

The Eternal President and the Dawn of a New Era: Celebrating the 114th Birth Anniversary of Comrade Kim Il Sung

On the radiant occasion of the 114th birth anniversary of the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, the Eternal President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, I stand in heartfelt reverence as an Official Delegate of the Korean Friendship Association from Hungary. From the heart of Europe, we join the Korean people and global progressive masses in commemorating this glorious day. It is a moment to reflect on the monumental achievements of the peerless patriot who not only liberated a nation but laid the foundation for a sovereign, prosperous, and people-centered socialist state.

A Revolutionary Giant: The Liberation of Korea

Born on April 15, 1912, in Mangyongdae, Pyongyang, President **Kim Il Sung** embarked on the arduous road of revolutionary struggle in his teens, driven by an unyielding will to restore Korea's national sovereignty. In an era when Korea was reduced to a colonial theatre of Japanese imperialist competition, he illuminated the path forward. Founding the Korean People's Revolutionary Army on April 25, 1932, he advanced a line of guerrilla warfare, achieving the historic liberation of Korea on August 15, 1945. This heroic victory stands as his first and most foundational feat, a testament to his strategic genius and unwavering dedication.

Architect of a Sovereign State

Following liberation, President **Kim Il Sung** returned as a triumphant liberator, immediately establishing the Workers' Party of Korea and carrying out democratic reforms, including the redistribution of land, nationalization of industries, and enforcement of gender equality. On September 9, 1948, he founded the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the first genuine people's democratic state in the East, fulfilling the centuries-old desire of the Korean people for a unified government. His visionary leadership transformed a ruined colony into an independent sovereign state proudly emerging on the world stage.

The Victorious Fatherland Liberation War

When the US imperialists ignited the Korean War in 1950 to strangle the Republic in its cradle, President **Kim Il Sung** led the Korean people and army to an awe-inspiring victory. Inflicting an ignominious defeat on the "strongest" imperialist forces for the first time in history, he demonstrated that a people armed with Juche-oriented military

doctrine and ardent patriotism are invincible. This victory permanently secured the DPRK's sovereignty and dignity.

The Juche Idea: A Guiding Philosophy for Humankind

Perhaps his most profound intellectual contribution is the Juche idea, the principle that people are the masters of revolution and their own destiny. Under the banner of independence, self-support, and self-reliance, he led the DPRK to build a self-supporting economy and self-reliant defence capability despite harsh conditions. This philosophy remains the eternal guiding ideology of the Workers' Party of Korea and the DPRK, a beacon of hope for all nations striving for genuine independence.

A People-Centered Nation and Global Statesman

President **Kim Il Sung** lived by the sacred motto "The People Are My God," embedding a people-centered socialist system that guarantees free education, free medical care, and employment for all. On the global stage, he championed independence, peace, and friendship, making immortal contributions to the non-aligned movement and supporting national liberation struggles worldwide.

Conclusion: The Eternal Sun of Juche

Today, as we celebrate the 114th Day of the Sun in 2026, with the 34th April Spring Friendship Art Festival underway in Pyongyang, the immortal exploits of President **Kim Il Sung** shine brighter than ever. On behalf of KFA Hungary, we pledge unwavering loyalty to the great leaders of the DPRK and vow to continue spreading the truth of Juche Korea across the world.

Glory to the Eternal President, Comrade **Kim Il Sung**! Long live the Juche idea! Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea!

— *Official Delegate, Korean Friendship Association (KFA), Hungary*
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