

Three Hundred People for One Child

Three hundred people turned out in saving one child.

This is an unbelievable fact, but it really existed.

One day in October 2020, an emergency patient was brought to the people's hospital of Sepho County, Kangwon Province, in the middle part of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The patient was a 3-year-old girl, who had got second- to third-degree burns owing to an unexpected accident.

As she was burnt at a too early age and lost her unconsciousness, her parents only shed tears, worrying that their daughter might be restored.

Medical officials of the hospital immediately started intensive treatment: a treatment team was organized and consultations were held on several times. The girl recovered consciousness after several days.

However, the problem was skin transplantation. The burnt area was large and deep; it was impossible to ensure the success of operation with parts of skin of a few people. Medical officials as well as her parents were at a loss what to do.

At this very moment, many people in the county came to the hospital to donate their skin parts. Most of them were those whom the patient and her parents had never seen before.

Perhaps, people with a poor knowledge of the DPRK may think that the patient's family had financial resources for medical treatment or the people donated their skin parts to the girl for rewards. However, in the DPRK all the medical services are free of charge and people donate their skin parts without any conditions attached.

The skin parts of about three hundred persons including doctors and nurses of the hospital, officials of several institutions and working people were grafted to the burns of the girl.

Four times of operation were successfully conducted, and the patient entered the stage of convalescence. Witnessing their daughter recovering her health by day, her

parents shed tears of gratitude.

Actually, this is commonplace in the DPRK.

Its people regard other's pains as their own, and devote their own blood, skin and even life for others without hesitation. They prefer the word *we* rather than *you* or *I*, and live in harmony helping and leading one another forward.