

## **Holding the great brilliant commanders in high esteem**

February 8<sup>th</sup> is the founding day of the Korean People's Army.

Since 1948, the KPA has travelled the glorious road resplendent with victory as it has brilliant commanders.

### **Under the Leadership of President Kim Il Sung**

**Kim Il Sung**(1912-1994), eternal President of the DPRK, expounded the core of the idea of attaching importance to force of arms and military affair, that a country and its people can defeat the armed imperialists, win victory in the revolution and carve out their destiny independently only when a revolutionary army should be built up above anything else.

He founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army( the former of KPA) on April 25<sup>th</sup>,1932. Under his command the KPRA fought the Japanese imperialists under difficult conditions without any support from a state or a regular army, and finally achieved Korea's liberation on August 15, 1945.

After the liberation he put foreword an army-building policy of developing the KPRA into the regular armed forces and wisely led the effort. In this way, the KPRA was reorganized into the Korean People's Army(KPA) on February 8, 1948.

Thanks to his sagacious leadership, the young KPA could repulse the allied imperialist force led bay the United States who had been boasting of being the ""strongest in the world during the Korean war(1950-1953), thus safeguarding its country's freedom and sovereignty with honour.

### **Under the Care of Chairman Kim Jong Il**

By carrying forward the leadership of the President, **Kim Jong Il**(1942~2011), eternal Chairman of the National Defence Commission of the DPRK, started this leadership with on-site inspection of the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105<sup>th</sup> Tank Division on August 25, 1960.

The Chairman was a peerlessly brilliant commander who was identical with the President in respect of remarkable military acumen and adroit stratagem. He was endowed with an extraordinary insight with which to penetrate into covert essence within overt phenomenon and an outstanding foresight to take precautionary measures for the forthcoming developments in the military situation however trifling a change was. This is how the KPA has developed into an invincible strong army that is equipped with powerful and modern military hardware, both offensive and defensive, and that no formidable enemy dares to attack.

His stratagem featured by perseverance, quick decision and adroitness secured the DPRK fundamental guarantees for emerging ever-victorious in the military confrontation with the US, a self-styled"sole superpower". During his ceaseless inspection tours of army units he, with a keen insight into the prevailing situation, unfolded adroit and superb plans of operations and taught the army men the strategies and tactics to annihilate the enemy at a stroke.

Whenever the US provoked confrontations with the DPRK in the postwar years by producing incidents of the *Pueblo* and the EC-121, a US armed spy ship and plane that had intruded into the latter's territorial waters and airspace in the 1960s, the Panmunjom incident in the 1970s and fierce conflicts over nuclear issues in the 1990s and the early 2000s, it was the Korean side that always triumphed. The credit went to his far sighted and unusual wisdom and outstanding stratagem as befits the great commander who penetrated the prevailing situation and its developments to take countermeasures and strike vital points of the enemy to bring them to their knees.

### Under the Command of Marshal **Kim Jong Un**

Marshal **Kim Jong Un**, Supreme Commander of the KPA, is now giving his energetic leadership, raising its military power to an unprecedented level. Blessed with unexcelled military wisdom, the Marshal has developed in military strategic lines of the President and the Chairman, and always takes the initiative in the acute showdown with the US, winning one victory after another. Ceaselessly making inspection tours of army units, he advances singular operational plans for the services, arms and special corps to the wonder of military experts and foils the machinations of the US and other hostile forces to stifle the DPRK, securing its status as a nuclear nation.

He is, indeed, a brilliant military commander and a peerless strategist.

He is now recognized as the leader with matchless courage and pluck in the world political arena.

Having declared his iron will to remain invariable on the road of independence and the road of socialism, however the world may change, he is never scared of formidable enemy and scathingly responds to their tough measures with his tougher ones. It is a clear testimony to his strong courage and pluck that he inspected front-line posts in a hair-trigger situation when the enemy were in the throes of a large-scale war game and called a meeting of pilots in grand style with the territorial airspace open.

His leadership art inherited from his predecessors is mainly featured by the ennobling will and benevolence with which he reads the ideas and feelings of the service personnel and always wins bay dint of their single-mined unity. Under his command, all the KPA men and officers have prepared themselves to be ones incomparably strong in ideology and well-versed in military techniques.

Only victory will be in store for the KPA led by the great commanders through generations.