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In Recollection of the Great Man

July 8 this year marks the 20th anniversary of the death of Kim Il Sung (1912–1994), eternal President of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

On the occasion of the day the Korean and other progressive peoples of the world are looking back upon the life of President Kim Il Sung who accomplished the undying exploits for the history and humankind with his outstanding ideology and theory and revolutionary practice.

Kim Il Sung was born into a poor farmer’s family in Korea which was under the military occupation by the Japanese imperialists (1905–1945).

He embarked on the road of revolutionary struggle in his early teens, determined to save the destiny of the country and people. In the course of blazing the trail of the revolution he created the Juche idea and Songun idea, which he brilliantly implemented in the whole period of his revolutionary career spanning 70 years. The Juche idea and Songun idea proved their truthfulness and vitality to the full, thus becoming the great guiding ideas in realizing independence of the masses and the valuable spiritual wealth common to mankind.

President Kim Il Sung was an outstanding leader who established the social system centred on the masses of the people in the DPRK and set an example in accomplishing the cause of mankind for independence.

He organized and waged the 15-year-long anti-Japanese armed struggle and achieved Korea’s liberation (August 15, 1945). After the liberation he founded the Workers’ Party of Korea (October 10, 1945), successfully carried out the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution, and, on this basis, founded the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (September 9, 1948). He led the Fatherland Liberation War, the Korean war (1950–1953), to victory, thereby defending the country’s sovereignty and dignity from the aggression by the US-led imperialist allied forces. He also successfully conducted postwar rehabilitation, socialist revolution and the construction of socialism in several stages, developing the DPRK into a people-centred socialist power, independent in politics, self-sufficient in economy and self-reliant in national defence.

The President performed great exploits in realizing the cause of reunifying the divided Korea.

He put forward fair and reasonable proposals for the country’s reunification, such as the three principles of national reunification, the proposal for founding a Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo, and the 10-point programme for the great unity of the whole nation. He also wisely led the reunification movement, thus ushering in a bright prospect for the Korean reunification.

The President made great contribution to the cause of making the world independent.

By advancing the slogan, “Peoples of the world who advocate independence, unite!” he rendered sincere assistance to the national liberation and independent development of many countries of the world and energetically led that such progressive movements of the world as socialist movement and non-aligned movement should hold fast to their ideals and principles.

Kim Il Sung was the incarnation of benevolence. No one in the world valued people and

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loved them like him.

Everybody who met the President was greatly enchanted by his personality and worshipped him. German writer Luiser Rinzer, a very devout Catholic, praised that the President was a godlike man whether he liked it or not. Jimmy Carter, former president of the United States, stated that President Kim Il Sung was greater than George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln, the most illustrious early US presidents, all combined.

Kim Il Sung was, indeed, the most outstanding leader, peerlessly great person, and great saint of mankind, representative of the 20th century.

Though he passed away, his ideology and cause are being carried forward brilliantly.

The Korean people preserve him in his lifetime appearance and hold him in high esteem as the eternal President of the DPRK. They keep the Juche idea and Songun idea he authored as their unchanging guiding ideas, and cherish it as their unshakeable faith and will to follow the road of independence, road of Songun and road of socialism he pioneered.

In the closing years of the last century the cause of socialism in the DPRK was faced with the worst circumstances, caused by the great national loss over the sudden death of the President, collapse of socialism in several countries and subsequent anti-DPRK stifling offensives by the imperialist allied forces, and natural disasters that hit the country for consecutive years. However, the Korean people held higher the banner of Songun and turned out in the confrontation with imperialism and the US, defending firmly their socialism. They further provided a springboard for attaining a gigantic goal of building a thriving socialist nation as the President had wished. From then on miraculous events have taken place in the Korean people's building of a thriving country, boosting the DPRK to the rank of artificial satellite manufacturer and launcher, and nuclear state acknowledged by the world.

In the course of implementing the lines and proposals of independent reunification he had advanced the June 15 reunification era under the banner of By Our Nation Itself was brought about in the Korean peninsula, thus opening a radical phase in the Korean reunification movement. The DPRK, in its efforts to realize the cause of global independence clarified by him, has greatly contributed to the worldwide socialist reconstruction movement and its new upsurge, and accomplishment of the anti-imperialist independent cause of the world.

Praise and admiration for the immortal exploits of the President and his noble personality are still ringing out among many people of the world.

The April Spring Friendship Art Festival that had been held in grandeur in Pyongyang in celebration of his birth anniversary has continued even after his death. Recollection and commemorative meetings, seminars, book and photo shows and other events are held in many countries as an annual event on the occasion of his birth and death anniversaries. In April 2012 in celebration of the centenary of his birth the World Congress of the Juche Idea took place in Pyongyang with the participation of advocates of the Juche idea from many countries. Even now leaders and personages of foreign countries award the President honorary titles, orders and

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medals, and gifts.

Immortal are the ideology and cause of President Kim Il Sung.