

## **Fascination and Admiration**

President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea performed great exploits for the cause of independence of mankind, for which he enjoyed boundless reverence and praise from the people of many countries.

### **Sincere Admiration**

The following happened in April, 1993, when the President had talks with Campos, leader of the Brazilian October 8 Revolutionary Movement, and his party on their visit to the DPRK.

The Brazilian guest told him about the ordeals they were facing in their struggle to build socialism, as well as his anxieties.

The host gave the following advice: Victory is guaranteed when you trust your people, rely on them and struggle with them; you should not turn your back on them, but learn from them and teach them.

He continued to say that he had never failed in whatever he had done, because he shared weal and woe with his people, stressing that the more difficulties and trials they would encounter, the better they should mix with the people and this was the way to overcome hardships.

Impressed by this advice, Campos said:

“We will take your words as our motto and bring about the victory of socialism on our land.”

### **Clear Answer**

“What do you think I should do to strengthen my party?”—This is a question raised by a head of a foreign party delegation on a visit to the DPRK.

President Kim Il Sung thought for a moment and asked him whether he knew the lifestyle of bees.

The guest was struck dumb.

The President smiled and said bees are united around their Queen.

He went on: Of course, this is their natural instinct. But it can be compared to the problem of party building. Bees cluster around the Queen and live in an orderly manner. The same is the case with the strengthening of a political party. The foremost task to this end is to achieve solid unity of the whole party around its leader.

The foreign guests were all impressed by this plain yet clear answer.

### **“Excellent!”**

A national defence minister of a country once asked President Kim Il Sung.

“The Kumsusan Assembly Hall is within hailing distance of a big university. Aren’t you anxious about its location?”

The university he referred to was Kim Il Sung University near the assembly hall where the President’s office was.

To the foreign guest, the problem of young people was the biggest headache.

The President gave him an immediate, clear-cut answer.

He said: I feel more relaxed as the students of the university are nearby. They are defendable successors to our revolution who study science at ordinary times and defend our Party with arms in the event of emergency. My trust in them is absolute.

The guest exclaimed, “Excellent!”

### **Peerless Genius**

In December, 1983, President Kim Il Sung arranged a luncheon in honour of the visiting Guyanese president and his party.

At the luncheon he asked Guyana’s First Lady about her health. She stayed for a certain period in the DPRK for medical treatment.

She replied she felt much better after receiving treatment based on traditional Koryo medicine.

The host beamed and said: Most of our people believe in the advantages of Koryo medicine; they prefer this long-standing therapy; Koryo therapists treat illnesses mainly with tonics, not by means of operations.

Then he gave a detailed account of herbs and other substances used by them, as well as their ingredients. He added that Koryo medicine was a better way of treating a disease that had been diagnosed by modern medicine.

After luncheon, the Guyanese president said to his suites: It’s amazing. I have been impressed by his knowledge. President Kim Il Sung is a peerless genius who is well versed not only in political, economic and military affairs but also in medicine.”