

Comrade Kim Il Sung's Revolutionary Life: From Commander of Partisan to Head of State, Prominent Thinker in Contemporary Times

Dmitri Kostenko
Chairman,
Russian Association for the Study of the Juche Idea

April 15, 2022, the Day of the Sun, is the 110th birth anniversary of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the eternal President of the Republic. The Juche idea followers and the progressive organizations over the world are celebrating the day on a grand scale.

August name of the President was engraved in gold letters in the most heroic annals of history in the 20th century. Undoubtedly, Comrade Kim Il Sung was a great man in the last century, the most distinguished statesman of the times who provided the people with the Juche idea, that is, the immortal idea of socialism and independence.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was a many-sided genius possessed of a complete knowledge of human intelligence, a model political leader who turned a backward semi-feudal colonial country on the ruins into a modern powerful socialist state. Comrade Kim Il Sung was the most prominent great man in the Korean history, the greatest statesman in the 5 000-year history of Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung was true to the idea of "*Jiwon*" (Aim High) bequeathed by his father in his childhood and possessed traits of a leader of the nation in his youth days when he led the struggle for

national liberation. Advancing the idea of gaining independence by the Korean people themselves, he founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army and led the people wisely to victory.

After forcing the Japanese imperialist occupiers out of the Korean territory, Comrade Kim Il Sung founded the DPRK. In the flames of the Fatherland Liberation War, the harsh war with the US aggressors in the early 1950s, Generalissimo Kim Il Sung defended gains of socialism and sovereignty of the country. After the war, the DPRK people built a new peaceful society under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung and thus demonstrated rapid speed of development of national economy, the Chollima speed.

Today, the DPRK advances vigorously to build a powerful country on the basis of the Juche idea authored by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The DPRK has the army with powerful combat efficiency and the self-supporting economy and thus became a powerful state whose position is distinct in the international political arena.

The DPRK fairly challenges US imperialism and withstands the pandemic disease more successfully than many neighboring countries. All these are attributable to the DPRK people who are loyal to the line put forward by Comrade Kim Il Sung and being carried forward steadfastly by Comrade Kim Jong Un, the present leader of the DPRK.

Comrade Kim Il Sung also made a great contribution to the theory of socialist construction. The idea of the single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses holds a core position in the ideological and theoretical legacies of Comrade Kim Il Sung. In the DPRK, the popular masses absolutely trust in and faithfully support their leader and the leader invariably applies the principle The people are God in

treating them. Like this, the DPRK becomes the only model in the contemporary society in which the leader, the Party and the people form a harmonious whole.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the guiding ideology of the DPRK, is an integral system of the Juche idea and the theory of revolution and the methods of leadership which are based on the Juche idea. The Juche idea is the essence of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. The Juche idea was created in the early 1930s on the basis of profound analysis of challenges in modern times when the popular masses, who had lived under oppression and pressure, appeared on the arena of history as masters of their own destiny for the first time. In this period, the Korean people were waging armed liberation struggle against the Japanese imperialists occupying the whole Korean peninsula. Comrade Kim Il Sung declared that freedom and national sovereignty of the country could be gained not by foreign aids and big powers' protection but by the efforts of the Korean nation itself. What is important here is that the popular masses can become the genuine masters of history and their own destiny only when they have the Juche idea and that national liberation and social emancipation of a country can be achieved only through their revolutionary struggle. That was why the DPRK could become a model of all countries in the struggle for genuine independence and national self-determination in different continents of the world.

The DPRK is now building socialism under very difficult and dramatic conditions. Imperialists and international reactionary forces make desperate efforts to isolate and stifle the people's Korea and resort to the economic blockade and all other sorts of anti-human sanctions to do so.

However, all efforts of the reactionary forces take no effect. It is because the entire DPRK people are rallied firmly behind Comrade Kim Jong Un, the General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, President of the State Affairs Commission of the DPRK and the Supreme Commander of the DPRK armed forces. In the future, too, the DPRK people will advance dynamically to achieve victory after victory under the banner of the Juche idea, invariably true to the behests of the generals of Mt. Paektu.