

Be Well Aware of Our Country

One September day in Juche 32 (1943) **Kim Il Sung**, commander of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army, assigned an officer to the task of drawing a large map of Korea.

The officer completed the task by referring to several reference books true to **Kim Il Sung's** intention.

But still, he could not fully understand why **Kim Il Sung** had given him the task.

A few days later **Kim Il Sung** ordered the political officials and lecturers of the Korea People's Revolutionary Army to gather in a lecture hall near the Headquarters.

The officials burst into surprise as they entered the lecture hall.

Hanging on the front wall was a map of Korea.

They could not step away from the map as if it was the first time for them to see it.

Kim Il Sung said: We will be greeting the great event of national liberation; today I will tell the necessity to intensify study of our country and the immediate tasks.

That day he said that in order to carry out the Korean revolution on our own responsibility, we have to be well aware of the history and geography of our country, as well as its brilliant cultural traditions.

He continued that only when we knew well about the history, geography, economy and culture of our country can we wage the Korean revolution independently and creatively as required by the specific situation of the country.

His instructions embodied a noble idea that in order to become a true patriot and revolutionary, one should know one's own country well.