

Kim Jong Il Will Always Live

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- Leader Kim Jong Il, the great father of the Korean people, passed away too suddenly.

The DPRK is overcome with bitter sorrow at the demise of the father of the nation who had energetically worked day and night for prosperity of the socialist homeland and the happiness of people all his life.

Its army and people's loyalty and sense of obligation to him are now growing higher than ever before.

They are resolutely rising up to change their sorrow into great strength and courage with the noble sense of moral obligation and immovable faith and will to hold Kim Jong Il in high esteem forever and glorify his feats for all ages.

The hearts of all servicepersons and people are replete with the pledge to hold in high esteem the great Kim Jong Il forever and make neither concession nor delay on the road of the Juche revolution, the Songun revolution true to his behests.

The Korean people have suffered the great loss but are decisively rising up as they have Kim Jong Un, great successor to the revolutionary cause of Juche and prominent leader of the party and the army and people of the DPRK who is standing in the van of the Korean revolution.

He is another great person produced by Korea who is identical to Kim Jong Il.

KPA Servicepersons and People of DPRK Vow to Remain True to Leadership of Kim Jong Un

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- An important notice that leader Kim Jong Il passed away to the people's sorrow was made public at this noon.

Upon hearing the sad news that Kim Jong Il, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, chairman of the DPRK National Defence Commission and supreme commander of the Korean People's Army, passed away, all the servicepersons and people of the DPRK are seized with indescribably bitter grief.

He passed away at a time when a turning phase is opening for building a thriving socialist nation and the Korean revolution is winning victory after victory despite manifold difficulties and hardships. This is the greatest loss for the WPK and the Korean revolution and the biggest sorrow for the 70 million Koreans and the progressive people of the world.

People from all walks of life are visiting statues of President Kim Il Sung in different parts of Pyongyang including Kim Il Sung University to express their greatest sorrow over the demise of Kim Jong Il, the father of the nation.

Tears are streaming down the cheeks of the grief-stricken people.

"We can never believe that leader Kim Jong Il passed away as even shortly ago he conducted energetic activities day and night for prosperity and development of the country and the happier life of the people.

"Have we ever thought of the country without Kim Jong Il, the Korean revolution without his leadership and our life without his loving care."

At this moment of greatest sorrow and grief, people feel as if the sky were falling down. The hearts of all of them are now filled with stronger faith in victory, optimism and solemn pledge.

KPA officer Jong Il Guk, 43, said:

"We will overcome sorrow and display fresh strength and courage to tide over the present difficulties and work harder for the great and fresh victory of the Juche revolution, true to the leadership of Kim Jong Un."

Ho Song Chol, 55, who is working at the Cabinet, said:

"The Korean revolution is sure to always triumph under the leadership of Kim Jong Un".

Korean People Fully Determined to Win Final Victory under Leadership of Kim Jong Un

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- Upon hearing the sad news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away, the whole country is seized with bitter grief and sorrow over the big loss.

His demise is the greatest loss to the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean revolution at the historic period when a landmark phase is opened for building a thriving socialist nation.

The grief-stricken Korean people are, however, renewing their pledge to remain true to the leadership of Kim Jong Un by overcoming their sorrow and displaying fresh strength and courage.

Korean People's Army officer Kim Kyong Chol, 36, said:

"The news of the leader's demise was so shocking that I cannot keep back the bitter grief.

The undying revolutionary exploits Kim Jong Il performed by developing the KPA into a matchless army will always remain shining in the history of the country.

Thanks to Kim Jong Un, our revolutionary forces will always emerge victorious as the powerful revolutionary army of Mt. Paektu."

Pyongyangite Ri Un Chol, 43, said:

"We cannot keep back our tears, thinking of Kim Jong Il who made indefatigable efforts and worked heart and soul day and night for the building of a thriving nation and the improvement of the standard of people's living from the outset of the year to its closing days.

Kim Jong Il was, indeed, a peerlessly great man who breathed his last like a hero, totally dedicated to the people, making endless forced marches for field guidance for their happier life with iron will and superhuman energy.

His ideas and cause are sure to triumph under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, the great successor to the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Our army and people will struggle staunchly for an ultimate victory true to the leadership of Kim Jong Un."

Idea and Exploits of Kim Jong Il Are Immortal

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- Now all the servicepersons and people of the DPRK are overcome with deep yearning and remembrance of leader Kim Jong Il.

They pay highest tribute to him who performed undying feats for the prosperity of the country and the human cause of independence while hardening their resolve to hold him in high esteem forever and surely accomplish the cause of building a prosperous and powerful country under the leadership of General Kim Jong Un.

Today the DPRK has strong political and military base for creditably advancing the revolutionary cause of Juche through generations and a solid foundation for the eternal prosperity of the country and the nation.

The respected General is standing in the van of the struggle to carry forward to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche.

He is a prominent thinker-theoretician and peerlessly illustrious commander of Songun who guides the revolution and construction always to victory with the idea and leading method of Kim Jong Il.

He set it as his lifelong mission to successfully inherit and accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche through generations and, as closest comrade and most faithful comrade-in-arms of Kim Jong Il, has always stood at the forefront of the revolution and construction together with him.

His idea is just the idea and intention of Kim Jong Il, and his way of guidance is the most wise method whereby to advance the revolution and construction true to the intention of Kim Jong Il.

He has resolutely smashed the machinations of the imperialist reactionaries with the revolutionary faith, will and pluck of Kim Jong Il.

Together with Kim Jong Il, he visited every place where there are soldiers of the People's Army to develop the army of the DPRK into the most powerful military ranks, the revolutionary strong army of Mt. Paektu defending the first line of the revolution.

Thanks to the guidance of Kim Jong Un who has done his utmost to increase the defence capabilities of the country, the sovereignty of the socialist motherland and the safety of the people have been reliably defended and the DPRK is more strikingly displaying its dignity and might as an invincible military power.

He has devoted his heart and soul and unremitting efforts to realizing Kim Jong Il's noble ideal of socialism, thus bringing eye-opening reality to this land.

While giving field guidance in all seasons he led the Korean army and people to concentrate all efforts on carrying into practice the lofty intention of Kim Jong Il.

In particular, he inspiringly aroused the whole party, army and people to implement the spirit of the Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea held last year and thus cemented the single-minded unity, the mainstay of the Korean revolution, and brought great innovation and rapid progress on all fronts of socialist construction.

In those days the army and the people of the DPRK have cherished the unshakable faith that the revolutionary cause of Kim Jong Il will be everlasting as long as they are guided by Kim Jong Un who is boundlessly faithful to his idea and cause.

The leadership of Kim Jong Un serves as a decisive guarantee for creditably carrying forward to completion the revolutionary cause of Juche through generations, the cause started by President Kim Il Sung and led to victory by Kim Jong Il.

The army and people of the DPRK will hold Kim Jong Il in high esteem forever and firmly defend his immortal revolutionary exploits and glorify them for all ages under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.

The sacred revolutionary career and undying feats of Kim Jong Il will remain shining forever in the history of the country under the guidance of Kim Jong Un. -0-

S. Koreans Express Deep Condolences over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- Opposition parties and organizations of south Korea on Monday expressed deep condolences over the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

They included the Democratic United Party, the United Progressive Party, the Progressive New Party and the Council of Christian Churches.

Widow of Former S. Korean President Expresses Deep Condolences over Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- Upon hearing the sad news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away, Ri Hui Ho, widow of Kim Dae Jung, former president of south Korea, Monday expressed condolences over his demise.

She expressed deep condolences at the sad news of his demise, adding:

Kim Jong Il, chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, released the June 15 joint declaration in June 2000, providing a landmark for the south-north reconciliation and cooperation and reunification.

Recalling that he sent a special envoy to Seoul to express condolences at a time when Kim Dae Jung passed away in August 2009, she stressed that it is a moral obligation for her to express condolences.

Chinese FM Spokesman Mourns Demise of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- A spokesman for the Chinese foreign ministry issued a statement Monday on the demise of leader Kim Jong Il.

He said:

Upon hearing the sad news that Kim Jong Il, supreme leader of the DPRK, passed away to our sorrow, we express deep condolences over his demise and send sincere sympathy to the Korean people.

Kim Jong Il was the great leader of the Korean people and close friend of the Chinese people.

He made an important contribution to accomplishing the DPRK's cause of socialism and promoting the development of the Sino-Korean relations of good neighborliness, friendship and cooperation.

We believe the Korean people will surely overcome sorrow and display strength and courage and steadily advance the DPRK's cause of socialism by dint of single-minded unity.

Both China and the DPRK will as ever make joint efforts to make a positive contribution to steadily developing the traditional friendship between the two parties, two countries and two peoples and defending peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula and the region.

We Are under Respected Kim Jong Un

Pyongyang, December 19 (KCNA) -- The sad news that leader Kim Jong Il passed away of a sudden illness on his way of field guidance was reported at this noon in the DPRK.

No sooner had the sad news been reported than the people in Kangwon Province visited the statue of President Kim Il Sung in their hometown to express great sorrow and grief over the loss of the sun of the nation.

Pak Yon Chun, 55, chairwoman of the management board of the co-op farm in the Township of Anbyon County, said:

"Shortly ago we watched TV showing Kim Jong Il greatly pleased to give field guidance to the Hana Music Information Center and the Kwangbok Area Supermarket and sincerely wished him good health and safety.

Words fail to express our sorrow at the above-said news which came like a bolt from the blue. We feel as if the sky were falling down and the land were sinking.

We can't believe our father Kim Jong Il passed away.

Kim Jong Il passed away to our sorrow before seeing the victory in the drive for building a thriving nation, his great desire, but we are under respected Kim Jong Un identical to him.

Kim Jong Un's leadership provides a sure guarantee for successfully carrying forward the revolutionary cause of Juche through generations, the cause which was started by the President and led by Kim Jong Il to victory".

Kim Nam Il, 36, teacher of Wonsan University of Fisheries, vowed to eternally hold Kim Jong Il in high esteem and defend and glorify his undying revolutionary feats, united close around Kim Jong Un.

The army and people of the DPRK will weather the present difficulties by overcoming sorrow and displaying fresh strength and courage and struggle more staunchly for the great victory of the Juche revolution under the leadership of Kim Jong Un.