

To the Inagrual Meeting of OCIFPGPP

As Doğu Perinçek, Chairman of Vatan Party from Türkiye, we greet the Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean people with love and respect.

President Kim Il Sung is both the great leader of the Korean Revolution and a great revolutionary leader who has contributed greatly to the world revolution and humanity.

Thanks to President Kim II Sung, the impoverished Korean people, by revolutionizing, broke the chains of imperialism, terminated the dependencies of the feudalism and took big steps towards the building a socialist Korea.

Korea's war against imperialism in the 1950s is a legend. The leader of this legend is Comrade Kim Il Sung. He left an epic to the peoples of the world in the struggle against difficulties.

Comrade Kim Il Sung brought that impoverished Korean people to the level of prosperity, and at the same time gained great success in the fields of culture and sports. He made every Korean an athlete, he created an artist from every Korean. President Kim Il Sung's contribution to humanity is an unforgettable example.

I had the honour of dating with Great Revolutionary Leader Kim II Sung on the 17th February 1993. We met with him and set an inter-party meeting first. Afterwards, we had a dinner together and we were together for 4 hours. For those 4 hours, I saw how smart, how resilient and at the same time what a humane leader he was, and I witnessed his brilliance.

In the inter-party meeting we had at first, he explained his ideas for almost 90 minutes without looking at the papers in front of him. He was well-informed about the parties, and I witnessed personally his brilliant intelligence, over eighty years old. We had a dinner together and at that dinner he shared his very touching memories from the Korean War.

In the meeting we held on the 17th of February 1993, President Kim II Sung warmly expressed his desire to establish diplomatic relations between Türkiye and Democratic People's Republic of Korea. We carried out intensive works for this issue and finally, we ensured the establishment of the diplomatic relations on 27th of June 2001 by meeting with Mr. Ahmet Necdet Sezer, the President of Turkish Republic. Thus, we indulged President Kim II Sung's bequest.

I also visited the cottage in Pyongyang where he was born, and his family lived. I witnessed the creative and driving power of poverty in his great genius who emerged from the poor family.

The Korean nation, the people of the world and the people of Türkiye will never forget the great revolutionary achievements of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

We say "manse" (long live) the Korean people, and "manse" (long live) Great Leader Kim Il Sung. He is not dead; his memory will always give us strength and inspiration. I greet you again from Türkiye with respect and love.

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