

KIM JONG IL

**LET US MAKE OUR COUNTRY,
OUR MOTHERLAND, EVER
MORE PROSPEROUS, TRUE
TO THE GREAT LEADER
COMRADE KIM IL SUNG'S
INTENTION**

WORKING PEOPLE OF THE WHOLE WORLD, UNITE!

KIM JONG IL

**LET US MAKE OUR COUNTRY,
OUR MOTHERLAND, EVER
MORE PROSPEROUS, TRUE
TO THE GREAT LEADER
COMRADE KIM IL SUNG'S
INTENTION**

Talk to the Senior Officials of the Central Committee
of the Workers' Party of Korea
December 31, 1994

We are seeing out this year, still grieving over the death of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The great leader dedicated all his efforts to the freedom and happiness of our people and to the prosperity and development of our country. Making our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous was his intention and his cause. We must remain true to his intention and cause and make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous.

I am going to send our people and the officers and men of the Korean People's Army New Year greetings to the effect that we should work energetically, with a single heart and with one purpose, to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous. Our country is Juche Korea, home to Kim Il Sung's nation, and our motherland is our socialist country. In this sense, I will use the words "our country" and "our motherland" in my New Year greetings. It is my firm determination to bring further prosperity to our country, our motherland. I will make no concessions in carrying forward Comrade Kim Il Sung's intention and cause.

What is important in making our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous is to ensure that all Party members and other working people nurture an unshakable faith in socialism.

Only then can they strive to defend their socialist motherland and make it prosperous. Nurturing an unshakable faith in socialism is all the more important after socialism collapsed in the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries and since the imperialists and reactionaries are manoeuvring craftily to crush our country's socialism. The people of the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries failed to defend socialism and returned to capitalism, simply because they did not nurture a

faith in socialism. Only now are they admitting that socialism was better and regretting its loss.

Although socialism collapsed in several countries, it still remains alive in the hearts of the people. I wrote the treatise *Socialism Is a Science* and published it in order to deal a blow at the imperialists and reactionaries who are opposed to socialism, and to instil confidence in the sure victory of socialism in the hearts of the people. The treatise clarifies the scientific accuracy and truthfulness of socialism.

People all over the world say that the treatise is my political programme by which Korea will follow the road of socialism without vacillating. Our country is politically stable and all the people are firmly united. International social circles recognize the solidity of our socialism.

Ours is socialism that is centred on the masses, where the people are masters of everything and everything serves them. Today, the progressive people of the world, the people of the countries where socialism collapsed in particular, are envious of and look up to our socialism that is centred on the masses. Recently some scholars from a country where socialism had collapsed visited our country; I was told that after looking round Pyongyang, they said they had learned a lot from Korea's socialism, adding that they could not find anyone who was begging, drunk or dressed in jeans.

Party organizations should intensify ideological education among cadres, Party members and other working people in various forms and by various methods so that they cherish a strong faith in socialism and devote themselves to the victory of the socialist cause. In order to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous, the Party's leadership system must be firmly established. Our prosperous and powerful country and motherland would be scarcely

conceivable, separated from the system by which the whole Party, all the people and the entire army move as one under the Party's leadership.

In establishing the Party's leadership system, it is important to establish the revolutionary discipline of accepting the Party's policies unconditionally and implementing them to the letter. Recently, the Party put forward the policy of enhancing the role of the county so as to bring about an upturn in the people's standard of living; the chief secretaries of all county Party committees should work with a sense of responsibility by giving play to the spirit of carrying out the Party's policies without any qualification. We should make stronger demands on officials so that they all accept the Party's policies without any conditions attached, and carry them out. They should display burning loyalty in implementing the Party's policies until the last moment of their lives. The greatest shortcoming of our officials is their way of working with an initial blaze of enthusiasm that quickly cools. They should not work in such a manner. One's burning loyalty to the Party must never cool, right up until the last moment of one's life. Party organizations should not take over administrative and economic work and act high-handedly on the plea that they have been instructed to establish the Party's leadership system. As I always say, the Party must exercise political guidance over administrative and economic work.

In order to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous, we should all unite with a single heart and single purpose.

The single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks is an important guarantee for making our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous. It is only when we strengthen the unity of the revolutionary ranks that the driving force of the

revolution can be consolidated and the building of socialism stepped up. Our revolutionary ranks are now united with one heart. We must not rest content with this, but continue to strengthen the single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks further, as required by the prevailing situation and the revolutionary tasks facing the Party.

What is important in strengthening the single-hearted unity of the revolutionary ranks is to ensure that the whole Party, all the people and the entire army uphold the leader with loyalty.

Above all, cadres should uphold the Party's leadership with loyalty. A general by himself is no general. I formulate policies and implement them by relying on people who are faithful to me. As there are faithful men beside me, so I exist; and as I exist, so there are faithful men beside me. In the past, the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters did not know that Comrade Kim Il Sung would become the general secretary of our Party or the generalissimo, but they were convinced that they could accomplish the Korean revolution only when they held him in high esteem, and they travelled the road of the long-drawn-out revolution without wavering, following him. What is precious is their belief that they could accomplish the Korean revolution only by following him. Cadres should learn from the noble revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and, whether in good times or bad, maintain their loyalty to the Party. A day lived loyally in bad times is more important than a hundred loyal days in good times. Those who follow the Party in good times but abandon it in bad times are devoid of a sense of obligation. Revolutionaries must value their revolutionary obligation and remain true to it, to the last.

We should ensure that the young generation, too, learn from the noble revolutionary spirit of the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters and support the Party's leadership with loyalty. In

particular, we should see to it that the young people are faithful to the Party's leadership and support it to the end. The young people are the successors to our revolution; and when they are faithful to the Party's leadership and support it to the last, the revolutionary cause of Juche pioneered by Comrade Kim Il Sung will be carried forward and completed with success through the generations. This is why I pay such deep attention to the young people and direct such great efforts to the work with them. I ensured that the joint editorial to be published on New Year's Day was written in the name of the organ of the Youth League, along with those of the Party and the People's Army. The young people will be pleased about this.

The People's Army is faithful to the Party's leadership. The officers of the People's Army place absolute trust in me; they are prepared to fight a life-or-death battle if I order them to do so. I meet the officers of the People's Army now and then to give them encouragement. I intend to visit a unit of the People's Army tomorrow, New Year's Day, to encourage the soldiers. I feel most happy when I am among them. We should ensure that all the officers and men of the People's Army defend the socialist motherland with their arms, loyally supporting the Party's leadership.

Class education should be strengthened among Party members and other working people.

Party organizations and officials are paying inadequate attention to class education. The low level of people's class consciousness and the poor demonstration by the working people of the revolutionary spirit of Mt. Paektu, the revolutionary spirit of fortitude, which the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters cherished, can largely be attributed to their poor class education.

The current standard of living of our people cannot be said

to be very high, but it is still higher than it was in the past. The young generation, not knowing what hardship is, are enjoying a life in which there is nothing in the world for them to envy. If class education is not conducted effectively, there may appear such tendencies among the rising generation of complaining about their life today, oblivious of the past when their grandfathers and grandmothers were exploited and oppressed and, worse still, of them abandoning the revolution and seeking a comfortable life for themselves, because they are enthralled by revisionist ideas; then it will be impossible to defend socialism, which was built by the blood and sweat of the preceding generations. In recent years socialism collapsed in several countries, mainly because they neglected class education and abandoned the class struggle. After assuming state power, Khrushchev weakened the function of the dictatorship of the state as a weapon of the class struggle. As a result, socialism could not be defended in the Soviet Union. Since socialism collapsed there and the Soviet Union itself was broken up, those who schemed against Soviet power in the past and their descendants have become parvenus, and those who fought in defence of Soviet power and their descendants have become beggars and unemployed. Historical lessons show that for a working-class party to neglect class education and abandon class principles amounts to digging its own grave.

We are now defending socialism and conducting the revolution and construction in direct confrontation with US imperialism. We are waging what could be called a war without gunfire. We should get ready to wage a bloody struggle should the enemy attack us, and we must win the fight against the US imperialists by any means. Only when class education is intensified among Party members and other working people so as to raise their class consciousness can they rise up in the

struggle against the US imperialists and safeguard socialism with their lives and make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous.

We should intensify class education among Party members and other working people, especially the rising generation, to ensure that they do not entertain even the slightest illusion about their class enemy. For this, we need a proper methodology. Telling the young generation what the landowners and their agents were like, what it was like to wear hemp clothes and straw sandals, and about other aspects of life in the days of their grandparents' generation does not amount to adequate class education. Informing them of how hard their parents worked in their youth is also a form of class education.

Class education should also be conducted by means of works of art and literature. Whenever the sector of art and literature is instructed to create works that can contribute to class education, the writers attempt to write only about the exploitative nature of landowners and capitalists, and not about how the parents of the rising generation fought to defend the motherland in the period of the Fatherland Liberation War, how they rebuilt the devastated cities, farm villages and factories on the debris by tightening their belts and built socialism in the period of post-war reconstruction, or how they devoted their youth to the motherland and people in the period of the grand construction of socialism. Few of the songs and films created in recent years are about the worthwhile way in which the parents of the rising generation spent their youth. We should see to it that works of art and literature depicting how our people built our socialist motherland in the difficult circumstances in the past under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Party are created in large numbers for educating the young generation.

In order to make our country, our motherland, ever more prosperous, we should rapidly develop science and technology.

Only by doing this can we make our people's life more bountiful and cultured, humble the imperialists' pride in their "technological superiority" and bring about the prosperity of the socialist motherland.

In order to develop science and technology as quickly as possible, we should train the next generation of scientists and technicians in a planned way. It seems that such training is not being organized in detail. Comrade Kim Il Sung pointed out that after Dr. Won Hong Gu passed away we had no ornithologist worth mentioning, and that it had been wrong for us not to have assigned young scientists for him to train as able scientists. Experts on Chinese characters have been trained because young scholars were apprenticed to Hong Ki Mun⁶, and they proved their worth in the translation and publication of the scores of volumes of *Rijo Sillok* (Chronicles of the Ri Dynasty).

While training a large number of young scientists, we should maintain an appropriate proportion of them in the ranks of old and middle-aged scientists. Scientists must achieve success in their research in their twenties or thirties and thus establish their reputation. They must become doctors and associate doctors in their twenties and thirties and academicians in their forties and fifties.

In order to develop science and technology, we should increase investment in this sector. The sufficient supply of the latest research equipment and experimental apparatuses is essential for conducting successful scientific research work. For the present, the state-of-the-art equipment needed for the development of the electronics industry should be imported. We must raise the electronics industry to the world standard at an early date.

We should, at the same time as increasing investment in the scientific research sector, strengthen the education of scientists. Party organizations should strengthen their ideological education and organizational life so as to ensure that they all devote their wisdom and energy to scientific research with a high degree of loyalty to the Party, a strong will and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude.

We should conduct effective external work so as to create circumstances favourable for our revolution.

We should be assertive in the talks with the United States. Recently we took the step of opening our territorial airspace to passenger planes from foreign countries. Having done so, we had to shoot down a US military helicopter that had intruded into our territorial airspace. The United States once again submitted an apology to us. This was a great victory for us. We returned the pilot of the helicopter only after receiving the apology. Afterwards, the pilot said that he had not been confined to a jail or barracks but had been treated well and given good accommodation. We must entertain no illusions about US imperialism. We must not make concessions or retreat in the confrontation with the US imperialists, but set our face against them.