

For Victorious Advance of Cause of Global

Independence, Cause of Socialism

In April the Korean people are celebrating the Day of the Sun (the birth anniversary of President Kim II Sung) as the greatest national holiday, filled with the recollection of his noble life.

President Kim II Sung, who authored the Juche idea and thus opened the new road of revolution for the masses of the people to shape their destiny in an independent and creative way, performed undying exploits in accomplishing the cause of independence of mankind.

He put forward the slogan "People of the world advocating independence, unite!" and conducted energetic activities to strengthen the unity of the socialist forces and the international communist movement.

He attached great importance to consolidating friendly relations with socialist countries.

When the world socialist movement was threatened with the danger of split in the mid-20th century, the President ensured that socialist countries adhered to the principle of unity, thus making a great contribution to safeguarding the socialist camp.

He also met communist and workers' party leaders of the world frequently and gave clear answers to the problems arising in advancing the international communist movement.

Especially, in the closing years of last century when the imperialists and reactionaries were clamouring about the "end" of socialism, he led the world socialist cause to make a continuous, vigorous

advance, overcoming all sorts of hardships and difficulties.

The President gave great encouragement to many countries across the world to cast off the chains of imperialism and colonialism and advance along the road of independence in the 20th century. The DPRK, which was reduced to ashes owing to the three-year-long Fatherland Liberation War against the invasion of the US imperialists, started socialist construction in the 1950s. However, the President regarded it as a noble international duty to help Asian, African and Latin American countries, which held high the torch of anti-imperialist national-liberation struggle, and gave unstinted support and assistance.

He ensured that the DPRK helped many countries with grant-type aids, dispatched technicians and experts to them, and promoted the ties of economic cooperation and technical exchange in the fields of agriculture, education, public health and others. Thanks to his contribution, many countries achieved national liberation and expedited their building of new societies.

With a keen insight into the significance and role of the non-aligned movement in the struggle for global independence, President Kim II Sung shed the light on the ways and means for its development. He saw to it that non-aligned countries promoted close cooperation and unity in all fields, including politics, the economy and culture, and that the DPRK set active and practical examples in strengthening the non-alignment movement.

Personifying noble obligations and traits, he regarded everybody sharing the purpose on the road for global independence as genuine comrades and friends in disregard of their nationalities, political views or religious beliefs, and lavished affection and trust on them down through generations.

During his revolutionary career he met a total of over 70 000 foreigners, including heads of state, party and government.

Indeed, President Kim II Sung, who led the political trend of the 20th century and performed great exploits, enjoyed unstinting praise

from many statesmen and people of the world as a veteran statesman of the world and outstanding leader of the cause of independence of mankind.

The reverence of the world people for his great personality and exploits continues unabated forever.