

Pleasure of the Leader

Kim Jong Il (1942-2011), eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was a people's leader who found his pleasure in doing everything possible for their benefit.

Newly-built Reservoir

While acquainting himself with the situation of a city, Kim Jong Il learned that residents in a district of the city were envious of those in another district who were using quality tap water. He soon had the quality of water in latter district analyzed in detail. The analysis indicated that the quality was normal. But providing them with quality water from the other district required a huge amount of money and complicated construction.

However, as he had been informed of their wish, he could never overlook the matter. Saying that nothing must be spared for the sake of the people, he adopted measures for starting the construction project. As a result, a reservoir for the district was built and every house was provided with quality tap water.

The People Are the Kings

One day Kim Jong Il visited a dental hospital which was built in a province. Looking round the hospital, he said in delight that there was no such a big and grand hospital like this even in Pyongyang, and that it was really good a modern hospital was built in the city with a large population of workers.

An official of the province, who was guiding him, explained to him about the all-purpose dentist's chairs, products of the latest science and technology. He said that the facilities were used only for a king or a president in other countries, and that foreign experts wondered why Korea was buying the facilities for a local hospital.

Exclaiming laughingly that there is no king in the DPRK, Kim Jong Il added that in the country the people are the masters, and it was the working people who should use such equipment.

Since then the hospital has given dental treatment to a large number of workers.

Time Delayed

On his field guidance trip Kim Jong Il passed by a construction site. Looking out of the car window, he asked if that was the construction site of a theatre. When an official said it was, he said he would drop into the site.

Concerned for his tight schedule, the official asked if he could look round the construction site the other day. Kim Jong Il replied: No matter how many things I have to do and how busy I am, I must visit the construction site; as the construction of a theatre is a project for the workers, how can I pass by without visiting it. And he told the driver to turn around.

Looking round several places of the construction site, he expressed satisfaction over the fact that the theatre was bigger in scale and fresher in style than a theatre in Pyongyang. After stressing that the theatre should be built in a short period and in a modern way, he instructed that after its completion a park should be laid out in front of it so that it could blend well with the theatre. He selected the amusement facilities to be installed in the park and explained in detail how to secure them, before leaving the construction site.

Under his care the theatre was built wonderfully.