Comrade Kim Il Sung—Eternal Sun

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The world progressive people revere and respect President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, calling him the sun of mankind.

Prominent Veteran Statesman in the 20th Century

President Kim Il Sung authored the Juche idea, that gives the principles of class emancipation, national and human liberation, and positively supported the progressive people struggling for independence against imperialism, thus making a weighty contribution to the accomplishment of human cause of independence.

By applying correctly the Juche idea under the leadership of great President Kim Il Sung, the DPRK people defeated the aggressive US army, boasting itself of being the "strongest" in the world, for the first time in history and turned the country that had been a backward feudal state into a developed and powerful socialist country.

Stalin said that Comrade Kim II Sung was a true proletariat internationalist who defended the Soviet Union at the cost of the blood and with arms from the imperialist invasion in the east. Mao Ze-dong and Zhou En-lai said on several occasions that the five-star red flag of

China was permeated with blood of the Korean communists.

In August 1964 when the US fabricated the "Gulf of Bac Bo" incident, the President saw that the DPRK government issued a statement against the US and, in October 1966 the President reaffirmed his steadfast stand to render a decisive assistance to the anti-US resistance war of the Vietnamese people. The Korean People's Army participated in the Vietnamese war to deal a fatal blow to the US imperialists. Even under difficult conditions on which they were building up their economy and defence simultaneously, the DPRK people channeled primary efforts into the production of different aid materials including over 2 million pieces of clothes for the Vietnamese people.

The President saw that the positive assistance including military aids was given to the Arab states like Egypt and Syria fighting for the regional peace and territorial stability against Zionism.

Sam Nujoma, the first Namibian president noted that his country could win sovereignty thanks to President Kim Il Sung and the President was the great mentor of the Namibian revolution.

The Mozambican president Samora Moises Machel said that Mozambique could free itself from submission and win sovereignty as the great hero President Kim Il Sung illuminated the road ahead of Mozambique.

A western paper wrote as follows in an article titled "Leader of the Last 20^{th} Century":

"We began to have aspiration for independence thanks to President Kim Il Sung, which served as one of important factors that led the last century."

President Kim Il Sung's contribution made to the cause of

independence against imperialism will be immortal.

Great Mentor

President Kim Il Sung saw that those countries that achieved their independence maintained political stand and solved all problems in building a new society in keeping with their own realities and by their own efforts while giving active assistance to their struggle for a new society. In this course, the Juche idea became a correct revolutionary ideology in our times.

Today, the people in many countries in the world study the basic principles of the Juche idea and apply them in their realities.

The Juche idea is spreading rapidly through all continents where the study groups have been formed. The Juche idea study groups are being formed in many countries, cities, universities and villages.

Today, political leaders, scholars, students and servicemen study the Juche idea. Josip Broz Tito, the former Yugoslavian president and one of founders of the non-aligned movement, praised President Kim Il Sung as the great leader of the world revolution and the non-aligned movement by saying that the present world is inconceivable apart from the august name of the President.

In the mid-1980s, the President saw that tens of thousands of rifles and ammunitions were sent to Cuba in order to encourage the Cuban people holding high the banner of socialism in the Western Hemisphere.

The President gave unsparing support and aids to the newly independent countries for their economic progress and development. As a result, power plants, factories, farms, irrigation facilities and many

other economic structures were built in more than ten countries.

On different occasions, the President gave clear-cut explanation to the problems arising in the agricultural development in the non-aligned countries and many other developing countries.

Commanding a bird's-eye view of plains with rich crops, Hu Desmond Hoyte, the former president of Guiana, said as follows:

"This bumper harvest is entirely thanks to President Kim Il Sung who sent machines and technicians to teach us farming methods. We ought to thank the President."

The President, who paid deep attention to the development of national culture of the developing countries, sent experts to construct a government building in Lesotho and a parliament building in the Republic of Central Africa and to create mass gymnastics in over 40 countries.

As commented by personages, mass media and publications in several countries, a fine example given by the President in the south-south cooperation is engraved in gold letters in the progressive people's history of struggle for a free and prosperous new world.

Personification of Virtues

President Kim II Sung gave big confidence upon the people who were fighting for independence against imperialism, respecting them as true comrades and friends.

The President had a friendly relationship with Norodom Sihanouk of Cambodia. The world commented their relationship as an "acquaintance between the head of a communist state and a king" and this is now being told as a legendary.

The President put forward the Chinese martyr Zhang Weihua and the former USSR officer Ya. T. Novichenko as model internationalists and showed boundless affection and care to them and their family.

The then Portuguese president Francisco da Costa Gomes noted that President Kim Il Sung was the great man who moved the world with his virtues.

Billy Graham, a religious leader of the US said.

"In Korea, I never felt necessary to preaching the Gospel. The Bible contains the God's intention that all should love human beings. But, north Korea considers the love for human beings as the state policy. The state is responsible for the free medical care and education as well as the providing of clothing, foods and shelters. This is the politics put forward and pursued by President Kim Il Sung who believes in the people as in heaven. The Korean people revere the President as the God. Then, is there any need to preach the Bible in this country?"

The President's ardent human love and infinite generosity were not only for the Korean people but all the people in the world, transcending nationality, citizenship, religious beliefs and political views. Thanks to measures taken by the President, Bruno Kreisky, the former Australian prime minister, could stand on his feet and many other foreigners including Emile Tompapa, the former president of the Guinean broadcasting station, and Vishwanath in India were recovered from death.

Even the politicians in those countries hostile to the DPRK were moved by the President's noble traits. The former Japanese deputy Prime Minister Kanemaru Shin said that he would readily die for the President. The former US president Jimmy Carter said that the President was greater than the sum of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln who had been most famous in founding and developing the United States.

President Kim Il Sung will be always alive in the hearts of the world people.