

## Proposing to Set up Nurseries

After Korea's liberation from the Japanese military occupation (August 15, 1945), the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** paid special attention to encouraging women, who accounted for half of the country's population, to contribute to nation-building.

One October day in 1945, he met an official of the women's emancipation union to discuss some problems regarding the work of the union. Learning that some women found it hard to join the efforts to build a new country as they had nowhere to entrust their children, he fell deep in a thought for a while and said in a resolute voice that it was necessary to set up nurseries.

As the official opened her eyes wide, he said:

Women's claiming equality cannot simply bring them their equality with men. Also, merely granting them the legal right to equality does not mean substantial equality. We should make sure that all women, instead of staying at home idly, join the efforts to build a new country, free from the burden of household chores, together with men. For the women to go out into society, it is necessary to set up nurseries.

This was how the first nursery came into existence in the country, which was followed by others in different parts of the country. As a result, the women were freed from the heavy burden of household chores and took active part in the building of a new society.

Today nurseries have been built in all residential areas of the country, both urban and rural, and near the workplaces for women workers. The state bears full responsibility for the supply of everything needed for the upbringing and education of children.