

Comrade Kim Il Sung Born into Revolutionary Family

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Whole life of Comrade Kim Il Sung was the life of a great patriot who devoted to his country and people.

From his childhood he received patriotic and revolutionary education.

All family members of Comrade Kim Il Sung were ardent patriots, revolutionaries and brave vanguards who struggled against foreign invaders for Korea's sovereignty and independence and for the people's freedom and happiness.

His great grandfather Kim Ung U led to sink the US armed pirate ship *General Sherman* and repulse an attack of the US warship *Shenandoah*.

His grandfather Kim Po Hyon and grandmother Ri Po Ik made their children and grandchildren embark on the road of revolution, actively helped their revolutionary struggle and opposed Japanese imperialists with indomitable revolutionary spirit.

His father Kim Hyong Jik was the leader of the anti-Japanese national liberation movement of Korea and dedicated his life to the country's independence and people's liberation and freedom. He regarded the idea *Jiwon* (Aim High) as his lifelong motto and started the revolution in his early years.

Kim Hyong Jik formed the Korean National Association, the anti-Japanese underground revolutionary organization on March 23, 1917. The Korean National Association was the largest one among all organizations formed by the Korean patriots at home or abroad at that time. It was strong in the anti-imperialist stand and solid in mass foundation.

Kim Hyong Jik played a pivotal role in switching over the Korean people's anti-Japanese national liberation movement from nationalist movement to communist one as required by demand of the rapidly changing situation after the March First Popular Uprising in 1919. He initiated the armed struggle and made devoted efforts to merge armed units and achieve unity among anti-Japanese patriotic forces until the last day of his life. His mother Kang Pan Sok was the leader of the Korean women's movement. She devoted her life to victory in the Korean revolution and women's social liberation. She formed the Anti-Japanese Women's Association, the first revolutionary organization of women masses in Korea and waged actively the struggle for independence of the country and social liberation of the women. She did everything to help his husband and son in their revolutionary work even under difficulties in living and persecutions by the Japanese police.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's uncle Kim Hyong Gwon and his brother Kim Chol Ju were also revolutionary fighters who fought unyieldingly against the Japanese invaders in their early years. Kang Ton Uk, grandfather on his mother's side and Kang Jin Sok, uncle on his mother's side were true anti-Japanese patriotic fighters of Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's family was an ordinary one and all family members were diligent and humble and had noble traits. They worked

as tenant farmers from generation to generation and lived a poor life, but always made a living through earnest and persevering labour. It was philosophy of his family that man can live without money, but not without humanity. All his family members valued benevolence and gave hand to their neighbours with sincerity.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's revolutionary family was the soil which made his revolutionary idea born and personality of a great man developed. His parents' revolutionary influence and his steady seeking for truth, experiences in the then social contradiction and practice of revolutionary struggle against Japanese imperialism were conducive to development of Comrade Kim Il Sung's personality befitting a great revolutionary.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said.

“I was educated in patriotism by my parents and was under their revolutionary influence from my early years. In the course of seeking for truth, with such an education and influence, and of witnessing social phenomena full of injustice and conflict, I came to sympathize with humiliated people and to hate imperialists, landowners and the capitalist class who oppressed and exploited the people and determined to devote my life to the struggle to liberate the people.”

Since his childhood he was told from his parents about his beautiful country, wisdom and bravery of the Korean nation with history of 5 000 years, feats of the people and famous patriotic generals who fought against feudal rulers and foreign aggressors, proud national culture that enriched the treasure house of world culture, barbarous colonial rule of Japanese imperialists who occupied Korea and national maltreatment toward the Korean people and cruel exploitation of landowners and

capitalists. That was how he came to cherish love for his country and nation and burning hatred against the enemy.

Comrade Kim Il Sung kept deep in his mind his father's words that the Korean people must always keep the national spirit to liberate the country on their own and build a new society of the people.

As he was born into a great revolutionary family, Comrade Kim Il Sung is always alive in minds of the world progressives as a great revolutionary who performed big exploits in realizing the people's cause of independence.