

Kim Jong Il, Great Master of Independent Politics

Chairman Kim Jong Il (1942-2011) of the National Defence Commission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, was an outstanding leader of the era of independence who, with his profound ideas and theories and uncommon leadership, made undying contributions to the cause of socialism and global independence.

Unexcelled Ideas and Theories

Kim Jong Il was an outstanding thinker and theoretician who illuminated the path for mankind to follow and enriched the treasure house of human ideology through his unique ideo-theoretical activities.

As he carried on and developed in depth the revolutionary idea of President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994), he authored the world-famous masterpiece *On the Juche Idea*.

Those who have read the work unanimously say that the Juche idea is the idea that all should follow, no matter who they are, and it is the idea representative of mankind and the world, and that the idea is a great philosophy, a great idea and a great outlook on the world inspiring the masses of the people to the struggle for global independence and the liberation of mankind.

When socialism collapsed one after another in several countries at the end of the last century, the DPRK remained unperturbed thanks to the staunch independent line of Chairman Kim Jong Il based on the Juche idea. When the imperialist allied forces trumpeted the "end of socialism," he made public several works including *The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party*, *Abuses of Socialism Are Intolerable* and *Socialism Is a Science*.

His works proved the scientific accuracy and truth of socialism and inevitability of its victory and dealt a telling blow to the imperialists and reactionaries.

His ideas and theories are still a compass to those aspiring to justice and progress.

Songun Politics

Songun politics was an advantageous mode of politics established by Chairman Kim Jong Il to defend the sovereignty of the country and people from the imperialists' moves for aggression.

Since the mid-1990s, the US-led imperialist allied forces intensified their military pressure on socialist Korea to stifle it. They openly let out belligerent remarks such as "preemptive nuclear strike" to the country.

At this juncture, Kim Jong Il fully established the political mode of giving precedence to military affairs above anything else on the principle of attaching importance to arms, the principle of prioritizing military affairs, of strengthening the motive force of the revolution with the Korean People's Army as the core and main force, and of advancing the socialist cause victoriously by relying on it. In order to defend the sovereignty of the country from the imperialist allied forces' threat of war, he gave ceaseless field guidance to the front-line posts, thereby consolidating the might of the KPA in every way. He also saw to it that the service personnel were dispatched to major sectors of socialist construction to make a breakthrough for economic development.

Thanks to his Songun politics, the DPRK became one of the world's few satellite manufacturers and launchers and nuclear states in the hardest period for it, and opened up a broad avenue for building a powerful socialist country and laid a solid foundation for it.

Later, the reality in which several countries and nations had their sovereignty trampled underfoot by foreign aggressive forces and were driven into a vortex of upheavals clearly proved that the Songun politics of the DPRK is a model of independent politics.

Still the world progressives highly praise the exploits of Kim Jong Il who defended peace and security on the Korean peninsula, prevented a new world war and laid a foundation for the prosperity of his country with his Songun politics.