

## **“Heaven” for Children**

The heroine of the fairy tale *Match Girl* written by the Danish author Andersen Hans Christian associates three lighted matches with her three wishes—warm room, delicious foods and happy life. Lighting the fourth match, the poor girl goes to “heaven” where she thinks her dead grandmother is.

This story dating back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century continues down to the present age of civilization, in which miserable children are found in countless numbers around the world. Is there any “heaven” for children on this planet?

To find an answer to this question, it will be worth visiting the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.

Love the Children and Love the Future—this phrase is a catchword in the country. It represents the political mode of the government, its national policies and a social climate.

Vehicles carrying soya milk to where children are run along the streets every day and schoolchildren’s palaces, baby homes and orphanages have been built in an excellent fashion across the country.

There are schools and teachers for a few children in every lighthouse islet and out-of-the-way mountain village.

All the schoolchildren benefit from the universal 12-year free compulsory education system and they are provided with uniforms, bags, textbooks and notebooks by the state.

*We Are the Happiest in the World* is the song sung by the children across the country.

In February 2017, Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un visited the newly-built Pyongyang Primary School for Orphans and had a photo taken with its pupils. The scene of the children shedding tears of joy and raising loud cheers around him was really impressive.

Under the warm care of the benevolent leader all the children in the country live happily without cause for envy.