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The Kumsusan Memorial Palace was engulfed in bitter sorrow over the loss of the peerlessly great man who dedicated his all to the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche, the prosperity of the socialist country, the happiness of the people and the reunification of the country.

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.

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.

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 Jongbongsan 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 II's Feats for National Reunification

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Leader Kim Jong II, 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 II'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 II'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 II are crowded with people shedding bitter tears at the sad news of the demise of Kim Jong II.

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 II, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Portraits of Smiling Kim Jong Il Displayed in Various Parts of Pyongyang

Pyongyang, December 20 (KCNA) -- Portraits of smiling leader Kim Jong Il were displayed at Kim Il Sung Square, the plaza of the April 25 House of Culture, the Party Founding Memorial Tower, the plaza of the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium and other places of Pyongyang Tuesday.

They were crowded with an endless stream of people carrying with them wreaths, bouquets and flowers prepared with sincerity. Roads leading to those places and residential areas contiguous to them became crowded with mourners in a minute.

These places turned into a veritable sea of mourners who bitterly wept, looking up to portraits of smiling Kim Jong Il.

Similar portraits were also displayed on the front walls of the Pyongyang Circus Theater and the Hana Music Information Center.

Pyongyangites Feel Extremely Regretful

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- "After displaying the portrait of smiling leader Kim Jong Il at the plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium I can't raise my head and watch the sun in the sky, feeling guilty for failing to fulfill the responsibility as an official and filial duty as a soldier and disciple," said Jon Yong Gun, 52, manager of the Pyongyang Indoor Stadium. This reflects the guilty conscience of Pyongyangites who failed to erect a statue of Kim Jong Il in any place of the country.

Portraits of smiling Kim Jong Il in ordinary jumper have been displayed in different parts of the

city including Kim Il Sung Square and the April 25 House of Culture.

The mourning sites turned into veritable seas of wailing people. Such lamentation as "How could you go leaving us behind?" "Come back, come back, please" could be heard from among them.

Thak Hwa Suk, 49, deputy to the Supreme People's Assembly, said in a choking voice. "Leader Kim Jong Il did not pass away. He gave everything to the people while conducting forced march for the happiness of the people only. It is painful to think that he did not allow the erection of his statue. How to describe the sorrow of Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the WPK, when our hearts are breaking."

War veteran Sin Myong Chol, 77, resident in Sokbong-dong in Sosong District of Pyongyang, said:

"Whenever I watch over TV the kind-hearted and benevolent image of Kim Jong Il dedicating himself to the people's happiness day and night, I thought he was in good health. But I did not know he was on his field guidance despite serious illness.

They say return kindness for kindness. But I received loving care only. I am very regretful for failing to repay his loving care."

Ri Un Sim, 15, pupil of Pyongyang Pongji Secondary School, said that she had eagerly waited for the New Year Day every year to bring pleasure and satisfaction to leader Kim Jong Il by giving a successful performance on the New Year Day. But now we will never have such honorable occasion to perform before him, she cried in a choking voice.

Kim Jong Il's Life Bright as Snow

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Snow fell over Pyongyang on Wednesday when its citizens are overwhelmed with bitter sorrow and grief over the loss of the sun of the nation.

Snow fell gently on the heads of an endless stream of lamenting mourners.

Not thinking about wiping away snow from them, they recollect the words of leader Kim Jong Il who likened his revolutionary philosophy to snow he loved so much.

Kim Jong Il told officials that devoting himself to the immortality of President Kim Il Sung, the prosperity of the country and the happiness of the people means his philosophy on snow and that means self-sacrifice.

Looking back on world history, there were many statesmen who advocated patriotism and dedication. But, no one has ever made such total dedication with a pure and true mind like snow.

It was only Kim Jong Il who made his life shine like snow.

He worked hard day and night, having uncomfortable sleep and taking rice-balls. He was the first to greet dawn like a man in his twenties. Seeing his dedication in tears, the people would

ask him to stop making any more journeys along snow-covered roads in cold weather and sitting up all night. Hearing this, he said he considered it as his pleasure and his routine to do so and continued his journeys despite strong wind and snow and spent nights full of enthusiasm.

Who is the last laughter? No one in the world can beat the man ready to die. With such pluck and gut Kim Jong Il made trips to inspect the front and give field guidance to factories and co-op farms, providing a bright prospect for building a thriving nation.

The army and people of the DPRK renew their determination to dynamically advance along the road of patriotism and dedication under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea, regarding the philosophy of Kim Jong Il on snow as a permanent textbook for revolution.

Kim Jong Il Will Always Be with Us

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Portraits of smiling Kim Jong Il set up in plazas in Pyongyang are being visited by an endless stream of mourners.

The grief-stricken people look up to the portraits of leader Kim Jong Il in his ordinary field jacket.

His picture makes everyone feel pangs of compunction as he made long journey of field guidance, going in his field jacket all his life.

He had inconvenient naps and simple rice-balls in cars or on trains while making the journey of field guidance for the country's prosperity and people's happy life, not even taking a day off.

Mourners cried in choking voices, "General, you have had pain only for people all your life", "How can you, General, pass away so early leaving us behind?", "We have not fulfilled our obligation".

Kim Jong Il found himself among the people and shared joys and sorrows with them all his life and the Korean people can not live even a moment without him.

People were always in his mind and he was always in their minds.

That's why people weep so bitterly, crying "General has not left us, He is always with us."

Kim Jong Il's Field Jacket Cherished in Hearts of People

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Portraits of smiling Kim Jong Il in simple khaki jacket were set up in various places of Pyongyang Tuesday.

An endless stream of servicepersons of the Korean People's Army, people from all walks of life and school youth and children thronged to Kim Il Sung Square, plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium and other locations to mourn his demise before his portraits.

They sobbed with bitter grief, looking up to the image of the kind-hearted father. Surging in their minds were strong feelings of yearning for leader Kim Jong Il, a peerlessly great man who made long journey of total dedication to the people, going in his casual jacket all his life.

Enshrined in the hearts of the soldiers and people of the DPRK is a noble image of Kim Jong Il in his field jacket.

In that dress he inspected the posts on the defence line of the country including the post under shrub pine trees, Mt. Osong, Mt. Taedok and Panmunjom to protect the independent destiny and future of the people.

This dress instilled the wisdom and bravery capable of matching a hundred into soldiers.

He visited time and again many factories, enterprises and co-op farms in his field jacket reeking of soil of heights, leading the people to a victory.

Thanks to his devoted efforts with which he made tireless forced march of field guidance for decades the DPRK has grown strong, its towns and villages turned into a socialist land of bliss and the eternal treasure of people has further increased.

"Such Biggest Loss Can't Happen, Unbelievable"

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- At 1:00 a.m. on Dec. 21 snow fell on the plaza of Pyongyang Indoor Stadium where the portrait of smiling leader Kim Jong Il is displayed.

One could see citizens standing vigil, wiping away tears in their eyes with bare hands, girl students sobbing mournfully, saying "General, you can't go. We miss you very much" with snow in their hands, youth and students and servicepersons lamenting before the portrait...

They were in great sorrow as Kim Jong Il passed away so suddenly and so early to their great sorrow. He used to weather the first snow on this land, going in a jumper. He could not have good rest even in a single day, suffering all sorts of hardship for the people's happiness and the prosperity of the country.

Beating the ground, unable to recognize the reality, they wept bitterly.

Kim Ji Won, 17, girl student of Pyongyang Jongsung Secondary School, said, looking up to the portrait of smiling leader in tears:

"This can't happen. It is unbelievable."

Ri Yun Hui, 22, girl student of Kim Chaek University of Technology, said in a choking voice:

"Everyday we looked forward to the day we will meet the tender-hearted father, singing the song 'He will certainly come.' He didn't pass away. He will always be with us in our hearts and our songs."

Jo Kwang Nam, 48, officer of the Korean People's Army, made the following pledge before the

portrait:

"General, We will thoroughly defend your ideas and cause in whatever storm and stress and build a thriving socialist nation to be proud of by single-mindedly rallying around Kim Jong Un, outstanding leader of our party, army and people".

Kim Jong Il will always be alive in the hearts of the people and with the country that will prosper under the leadership of Vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea Kim Jong Un.

Natural Wonders Observed

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- Peculiar natural wonders were observed on Mt. Paektu, Jong Il Peak and Tonghung Hill in Hamhung City where the statue of President Kim Il Sung is standing at a time when all Korean people are mourning the demise of leader Kim Jong Il in bitterest sorrow.

On the morning of Dec. 17 layers of ice were broken on Lake Chon on Mt. Paektu, shaking the lake with big noise.

The Group for Comprehensive Exploration of Lake Chon on Mt. Paektu said it was the first time that such big noise was heard from the ridge of Janggun Peak and the lake.

The temperature on Mt. Paektu that day registered 22.4 degrees centigrade below zero and there was strong wind accompanied by snowstorm measuring 18 meters per second.

The snowstorm stopped blowing all of a sudden from dawn of Tuesday and heavy clouds were seen hanging around Hyangdo Peak.

At around 8:05 a.m. the sky began turning red with sunrise on the horizon. The peaks looked like a picture for wide and thick glow.

Kim Jong Il's autographic writings "Mt. Paektu, holy mountain of revolution. Kim Jong Il." carved on the mountain, in particular, were bright with glow.

This phenomenon lasted till 5:00 pm.

Glow was seen atop Jong Il Peak for half an hour from 16:50 on Dec. 19 when the nation was shocked by the news of the leader's demise. This was the first of its kind in dozens of years since the observation of the area was started.

A natural wonder was also observed around the statue of the President standing on Tonghung Hill.

At around 21:20 Tuesday a Manchurian crane was seen flying round the statue three times before alighting on a tree. The crane stayed there for quite a long while with its head drooped and flew in the direction of Pyongyang at around 22:00.

Observing this, the director of the Management Office for the Hamhung Revolutionary Site, and

others said in union that even the crane seemed to mourn the demise of Kim Jong Il born of Heaven after flying down there at dead of cold night, unable to forget him."

Koreans Rise up Determined to Work Harder

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The Korean working people call leader Kim Jong Il in chocking voice upon hearing that he passed away from sudden illness. They are now suppressing their grief and rising up with determination.

"Let us work harder"-this is the call they are shouting from the bottom of their hearts.

Ko Yong Sim, 24, female weaver of the Tetron rayon fabrics shop at the Pyongyang Textile Mill, told a reporter as follows:

What would he have said if he saw us disheartened? Let us work.

The weavers went back to the worksite deep at night as they believed that it was the way of building a thriving nation as wished by Kim Jong Il.

Weaving as much cloth as they can so as to produce more goods, this is the noble mental world and fighting spirit of the Korean working class determined to improve the standard of people's living as desired by Kim Jong Il.

Unforgettable Last Days of Kim Jong Il's Life

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- The weather data on the last days of leader Kim Jong Il's revolutionary activities are moving the hearts of all the Korean people.

It was December 16 when the leader set out on the continuous forced march after giving field guidance to the Hana Music Information Center and the Kwangbok Area Supermarket.

That day the weather was very cold with fishtail and strong wind. The strength of wind was 5-8 meter per second in most regions of the country, up to 16 meter at maximum in some areas of its northern inland.

The temperature at noon was 6-9 degrees centigrade lower than the average, registering the lowest since 1985.

Meanwhile in East and West Seas the wind blew 10-15 meter per second, causing the waves to rise up to 2-3 meters.

In the morning of Dec. 17 when he was on the train to make a journey of field guidance for the people the temperature was 4-7 degrees centigrade lower than the average, scoring the lowest this winter.

Those weather data make one more keenly feel the painful labors of Kim Jong Il who continued in common attire his journey of field guidance with patriotic devotion despite the biting cold

weather.

Bad days, snowy or rainy, were more frequent than fine and clear days in the course of his long journey for field guidance, weather experts said, stressing that the spring of prosperity under socialism will surely come to the country thanks to the patriotic devotion of Kim Jong Il who blocked the howling wind of history till the last moments of his life.

Endless Stream of Mourners Visit Bier of Kim Jong Il

Pyongyang, December 21 (KCNA) -- A great number of people visited the Kumsusan Memorial Palace, where the bier of leader Kim Jong Il is placed, to express condolences on Tuesday.

Servicepersons of the Korean People's Army, working people of all social strata and youth and students visited the mourning place, hardly holding back tears. They have been stricken with heartrending grief since the announcement of the death of Kim Jong Il that came like a bolt from the blue.

Seen before the bier were shoulder straps of the DPRK Marshal, Kim Il Sung Order, Kim Il Sung Prize, medals of the DPRK hero and labor hero and lots of other orders and medals.

Seen beside the bier was a wreath from Kim Jong Un, vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers' Party of Korea.

Members of the National Funeral Committee were standing guards of honor by the side of the bier.

Amid the solemn playing of funeral music, wreaths in the name of the State Science and Technology Commission, Ministry of Electronics Industry, Ministry of Construction and Building Materials Industry, Ministry of Land and Marine Transport, Ministry of Agriculture, the Rodong Sinmun, Korean Central News Agency, Central Broadcasting Committee of Korea, Kim Il Sung University, Pyongyang 326 Electric Wire Factory, units of KPA and the Korean People's Internal Security Forces, and others were placed before the bier.

Looking up to the venerable image of Kim Jong Il, the mourners burst into tears, finding it hard to repress welling up tears.

They observed a moment's silence calling back with deep emotion the undying revolutionary life of the peerlessly great man dedicated to the country and people.