of the collapse. Korea, once having been put under the eclipse on the world political arena due to lack of power to defend it, is now a dignified member of the world's space and nuclear club which embrace only a few countries.

Noteworthy is the fact that such a reality in Korea has not been created in smooth or peaceful

environment.

The showdown between Korea and the imperialist allied forces headed by the US over the past 60 years is a war without gunshot and a showdown of power and ideology.

It is not because it enjoys military, technical and economic supremacy that Korea has defended its sovereignty, dignity and socialism in the showdown with the US which calls itself the “only superpower of the world.”

Korea does not have great territory and population and moreover it suffers from the tragedy of territorial division owing to the US. It is because Korea held fast to ideology and gave full play to the spiritual strength of the masses by the strength of ideology that it safeguarded socialism and laid a launching pad for building a thriving country without any vacillation in the face of severe situation and hardships in the closing years of the last century when the imperialist allied forces, taking advantage of the collapse of socialism in several countries and bragging about the “complete end-up of socialism on the planet,” concentrated their efforts on stifling it.

The indomitable spiritual strength of the service personnel and people of Korea to build a thriving socialist nation by the strength of ideology gave birth to one innovation after another startling the world. All the land under cultivation was realigned into standardized plots for the first time in the 5 000-year-long history, bringing about a sea change in the appearance of the country and CNC technology, a cutting-edge technology, has been introduced into machine-building industry on a high standard.

In December 2012 Korea succeeded in launching its first applications satellite Kwangmyongsong 3-2. In 2013 it made eye-opening successes in the building of a thriving socialist country and a civilized socialist nation including the construction of the Munsu Water Park, Mirim Riding Club, Masikryong Ski Resort and medical service bases like Ryugyong Dental Hospital and Okryu Children’s Hospital.

The Masikryong Ski Resort is a good example of how limitless is the power of ideology.

It was a large-scale and modern ski resort, the first of its kind in Korea, and its building was a grand nature-harnessing project which had to be carried out in steep mountains and under bad weather.

However, KPA soldiers wrought a miracle of completing the project, which had been estimated to take more than 10 years, overcoming the manifold difficulties and hardships with heroic spirit of implementing the order of supreme commander Kim Jong Un unto death.

Now the Korean people are advancing vigorously towards the targets of becoming power in all aspects including the economy, science and technology and sports by the strength of ideology which has no limit in width and depth.