

Brilliant Life of Peerless Patriot

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Korean people are stricken with indescribably bitter grief at the sad news of the sudden demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

His demise is the greatest loss to the Workers' Party of Korea and the revolution.

Born as a son of guerillas on Mt. Paektu, the holy mountain of the revolution, and grown up to be a great revolutionary, Kim Jong Il wisely led the WPK, the army and people for a long period, performing undying revolutionary feats on behalf of the country, its people, the times and history.

He, possessed of personality and qualifications as a great man on the highest and perfect level, led the revolution and construction along the path of steady victories with his profound ideologies and theories and outstanding leadership.

Considering it as his lifelong mission to carry to completion generation after generation the revolutionary cause of Juche started by President Kim Il Sung, Kim Jong Il pushed forward the Korean revolution in line with the ideas and intention of the President as the dearest comrade and the most loyal comrade-in-arms of the President.

Kim Jong Il comprehensively developed in depth the immortal Juche idea, Songun idea, fathered by the President and glorified it as the idea guiding the era of independence through his energetic ideological and theoretical activities. He firmly defended and carried forward the revolutionary traditions of Mt. Paektu with pure mind, thereby giving a steady continuity to the Korean revolution.

He developed the party, army and state to be the party, army and state of Kim Il Sung, put the dignity and power of the nation on the highest level and ushered in the golden days of prosperity unprecedented in the nation's history spanning 5 000 years.

One of his exploits was that he set a great example in accomplishing the cause of perpetuating the memory of President Kim Il Sung, thus making sure that the undying revolutionary life and exploits of the President always shine along with the eternal history of Juche Korea.

All the Korean people are now once again looking back upon the brilliant life of Kim Jong Il in profound reverence and renewing their unshakable determination to firmly defend his undying revolutionary exploits.

Foreign Media Report about Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Xinhua news, People's Daily and CCTV and ITAR-TASS Monday reported about "Notice to all party members, servicepersons and people" issued in the DPRK on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

This sad news was also aired or carried by Prensa-Latina of Cuba, Kyodo and Jiji news, Mainichi Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo Shimbun, Nihon Keizai Shimbun and NHK of Japan and AFP of France, ABC of Australia, AP, UPI, ABC, CNN, VOA, Washington Post, New York Times, USA Today, International Herald Tribune and Baltimore Sun of the United States.

Young Koreans Vow to Be Loyal to Kim Jong Un

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- "General Kim Jong Un is the prominent leader of our party, army and people. We will remain faithful to his leadership under whatever circumstances with deep trust in him only."

This is what Jong Kum Hyok, 20, a student at Literature College of Kim Il Sung University said.

Young Koreans are not only in tears of grief at that unbelievable sad news of leader Kim Jong Il's demise, he said, adding: Their hearts are burning with the faith and will to remain loyal to Kim Jong Un.

An instructor of the C.C., Kim Il Sung Socialist Youth League, Kan Ok Ryon, 26, said:

Under the leadership of Kim Jong Un we, youths, will creditably take over the baton of revolution and successfully accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by President Kim Il Sung and led to victory by Kim Jong Il.

Press Review

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The newspapers of the DPRK Tuesday highlight the news and articles on leader Kim Jong Il's demise, front-paging a picture of him with a bright smile in his face. The following are their major news items:

"Notice to All Party Members, Servicepersons and People" released by the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, the National Defence Commission, the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

Reports about the formation of the National Funeral Committee and its notice and the medical analysis into the diseases and the cause of the demise of Kim Jong Il.

The C.C., Communist Party of China, the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, the State Council and the Central Military Commission of China sent a message of condolences to the Central Committee and the Central Military Commission of the WPK and the National Defence Commission, the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly and the Cabinet of the DPRK.

The Russian president sent a message of condolences to General Kim Jong Un.

Media of different countries reported about the demise of Kim Jong Il.

Articles tell about the fact that the Korean people have expressed their bitterest sorrow just after they heard the sad news that he passed away from a sudden illness on the way of his field guidance.

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A political essay says that Kim Jong Il will always be with the Korean people.

People in S. Hamgyong Province Grieve over Loss of Father of Nation

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The people in South Hamgyong Province are now stricken with deep grief, upon hearing the sad news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away of a sudden illness on his way to field guidance.

They are now mourning his demise with bitter grief, picturing to themselves the image of kind-hearted Kim Jong Il who visited various places of the province shortly ago to indicate an orientation and ways for putting on a fresh higher phase the overall economic work including the production of vinalon and fertilizers, geothermal equipment, varieties of custom-built facilities, mineral and nonferrous metals, fruit and grain.

Pak Chol, 42, worker of the February 8 Vinalon Complex, said:

"Kim Jong Il worked out a blueprint himself and worked heart and soul to put it into practice, leading the modernization of factories and enterprises which had been left no better than debris. Yet, he highly commended the workers there for the feats and bestowed the highest honor upon them. He was, indeed, a tender-hearted father."

He vowed to creditably play the role of vanguard and shock brigade in letting the torch lit by Kim Jong Il in South Hamgyong Province rage with greater force, bearing deep in mind the profound trust he reposed in them by helping them perform exploits and emerge innovators and making them well known throughout the country.

Jo U Jae, 30, workshop head of the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex, said: "The news was so shocking and unbelievable that I looked up to the image of tender-hearted Kim Jong Il in tears. I renew my firm will to turn out with courage for the accomplishment of the cause of Kim Jong Il."

"General Kim Jong Un represents our destiny and future. We are now fully confident of the future as we are led by Kim Jong Un."

Jang Un Sol, 42, work-team leader of the Tongbong Co-op Farm in Hamju County, said:

"I can never forget the image of smiling Kim Jong Il who visited my farm, clearly indicating the way to be followed by it and leading it with warm care. I pledge myself to bring about a fresh boost in agricultural production and thus thoroughly implement his behests."

The people from all walks of life in South Hamgyong Province are firmly convinced that under the leadership of Kim Jong Un the revolutionary advance of the Workers' Party, the army and the people of Korea will go on in the future, too.

Kim Jong Un Is Mental Mainstay of Korean People

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Upon hearing the important report that leader Kim Jong Il passed away so suddenly to their regret, the Korean people now pledge themselves to remain true to the leadership of General Kim Jong Un while overcoming the greatest sorrow of the nation and displaying redoubled strength and courage.

They had devotedly implemented the idea and cause of their leader, regarding him as a spiritual mainstay in the whole course of the revolution such as the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, the Fatherland Liberation War and the postwar reconstruction.

When President Kim Il Sung passed away on July 8, Juche 83 (1994), the greatest loss to the nation, the Korean people overcame their discouragement and sorrow and opened the new era of prosperity on this land, vowing to remain unboundedly faithful to the leadership of Kim Jong Il, true to the behests of the President.

Standing in the van of the Korean revolution at present is General Kim Jong Un, the great successor to the revolutionary cause of Juche and outstanding leader of the Party, the army and the people.

He is the eternally immovable mental mainstay of the Korean people.

The army and people of the DPRK will as ever hold Kim Jong Il in high esteem forever and remain loyal to the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Il, Great Father of People

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- At noon of December 19 a woman TV announcer of the DPRK informed with tears the saddest news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away of a sudden.

All servicepersons and people of the country burst out sobbing at this unexpected news as they were very eager to meet the tender-hearted leader at their military posts and worksites, ardently missing him. It was some days ago that Kim Jong Il visited the Kwangbok Area Supermarket. Pleased to see plentiful goods at its counters, he said with bright smile in his face that he felt warm though it is cold weather. But no one knew that this was the last chance to see his image.

His life was that of a peerlessly patriot who dedicated his all only to the country and the people.

Always with the political idea that genuine love for human being is like fertile soil for bringing the flower of human independence into full bloom, he made endless journey of field guidance, finding his pride and joy in the devoted service for the people.

This stirring year alone, he visited many units across the country by train and car, starting early in January. In those days he paid deep attention to the improvement of the people's living standard and took bold and workable measures to this end.

Thanks to his painstaking efforts, a great number of bases for people's wellbeing were built up, modernization of industrial establishments pushed ahead and the material and technological foundation consolidated for the production of consumer goods.

Though Kim Jong Il passed away to their regret, the Korean people are firmly convinced that the prosperity and happiness of all generations will be guaranteed as they have General Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Il's Field Guidance Associated with Loving Care for People

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Leader Kim Jong Il died on a train from great mental and physical strain caused by his ceaseless journey of field guidance for building a prosperous and powerful country. He had received medical treatment for his cardiac and cerebrovascular diseases for a long period. However, he made uninterrupted field guidance tour to provide the people with better and best things, not taking care of his health.

This year his forced march for the improvement of the people's living standard, launched at the Nampho Glass Bottle Factory, continued to the Jongbansan Combined Foodstuff Factory in North Hwanghae Province, the Huichon Ryonha General Machinery Plant and other places non-stop.

Some days before he passed away, Kim Jong Il visited the Hana Music Information Center and the Kwangbok Area Supermarket to be opened soon, working heart and soul for the people's civilized and rich life.

Wherever he visited, he had made tireless efforts, saying it is the will and determination of the Workers' Party of Korea to provide the people with the best things.

He valued and loved the people very much and always shared woe and weal with them in the whole period of his protracted revolutionary guidance.

Recalling the feats performed by him in the ceaseless forced march for the people, the army and people of the DPRK are now replete with the resolve to overcome sorrow and display strength and courage to make a leap forward in building a thriving nation under the guidance of Kim Jong Un, outstanding leader of the Party, the army and the people.

Kim Jong Il's Feats for National Reunification

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Leader Kim Jong Il, father of the nation and lodestar of national reunification, devoted all his life to guiding all Koreans to the road of independence and great national unity.

The idea and policies put forth by him for national reunification serve as the most just guideline for carving out the nation's destiny, and they are ever-victorious strategy and tactics definitely guaranteeing the victory of the cause of reunification.

He formulated as Three Charters for National Reunification the three principles of national reunification, the 10-point programme of the great unity of the whole nation and the proposal for founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo advanced by President Kim Il Sung.

The Five-Point Policy for Grand National Unity put forward by him is an immortal reunification program which indicates the correct way for developing on a higher stage the cause of unity pioneered and guided by the President.

The adoption of the historic June 15 North-South Joint Declaration and the October 4 declaration, achievements made on the road for national unity and reunification since then, the spirit of national independence fully displayed in the north and the south of Korea and overseas and the solidarity and coalition of all Koreans growing stronger with each passing day--these are a brilliant fruition of Kim Jong Il's idea and policies on national reunification.

Though he passed away, the movement for Korea's reunification will continue to advance vigorously under the leadership of General Kim Jong Un.

Kim Jong Il Was Defender of Justice

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Leader Kim Jong Il passed away to the people's grief before seeing the victory of the cause of building a thriving nation, reunification of the country and accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche. The feats he performed by winning a victory after victory with his Songun politics, however, are recorded in the history of the country.

He honorably defended the socialist gains, the precious heritage left by President Kim Il Sung, with his original Songun politics and turned the country into an invincible political and ideological power in which single-minded unity has been achieved, a nuclear weapons state and a matchless military power.

He was born in the anti-Japanese battle area in Mt. Paektu and grew up hearing the command of charge shouted by anti-Japanese guerrillas. He nurtured the wisdom and courage of a great commander at the table of the supreme command for mapping out a plan of operation during the Fatherland Liberation War.

For decades since he started his Songun revolutionary leadership he has kept to the path of Songun going through thick and thin. This would have been unimaginable with the courage and pluck of an ordinary human being.

He brought only miracles and victories despite the worst difficulties with his extraordinary political caliber.

Mountain ranges of the frontline areas including Mt. Osong, Chol Pass and 1211 Height are associated with the countless immortal footsteps left by Kim Jong Il who continued his journey to the front day and night while dealing merciless heavy blows to the enemies.

Thanks to his Songun politics, miraculous scenes are being presented one after another on this land.

Korean People in Grief at Loss of Their Leader

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- People in North Hwanghae Province of the DPRK are ardently calling leader Kim Jong Il, father of the nation, in bitter sorrow over his sudden demise.

In front of the statues of President Kim Il Sung in their residential areas those inhabitants writhed in agony of pain and grief at the great loss.

Among them were those who grew to be faithful officials of the Workers' Party of Korea, heroes and deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly under the deep trust and loving care of Kim Jong Il.

They also included persons who had honor of having a photo taken with him, war veterans, members of the youth league and the children's union, kindergarteners, servicepersons, producers of electricity and steel and agricultural workers.

Indeed, all the Korean people have cast in their lot with him and never thought of their honor, happiness, pride and dignity apart from his loving care. That is why they are lamenting so bitterly over his demise.

They cried for dear father, saying in unison: We cannot trust the news of his demise. How happy we were to see the image of the smiling leader on his way of field guidance some days ago. It is really unbelievable. It seems as if the earth was breaking down and sky falling."

Ri Hyon Sim (29), a peasant of the Migok Co-op Farm in Sariwon City, said:

Now we can hardly stand the sorrow and agony. However, we will overcome this sorrow and pain and display fresh strength and courage.

We are afraid of nothing as we have General Kim Jong Un and sure to win.

Kim Jong Il's Wish

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Leader Kim Jong Il dedicated himself to the happiness of the people all his life.

He had a noble wish.

It was to bring the greatest happiness and honor to the people even if he had plucked a star from the sky and grown flowers even on a rock.

It was his ardent desire to build a strong, highly-civilized and prosperous country without fail and hand it down to the generations to come.

This year, too, he set about his journey for the wellbeing of the people with the song "Path of Victory."

He tirelessly made trips for field guidance to worksites alive with the drive for a great surge even in February in the wake of his journey in snowbound January.

He visited every nook and corner of the country, warming himself up as if he had not felt at all the biting cold of winter.

Wherever he went, he looked full of energy, his face beaming with a smile.

He made journeys to factories and farms to mix with people despite sweltering mid-summer heat. At a time when the situation was so tense that a war might break out any moment, he made a forced march for field guidance to areas on the northern tip of the country.

It was thanks to his total dedication that the DPRK emerged a satellite producer and launcher and a nuclear weapons state to rank itself among a few powers in the world possessed of ultra-modern technology and brought about leaping progress in the Juche-based industry in the era of great surge.

The cause of new industrialization based on ultra-modern science and technology in the new century is now being accomplished.

Running high in the country are the faith in sure victory and firm will to boldly hit the targets for modernization on the basis of the self-supporting economy and reach the eminence of an economic power at a breath.

He always found himself among people, sharing weal and woe with them on the road of endless journeys for field guidance.

It was in this course that he formed an integral whole with them and regarded it a signpost of his firm faith to make the good people happy.

Even during long foreign trips, Kim Jong Il looked seated in tears till late at night on a running train, thinking of the people at home.

Watching a shoal of fishes gathering before him at a fish breeding farm, kind-hearted Kim Jong Il said it would be much better, if all of them found their way to people, instead of coming to him.

When seeing people move into new houses, he would wish them all the best and happiness before parting from them.

That was why the Korean people called him as their father and profoundly revered him.

Korean People Overcome Sorrow with Courage

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Korean people are in bitter grief and sorrow over the sad news of the sudden demise of leader Kim Jong Il on Dec. 17, Juche 100 (2011).

The workers and other people of South Phyongan Province courageously rose above it and are renewing their firm determination to remain intensely loyal to General Kim Jong Un, true to the behests of Kim Jong Il.

Hwang Hyok Chol, 41, worker of the Pongchon Coal Mine, told a reporter:

"I can't keep back bitter grief over the biggest loss to the nation as I could watch on television the august image of Kim Jong Il providing field guidance only shortly ago.

"He was a peerlessly great man who dedicated himself to the people's happiness, making endless journeys for field guidance without having a holiday or rest and considering it as his pleasure to do something to make them happy.

"As long as we are under General Kim Jong Un identical to Kim Jong Il, the revolutionary cause of Juche will be given steady continuity and the Songun revolutionary cause is sure to triumph."

Rim Hyang, 22, woman farmer at the Maejon Co-op Farm, said: "Only when we remain true to the leadership of Kim Jong Un, the revolutionary cause of Juche and the Songun revolutionary cause is sure to be accomplished."

She vowed to demonstrate the mettle of Songun Korea in the efforts to build a thriving nation as desired by Kim Jong Il, holding high the torch lit in South Hamgyong Province.

Kim Jong Il's Life, One of Heroic Great Man

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The DPRK has turned into the sea of tears and grief.

The statues of President Kim Il Sung and mosaics depicting leader Kim Jong Il are crowded with people shedding bitter tears at the sad news of the demise of Kim Jong Il.

The army and the people are seized with the bitterest grief at the unbelievable news.

People, young and old, men and women, are calling Kim Jong Il, who gave tireless field guidance, making total dedication day and night to the happiness of the people till the closing days of the year in the wake of the difficult arduous march, the forced march.

Kim Jong Il's whole life was a heroic life.

He was born in Mt. Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution, as the son of guerrillas and grew up to be a great revolutionary. He wisely led the Workers' Party of Korea, the army and the people for decades, performing immortal revolutionary feats before the country, people, times and history.

He developed in depth the immortal Juche idea, the Songun idea founded by Kim Il Sung with his energetic ideological and theoretical activities and glorified it as the guiding idea of the era of independence, thus giving a steady continuity to the Korean revolution.

Kim Jong Il honorably defended the socialist gains and turned the DPRK into an invincible political and ideological power, a nuclear weapons state and a military power with the Songun politics despite the collapse of the world socialist system, the demise of Kim Il Sung which was the greatest loss to the nation, the imperialist allied forces' vicious offensive to stifle the DPRK and severe natural disasters.

He set forth the grand goal of building a thriving nation and led the nation-wide general onward march for its realization, thus bringing about great innovations and leap forward in socialist construction.

He led all the Koreans to the road of independence and the great national unity and ushered in the June 15 era of reunification in which the noble idea of "By the Korean nation itself" is coming true.

He energetically conducted external activities under the uplifted banner of independence against imperialism and enhanced the international prestige and dignity of the DPRK, making immortal contribution to the accomplishment of human cause of independence.

Looking back upon his life amid the bitterest grief, the Korean people are vowing to be faithful to the idea and cause of General Kim Jong Un, who is identical to Kim Jong Il.

Korean People's Wailing Voices Rock Heaven and Earth

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- People's wailing voices are rocking heaven and earth in the DPRK after the release of the news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away from sudden illness in the middle of his tour for field guidance.

Employees of the Fun Fair of Kaeson Youth Park are bursting into tears, saying they can never forget fatherly General Kim Jong Il who came to the park several times.

"When the respected General came here on December 4, an unusually cold day, we asked him to come on a nice day, not a day of such an unfavorable weather, saying there are lots of fine days. Kim Jong Il,

with a smile on his face, said people should come on a fine day while he may come on such a bad day," they said.

"He passed away leaving behind his promise to come back next spring and watch our art performance. Heaven is so indifferent to us," they added.

A poet who wrote the verses of "The blue sky over my country" went to the square relying him on a stick. He, knocking the ground, cried "I can not see the sky. When you were with us, I could see its blue color but today I can not see it at all."

Former unconverted long-term prisoners went to the Mansudae Art Studio where they threw themselves before the mosaic portraying President Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

They lamented the demise of Kim Jong Il, saying he passed away so early even though he brought them, who were passing out as breathing fossil, back to his fold and gave happiness so that the whole world could envy them.

Country, Veritable Sea of Mourners

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- No sooner had the sad news of the demise of leader Kim Jong Il been reported than every worksite, family, street and village associated with his footprints turned into a veritable sea of mourners.

People in Jagang Province, creators of the Kanggye Spirit bitterly grieved his sudden demise as it was dear to Kim Jong Il during the Arduous March and a historic region where the great age of industrial revolution started in the new century under his guidance.

Their lamentation is particularly louder as Kim Jong Il visited it several times in a year to help them take the lead in the drive for defending socialism and pushing back the frontiers of latest science and technology.

Officials, technicians and workers of the Huichon Ryonha General Machinery Plant deeply grieved over the leader's demise, thinking of the field guidance given by him who made it win fame as a plant of national value through his tireless efforts and great devotion.

They said: "You promised us to visit our plant again with a congratulatory bouquet in your hand if you receive news of the production of a mother machine. Your demise is unbelievable. How can you go. It can't happen."

Such grief and lamentation were heard from every factory in the province which Kim Jong Il visited while making forced marches for field guidance in the whole year of 2011.

A huge crowd of mourners gathered at the Hamhung Plaza in South Hamgyong Province where a celebration of mass-production of vinalon, a great auspicious event of the country, took place in the presence of Kim Jong Il.

Workers of the February 8 Vinalon Complex, the Hungnam Fertilizer Complex and the Ryongsong Machine Complex called Kim Jong Il in chocking voices again and again, showing the vinalon fiber, a heap of fertilizers and latest geothermal facilities which pleased him so much.

They recollected with deep emotion the unforgettable time when they sang songs and danced in a banquet hall in the presence of Kim Jong Il in those dream-like days they spent in Pyongyang at his invitation. This made them more heartrending and regretful.

People in North Hwanghae Province mourned his demise in profound reverence before the mosaics depicting his image at the Migok Co-op Farm in Sariwon City, the Township of Koksan County, etc.

An endless stream of people in Nampho City including workers in Kangson visited the statues of President Kim Il Sung in Chollima District and the Chongsan Co-op Farm in Kangso District and the mosaics standing at the Chollima Iron and Steel Complex to mourn the leader's demise.

People of South Phyongan Province wept bitterly over his demise, regretting for failing to remain more loyal to him. Among them were agricultural workers in Wonhwa Co-op Farm in Phyongwon County

which had the honor of registering the leader as its honorary farmer, and workers of the Namhung Chemical Complex.

People in Ryanggang Province mourned his demise before the statues of the President and Kim Jong Suk, an anti-Japanese war hero.

Chairwoman of S. Korean Hyundai Group Expresses Deep Condolences over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Hyon Jong Un, chairwoman of the Hyundai Group of south Korea, expressed deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il upon hearing the sad news that he passed away suddenly.

Kim Jong Il, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission, worked hard to realize the national reconciliation and cooperation through the work for the tour of Mt. Kumgang and the Kaesong Industrial Zone, she said, expressing profound condolences over his sudden and regretful demise.

Cambodian Government Expresses Condolences over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Cambodian government expressed condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il on Monday.

A spokesman for the Cambodian government said they are saddened by the news that Kim Jong Il passed away, adding this is the greatest loss to the Korean people.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia said that even though Kim Jong Il passed away, the relations of good neighborliness, friendship and cooperation between Cambodia and the DPRK will remain unchanged.

Local Inhabitants of DPRK Express Resolve to Remain True to Kim Jong Il's Intention

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- People in South Hwanghae Province of the DPRK are visiting the statue of President Kim Il Sung with bitter sorrow at the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Ri Il Nam (43), head of a sub-workteam of the Samjigang Co-op Farm in Jaeryong County, told a reporter: We wanted to have Kim Jong Il on fields of bumper harvest again by doing well the new year's farming preparations, but he passed away to our regret.

I feel as if the sky were falling down.

Our sub-workteam members deplored that they had not done much more things true to his high intention over the past years, and keenly felt again how proud and happy the Korean people are as they had the wise leader.

All the farmers repeatedly pledged to bring about bumper harvest at any cost, true to his behests by overcoming sorrow and displaying strength and courage.

Kim Chol U (51), head of a workteam of the Unryul Mine, sobbed while saying that every part of the mine associated with the traces of Kim Jong Il's field guidance is soaked with workers' tears.

Yun Jong Hui (19), a girl student of Jo Ok Hui Haeju Teacher Training College, said:

Youth and students in the province are now burning their hearts with an oath to translate into a reality the plan for building a thriving nation by Kim Jong Il who devoted his all to the people.

Our students will discharge their duty as young vanguard in remaining true to the leadership of General Kim Jong Un who is identical to Kim Jong Il.

North Hamgyong Province Grieves over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- People in North Hamgyong Province are overwhelmed with grief over the sudden demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

A great number of working people, servicepersons and students visited the statue of President Kim Il Sung in the provincial capital of Chongjin and big mosaics depicting the great persons of Mt. Paektu in different parts of the province to express their condolences.

They bitterly wept over the demise of Kim Jong Il, the great father of the Korean nation, unable to keep back their grief.

Kim Chol Jin, head of a workshop of the Kim Chaek Iron and Steel Complex, said he hardly imagined he would hear such shocking news.

"When thinking of the immortal dedication of Kim Jong Il and his tireless efforts, I feel my heart would break," he said.

"We will overcome grief and display redoubled strength and courage and work harder to win victory in the drive for building an economic power," he added.

Hwang Chol Nam, a worker of the Chongjin Steel Works, said Kim Jong Il devoted himself to the happiness of the beloved people all his life.

He vowed to hold him in high esteem forever and advance staunchly, true to the leadership of General Kim Jong Un.

Ri Chun Son, a work-team head of the Susong Co-op Farm in Songphuyong District, Chongjin City, pledged herself to become a patriotic farmer in the era of Songun who devotedly defends General Kim Jong Un through the increased grain production true to the idea and leadership of Kim Jong Il.

Former Indonesian President Mourns Kim Jong Il's Demise

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Former Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri, general chairwoman of the Central Directive Council of the Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle, expressed deep condolences Monday on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

"For me, His Excellency Kim Jong Il was a figure of a leader who had a strong character in his political belief and heavily fought for maintaining the sovereignty of his country," Megawati said in a condolence statement.

"Under his leadership, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea could face heavy challenges and even could stand on their own feet in the economic sector thanks to the unity between the people and their leader," she added.

She wrote she felt "a very huge loss."

"Our relations as brother and sister had been lasting very long," she said.

"I believe that the passing away of Kim Jong Il will not weaken every effort to create peace on the Korean Peninsula," Megawati said.

Russian Party Leader Expresses Condolences over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- G. Zyuganov, chairman of the C.C., the Communist Party of the Russian Federation, expressed deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il on December 19. He expressed deep condolences to the fraternal Korean people over the demise of Kim Jong Il. He hoped the Korean people would display strong will in their future work.

Indonesian Foreign Ministry Issues Statement on Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Indonesian Foreign Ministry, on Dec. 19, made public a statement on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The statement said:

The Indonesian president expresses most profound condolences over the demise of Supreme Leader of the DPRK Kim Jong Il on behalf of the Indonesian government and people.

Indonesia expresses condolences to the DPRK government and people.

We hope the Korean people will display strength and courage and overcome sorrow.

The statement said that the Indonesian government and people believe that the DPRK will overcome the present difficulties and make greater advance as desired by the Korean people and the whole nation.

Kim Jong Il's Preoccupation

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Korean people find it hard to repress bitter grief upon hearing the news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away of a sudden disease on a running train for field guidance.

An official of the Kwangbok Area Supermarket, when interviewed by a reporter, said in tears that the greatest concern Kim Jong Il showed during his recent visit was whether people like things there or not. Wherever he went, he showed the deepest interest in this matter and made sure that the best things were provided to people if they were to serve them.

Saying he considered the people's joy as his pleasure and happiness, he visited a lot of units related to the improvement of the standard of people's living including the Meat and Fish Shop in Pothongmun Street, Pothonggang Shop, the shop producing wheat cakes stuffed with meat of the Kumsong Foodstuff Factory and the commodity exhibition of Pyongyang Department Store No. 1.

He made endless journeys for field guidance to make people happy despite snow or rain, sultry summer and intense cold of midwinter.

During his field guidance to the February 8 Vinalon Complex he touched white vinalon cotton again and again with pleasure and he visited again in autumn the Ryongjon Fruit Farm and personally tasted an apple in the wake of his visit to it in spring.

When visiting a fish farm, he showed loving care as a real father would do, asking in detail how big fish production was this year and where fishes were sent and whether servicepersons and people liked them. Indeed, the people's happiness was Kim Jong Il's preoccupation.

Yearning for Leader Grows Stronger in DPRK

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- One day has passed after the sad news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away.

Anyhow, the Korean army and people's yearning for him, father of the nation, is growing stronger as the time goes by.

On Dec. 20, too, countless people are coming to the statues of President Kim Il Sung and mosaics portraying the peerlessly great persons in different parts of the country.

They were shedding copious tears of grief at the loss of the sun of the nation, who had shared joy and sorrow with the people, always going among them.

Mirrored on every face of them ardently calling the leader is the determination to devotedly implement his behests.

Pak Chol Yong, a soldier of the Korean People's Army, said, noting that he had honor of having a picture taken some days ago when participating in the art performance of soldiers of companies, selected at the 35th KPA servicepersons' art festival, in the presence of the Supreme Commander.

He went on:

It seems it was yesterday when we swore to surely accomplish the cause of building a thriving nation and realizing the national reunification under his presence. But all of a sudden he left us, and I can hardly repress my deepest regret at his demise.

We will devotedly safeguard General Kim Jong Un with arms, closely rallied as one in mind around him, and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche, the socialist cause, by all means true to the behests of Kim Jong Il.

Pak Chun Sil, a farmer of the Songam Vegetable Farm in Kim Chaek City, North Hamgyong Province, said she would work hard to increase grain production true to the behest of Kim Jong Il who worried so much for the improvement of the people's living standard.

People in Jagang Province Vow Loyalty to Kim Jong Un

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The land of Jagang is stricken with deep grief at the loss of leader Kim Jong Il who devoted all his life to the freedom and happiness of the people, reunification of the nation and human cause of independence.

The statue of President Kim Il Sung is being visited by an increasing number of people.

Kim Jong Il, determined to open a breakthrough toward victory in the province during the Arduous March, visited the province time and again despite the intense midwinter cold and sweltering midsummer heat and brightly indicated the direction and way for it to follow. Yearning for his image the people vowed to carry out his last instructions to the letter.

Jo Jae Yong, 58, manager of the Huichon Ryonha General Machinery Plant, said: Kim Jong Il indicated the way to be followed by the plant in a friendly and ringing voice with a sunny smile on his face.

Giving field guidance to the plant in October he said the whole country is now benefiting from Ryonha machines, adding Ryonha is a friendly fellow traveler of our party. The workers of our plant will cherish that trust and honor and dash ahead like wind in the van of the industrial revolution of the new century. Ri Sung Nam, 53, manager of the Kanggye Essential Foodstuff Factory, said Kim Jong Il did not pass away, vowing they would overcome the hard time under the leadership of General Kim Jong Un and remain faithful to the Songun leadership of the Party.

Pak Song Chol, 45, manager of the Kanggye Koryo Medicine Factory, said: We will absolutely entrust our destiny to General Kim Jong Un and keep to the path of Juche led by him. This is a unanimous pledge of not only me but all other employees.

Vietnamese FM Expresses Condolences over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Vietnamese foreign ministry expressed condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il on Monday.

He said:

We express the deepest condolences to the party and state and the people of the DPRK over the demise of Kim Jong Il, supreme leader of the DPRK.

It is our belief that the people of the DPRK will overcome the sorrow over the great loss and continue to work hard for the construction and development of the country.

Message of Condolences to Kim Jong Un from Raul Castro

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, on Monday received a message of condolences from Raul Castro Ruz, first secretary of the C.C., Communist Party, president of the Council of State and president of the Council of Ministers of Cuba.

The message said:

Dear Comrade,

I, on behalf of the Communist Party, government and people of Cuba, express most profound condolences to you over the demise of the great leader of the Korean people Comrade Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK.

Please accept my best regards.

S. Korean Civic Organization Praises Kim Jong Il's Exploits

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The People for Achieving Peace and Reunification, a civic organization of south Korea, issued a statement to mourn the demise of leader Kim Jong Il on Monday. The statement said:

We express deep condolences over the sudden demise of the top leader of the north of a sudden illness. We extend our sympathy to all the compatriots in the north overwhelmed with the bitterest sorrow. The exploits and efforts of Chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission Kim Jong Il who made public the historic June 15 joint declaration and the October 4 declaration, thus providing a landmark for the country's reunification, will always go down in the history of the nation.

Figures of Opposition Party of S. Korea Mourn Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Personages of the Democratic United Party, a south Korean opposition party, on Monday expressed condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

Former "Prime Minister" Han Myong Suk, lawmaker Pak Ji Won and other personages of the opposition party mourned the sudden demise of Kim Jong Il as members of the Korean nation.

They stressed that the spirit of the June 15 joint declaration and the October 4 declaration agreed by Kim Jong Il with former "presidents" of south Korea should be respected in the future, too.

They urged the "government" to positively push ahead with the dispatch of a delegation of mourners in line with the people's will.

Philippine Foreign Ministry Issues Statement on Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Philippine Foreign Ministry made public a statement on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il on Dec. 19.

The statement expressed deep condolences over the demise of the DPRK's Supreme Leader Kim Jong Il. It noted that the Philippines would value the relations with the DPRK and promote and maintain peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region including the Korean Peninsula by continuously cooperating with the DPRK and thus ensure the sustainable prosperity of the region.

S. Korean Organization Mourns Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The South Headquarters of the Pan-national Alliance for Korea's Reunification released a message of condolences on Dec. 19, on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The organization in the message said they can hardly keep back great sorrow upon the sad news that he passed away from a sudden disease.

The chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission glorified the three charters for national reunification President Kim Il Sung provided in the spirit of national independence and patriotism and

ushered in the rosy June 15 era of reunification under the uplifted banner of "By our nation itself", thus performing great feats for the Koreans, it added.

The news of his demise was so shocking to the south Koreans who held out hope to reunification, the organization said, expressing deep condolences over his demise in the bitterest grief reflecting the feelings of all the pro-reunification patriotic Koreans.

Kim Jong Il's Life, One of Heroic Great Man

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- The DPRK has turned into the sea of tears and grief.

The statues of President Kim Il Sung and mosaics depicting leader Kim Jong Il are crowded with people shedding bitter tears at the sad news of the demise of Kim Jong Il.

The army and the people are seized with the bitterest grief at the unbelievable news.

People, young and old, men and women, are calling Kim Jong Il, who gave tireless field guidance, making total dedication day and night to the happiness of the people till the closing days of the year in the wake of the difficult arduous march, the forced march.

Kim Jong Il's whole life was a heroic life.

He was born in Mt. Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution, as the son of guerrillas and grew up to be a great revolutionary. He wisely led the Workers' Party of Korea, the army and the people for decades, performing immortal revolutionary feats before the country, people, times and history.

He developed in depth the immortal Juche idea, the Songun idea founded by Kim Il Sung with his energetic ideological and theoretical activities and glorified it as the guiding idea of the era of independence, thus giving a steady continuity to the Korean revolution.

Kim Jong Il honorably defended the socialist gains and turned the DPRK into an invincible political and ideological power, a nuclear weapons state and a military power with the Songun politics despite the collapse of the world socialist system, the demise of Kim Il Sung which was the greatest loss to the nation, the imperialist allied forces' vicious offensive to stifle the DPRK and severe natural disasters. He set forth the grand goal of building a thriving nation and led the nation-wide general onward march for its realization, thus bringing about great innovations and leap forward in socialist construction.

He led all the Koreans to the road of independence and the great national unity and ushered in the June 15 era of reunification in which the noble idea of "By the Korean nation itself" is coming true.

He energetically conducted external activities under the uplifted banner of independence against imperialism and enhanced the international prestige and dignity of the DPRK, making immortal contribution to the accomplishment of human cause of independence.

Looking back upon his life amid the bitterest grief, the Korean people are vowing to be faithful to the idea and cause of General Kim Jong Un, who is identical to Kim Jong Il.

Korean People's Wailing Voices Rock Heaven and Earth

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- People's wailing voices are rocking heaven and earth in the DPRK after the release of the news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away from sudden illness in the middle of his tour for field guidance.

Employees of the Fun Fair of Kaeson Youth Park are bursting into tears, saying they can never forget fatherly General Kim Jong Il who came to the park several times.

"When the respected General came here on December 4, an unusually cold day, we asked him to come on a nice day, not a day of such an unfavorable weather, saying there are lots of fine days. Kim Jong Il, with a smile on his face, said people should come on a fine day while he may come on such a bad day," they said.

"He passed away leaving behind his promise to come back next spring and watch our art performance. Heaven is so indifferent to us," they added.

A poet who wrote the verses of "The blue sky over my country" went to the square relying him on a stick. He, knocking the ground, cried "I can not see the sky. When you were with us, I could see its blue color but today I can not see it at all."

Former unconverted long-term prisoners went to the Mansudae Art Studio where they threw themselves before the mosaic portraying President Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

They lamented the demise of Kim Jong Il, saying he passed away so early even though he brought them, who were passing out as breathing fossil, back to his fold and gave happiness so that the whole world could envy them.

Venezuelan President Expresses Condolences over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez Frias expressed the most profound condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il in the name of the Venezuelan government and people.

Expressing feelings of deep solidarity with the people of the DPRK who lost their leader, he voiced the belief that the Korean people will surely achieve the prosperity of the country.

This was clarified in a communique of the Venezuelan Foreign Ministry released on Monday.

Egyptian Association Mourns Demise of Kim Jong Il

Cairo, December 20 (KCNA) -- The Egypt-Korea Friendship Association made public a statement on Tuesday on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

The statement said:

The members of the association are now mourning with biggest sadness and grief over his demise upon hearing the sad news that Kim Jong Il passed away, a bolt from the blue.

The leader passed away, but his exploits will last forever thanks to his grit and greatness as the Songun illustrious commander.

The world progressive people lost the leader who was not only a great man but prominent and courageous leader.

The demise of Kim Jong Il makes our hearts break.

But we are fully confident of the fact that Kim Jong Un, great successor to him, will bring the Korean revolution to completion.

We will positively support his succession to the heroic cause of the great revolutionary family.

The leader's demise is the biggest loss to the whole world.

We express deep condolences not only to the Korean people but to the world progressive people.

Kim Jong Il will always live in the hearts of all of us.

His exploits will last forever.