

A Peerless Veteran Statesman

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I would like to take this valuable occasion to say that the great Comrade **Kim Il Sung** is a peerless veteran statesman who opened up a new phase in human political history and created a shining example.

Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, who had perfect quality and personality as a politician, was a genius of ideology and theory.

The greatness of a politician is inconceivable apart from his political philosophy. Only a politician who has a great political philosophy and conducts political activities based on it can become a great politician.

Comrade **Kim Il Sung** created the great Juche idea, an original revolutionary idea that most accurately reflected the aspirations and demands of the oppressed popular masses in the era of independence, and by realizing it built a Korean-style socialist system in which the broad masses of the people became the true masters of the country.

The Juche idea he created is a man-centered and people-centered philosophical ideology that for the first time in history defined the masses of the people as the subject of history and masters of the revolution. It is the most scientific world outlook which gives the comprehensive and profound answers to all philosophical matters

raised by the independent era so that it constitutes a new high stage in the development of human philosophy.

Always starting from the standpoint of Juche, he clarified comprehensively and newly all the ideological and theoretical issues arising in the revolution and construction ranging from the intrinsic nature and principle of politics to the theories and methods for realizing true politics.

The great Comrade **Kim Il Sung** was a great leader with excellent leadership skills.

Politics is to lead the masses, and leadership is the most important quality of a politician. Only a politician with outstanding leadership can properly organize and mobilize the masses of people and lead them to victory. Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, who possessed excellent leadership capability, looked far ahead into the future and led the grimmest and complicated Korean revolution and socialist construction of Korea straight to victory without a single mistake or deviation in the line for 70 odd years.

His politics was thoroughly independent politics.

In modern politics, independence is the lifeline. Only when we firmly maintain independence in politics, can the dignity of the nation be preserved and the country's wealth and prosperity be achieved.

The great Comrade **Kim Il Sung** made the Korean people the most dignified people in the world by thoroughly realizing the principle of independence in politics.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, founded by Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, is an independent country that regards political independence as the life and soul of a sovereign and independent state, and sets all the lines and policies of the state according to its own

determination in keeping with the will and demands of the people, and implements them in accordance with its situation and by the forces of people themselves.

Due to his great independent politics, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea keeping the eternal and immortal Juche idea as the firm guiding ideology of the state, brilliantly realized the line of independence in politics and has become a great independent fortress exalting the dignity and power of the country through independence.

The great Comrade **Kim Il Sung** was a genuine leader of the people with endless love for the people.

Since olden times, it has been said that politicians should have good virtue and the country should be governed by virtue. However, it is not so easy to govern a country by means of virtue.

Comrade **Kim Il Sung** was a father of the people who embodied his love for the people at the noblest height, which could not be compared with any other politicians in the world.

Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, who possessed an infinitely noble personality, a great magnanimity that many people admire, and a noble fidelity of comradeship and human feelings, was a benevolent parent of all the people who generously embraces and cares for anyone if he pursues independence and was a holy man who kept his loyalty with the comrades and friends once he had entered into relationship until the end.

His politics is consistent with the politics of love, faith and unity. He raised unity as one of the most important matters of the revolution from the very beginning of his revolutionary struggle and opened a new era of politics of unity based on love and trust.

Truly the great Comrade **Kim Il Sung** was a veteran statesman who

had adorned the long history of political activity traversing almost the entire period of the 20th century with brilliant victories.

The greatest of all the immortal achievements of the great Comrade **Kim Il Sung** is that he settled succession of the leadership of the Korean revolution successfully.

The greatness as a veteran statesman shines even more brightly in laying down the foundation for eternal prosperity of the future generations envisaging the future let alone the present generation.

With his outstanding foresightedness looking ahead a hundred or a thousand years, he laid a firm foundation for people-centered politics, true socialist politics to be handed down from generation to generation.

As he recognized the importance of the succession of leadership in the revolutionary struggle from the early stage and established a strong organizational and ideological foundation, and leadership system for the continuation of revolution from generation to generation, socialist politics centered on the masses of the people is being unchangeably carried forward in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Therefore, Comrade **Kim Il Sung** remains forever in the hearts of all the Korean people and the world progressive people.

Today in DPRK, the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, who has inherited the ideology, leadership, and even lofty personality of the previous leaders as they are, holds the independent state-building ideology and theory as the universal valuable sword of revolutionary leadership, and applies it brilliantly in line with the demands of a new historical turning point of the Korean revolution.

Under the eternal blessings of the great Comrades **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il**, and under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, the Democratic People's Republic

of Korea, even in the midst of a specific environment and complicated global situation, will undoubtedly usher in a new era of self-existence and prosperity with its own strength by solving all problems under the principle of self-reliance and self-development without making the slightest concessions or compromises in matters relating to the fundamental interests of the masses of people.