

Social System of the DPRK Seen through Disasters

This year, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was hit by heavy rains that lasted for a long time, and three successive typhoons.

The heavy rains alone caused enormous damage to the country. Nearly 16 600 dwelling houses were destroyed or submerged. If the damaged infrastructure and public buildings and inundated cropland are taken into account, the loss could be far more serious. On top of that, successive typhoons that followed them inflicted much greater damage upon the country.

Soon after the disasters occurred, the ruling Workers' Party of Korea launched an immediate rehabilitation project.

Defining it as their first and foremost task to stabilize the people's living, the WPK and the government aroused the whole country to the campaign to build better houses for the victims by October 10, which is the WPK's 75th founding anniversary. All the people including the officials at the WPK Central Committee sent daily necessities and other support goods to the victims.

Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the WPK, mobilized the Korean People's Army units and specialized construction forces to the rehabilitation project. In addition, he sent an open letter to all the WPK members in the capital city calling upon them to turn out in the rehabilitation project in the east coast areas. He, then, personally went to the project sites and encouraged the builders.

As a result, the disaster victims have moved to the newly-built houses in many areas of the country.

This fact alone will surprise many people.

But what is more surprising is the fact that the newly-built houses were provided to the victims free of charge.

To give top priority to the interests of the people and subordinate everything to them—this is the true image of the social system of the country.