

Guidance Trip at Dawn

The following happened one day in May 1999.

Chairman Kim Jong Il left for guidance trip to a farm in Anbyon County at dawn when the people fell into a deep sleep.

It was because officials told him that they had made arrangements for him to oversee tractors of various types harrowing on paddy fields.

The officials asked him to depart in the afternoon, as it was still quite chilly early in the morning in May.

But Kim Jong Il said: I cannot tolerate a moment's delay as it is an important work to free our farmers from back-breaking labour. Let us leave early in the morning, no matter how tired we are.