

## **Brilliant Name—Democratic People’s Republic of Korea**

The following happened in 1948 when the preparations for founding the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea were under way.

At that time some elements picked a quarrel with the name of the Republic to be founded, that is, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea. They claimed that the name was too long, that other nations would not name their states like that way, and that the name should be the People’s Republic or the word *people* cut to call it Democratic Republic.

Pointing out their sophisms, the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** stated: We should name our country in our own way as its masters to meet the demand of the people. We need not turn to others for help. The name of the country, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, vividly reflects the independent, truly democratic and people-oriented character of our Republic.

Then, he went on to say: Some people’s claim to cut *people* and others’ assertion that there is no need to put *democracy* in the name of the country are all wrong ones that come from an incorrect understanding of the tasks of the present stage of our developing revolution.

The steadfast faith of **Kim Il Sung**, who held fast to the Juche-oriented and people-oriented viewpoint from A to Z in deciding the name of the country, was the reflection of his ennobling idea and resolution to build his country into the most dignified and powerful country, an eternal cradle of life of the people, which had never been in existence in its 5 000-year-long history.

As a result, the official name of the country, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, came into being in reflection of its independent, democratic and people-oriented character.