

Torch of Songgang

In the arduous days when the Korean revolution had to overcome severest trials, Chairman **Kim Jong Il** created spirits and speeds symbolic of the era, and trained the people into persons with great spiritual strength, persons with an indomitable spirit of self-reliance.

One day in March Juche 87 (1998), with an intention to kindle a new torch of innovation, he visited the Songjin Steel Complex, which plays an important role in steel production in the country.

That day he said to the officials of the complex:

Steel production is a very important problem that has a bearing on the destiny of the country and socialism. The key to solving this problem is in the hand of the Songjin Steel Complex. Whenever our revolution faced difficulties and trials, steel producers supported the Party with increased steel production in the vanguard of a revolutionary upsurge. As they did, workers of this complex, in response to the Party's call, should ride Chollima once again and advance, holding aloft a torch of a new revolutionary upsurge.

Encouraged by his trust, the workers of the complex appealed to all the workers and other working people to bring about a great upsurge in socialist construction.

Thus kindled were the flames of a new revolutionary upsurge, a crystallization of the Chairman's world of patriotic devotion.