

Workers' Party of Korea, Great Party of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il

The Workers' Party of Korea is called the great party of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) was an outstanding leader who founded the Workers' Party of Korea and developed it into an authoritative force guiding Korean society and the cause of independence of mankind.

When Korea was under Japanese military occupation, he embarked on the road of revolution in his teens. In 1926 he formed the Down-with-Imperialism Union, which served as the historical roots of the WPK. He also authored the Juche idea, a new scientific outlook on the world, reflecting the people's aspiration for independence and demands of the times. This is the guiding ideology of the WPK. Upholding the banner of the Juche idea, he waged the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle for 20 years and liberated the country on August 15, 1945. On October 10, 1945, immediately after the liberation, he founded the WPK and led it for half a century.

He set forth ideas and theories which served as valuable guidelines for building the WPK, and gave seasoned guidance to it in order steadily to advance the cause of socialism without any slightest error concerning its lines or vicissitudes in its activities. His noble virtues were the source of the unity of the whole WPK based on the lofty sense of comradeship.

He built the WPK into a mass-based party composed of workers, peasants and intellectuals, and ensured that all its activities were oriented towards championing and realizing the demands and interests of the masses of the people. As a result, the WPK stroke its roots deep among the masses and formed a harmonious whole with them.

Under his seasoned leadership the WPK, immediately after its founding, put forward the working masses as the masters of the political power and led them to build a new society by carrying out such democratic reforms as the agrarian reform, nationalization of the major industries and the enforcement of the law on sex equality. Korea, once a backward, colonial semi-feudal society, underwent tremendous changes in all aspects in a short period after its liberation, and the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the first people's democratic state in the East, was proclaimed on September 9, 1948. The WPK channelled primary efforts into building and developing the army. In the Korean war (1950-1953) the Korean army and people overwhelmed the US-led 16 states that invaded the country. In this war the United States, which had boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, suffered an ignominious defeat for the first time in its history and the DPRK defended freedom and independence of its people with honour.

After the war the Americans claimed that the DPRK would not rise again from the debris of war in a hundred years. However, the WPK led the people to finish the rehabilitation in such a short period of three years and effect a nationwide revolutionary upsurge called the Chollima movement, thereby developing theirs into a socialist industrial state within only 14 years. The DPRK abolished exploitation and oppression, backwardness and poverty once and for all and rose up as a socialist paradise centred on the masses and a socialist power independent, self-sufficient and self-reliant in national defence.

The cause of President Kim Il Sung was brilliantly carried forward by Chairman Kim Jong Il of the DPRK National Defence Commission.

Chairman Kim Jong Il strengthened the WPK into the party of Kim Il Sung, a powerful guiding force of the Songun-based revolution, and led it along the road of victory. For his exploits performed in laying the eternal foundations for the building of a thriving country, he is now held in high esteem as the eternal General Secretary of the WPK.

June 19, 1964, the day when he started working at the Central Committee of the WPK, marked a milestone in the history of the WPK.

He formulated Kimilsungism and led the cause of modelling the whole WPK on Kimilsungism, thus ensuring that the WPK entered a new stage of its development. He embodied the Juche idea and relevant ideas and theories based on it in building and developing the WPK into a party which has thoroughly established the ideological and leadership systems of the leader, a motherly party which has formed a harmonious whole with the masses and faithfully serves them, and a militant party with a strong sense of organization and discipline.

In the closing years of the last century the DPRK faced the anti-socialist offensives by the US-led imperialist allied forces. At that time, the Chairman formulated the fundamentals of Songun that the army is just the party, the state and the people. Based on it, he administered in a comprehensive way Songun politics, a mode of politics that gives priority to strengthening the military capability and pushes forward the overall socialist cause with the Korean People's Army as the core and main force.

Under his Songun-based leadership the WPK's leadership over the KPA was established at a higher level and the WPK was underpinned by a powerful mass foundation of great army-people unity. He also saw to it that the army set an example for civilians to follow in supporting the WPK's ideology and cause and all the people emulated the spirit of the service personnel, thus perfectly realizing the unity between the WPK and the KPA and between the service personnel and civilians. As a result, the WPK reliably defended socialism despite the worst trials and provided a springboard for building a thriving socialist country.

Once a weak colonial state which eclipsed on the world map a century ago, the DPRK has developed into a political and military power that has possessed nuclear weapons, and the one capable of manufacturing and launching artificial earth satellites. It is now making leaps forward towards the goal of a thriving, civilized socialist state. Full credit should go to President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, eternal leaders of the WPK.

The WPK's First Secretary Kim Jong Un and all its members are steadfast in their will and determination to add eternal brilliance to the WPK as the great party of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.