

# President Kim Il Sung and Mali

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Today the world progressive mankind is significantly celebrating the 110<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of H.E. President Kim Il Sung, the great leader of the DPRK people and the great statesman in the 20<sup>th</sup> century who rendered immortal services to the cause of human liberation. His august name is kept in minds of the world progressives and he is still well-known.

The President gained fame especially in the 1960s and the 1970s when he gave selfless assistance including the building of potteries and cultural palaces for the national sovereignty and the building of a new society in African countries.

At the invitation of President Kim Il Sung, Modibo Keita, the first president of the Republic of Mali, led a delegation to visit Pyongyang by a special plane sent by President Kim Il Sung in October 1964.

The President personally came to the airport to receive the delegation and showed solicitudes for the delegation during its stay.

Busy as he was with state affairs, President Kim Il Sung visited factories and enterprises in the suburb of the capital in company with the Malian president, including Pyongyang Textile Mill, Kiyang Tractor Plant, Kiyang irrigation facilities, Lake Thaesong, and gave valuable instructions urgently needed in the building of a new society

in Mali.

President Kim Il Sung congratulated the Malian people on their successes gained in totally liquidating harmful aftereffects of colonial rule after choosing the path of socialist development as soon as they won independence, building national economy and culture and training national cadres. He expressed his down-the-line support to the struggle against imperialism and neocolonialism and the efforts being made for the liberation and unification of Africa.

Mali was the first country of all other African countries that received great material and technical assistance from the President.

In 1965, Mali received assistance for the projects of a clothing factory, a pottery, a rice mill and irrigation covering 500 hectares and, in 1970, received assistance of building 3 000-seat cultural palace, 60 farm machines and materials amounting up to 1 250 000\$.

The President gave material aid and help till 1991 rendering great services to the building of a new society in Mali.

That's why the Malian people remember and praise President Kim Il Sung even today.

It is a big pride for the Malian people that they formed the Juche idea study group first in the world in 1969.

Starting from Mali, study and dissemination of the Juche idea became brisk in many countries of the world and today, a well-framed international network of organizations has been set up.

Progres School in Mali has classes naming after august names of the President who authored the Juche idea and H.E. Kim Jong Il who formulated the Juche idea as Kimilsungism and enriched it as the immortal programme in the era of independence.

The Group for the Study of the Juche Idea in Progres School, Mali

will make brisk study and dissemination of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism developed in depth by H.E. Kim Jong Un and make every possible effort to consolidate and develop friendship and cooperation between the peoples in Mali and the DPRK.

Long live the great Juche idea!

Long live Mali-Korea friendship and unity!