

## *Mt. Paektu*

### Six Famous Mountains in Korea

There are lots of famous mountains in Korea, 80 % of whose territory is mountains. What are representative of them are Mt. Paektu, Mt. Kungang, Mt. Myohyang, Mt. Kuwol, Mt. Chilbo and Mt. Jiri.

### Mt. Paektu

Mt. Paektu is an ancestral mountain that the Korean people regard as a symbol of dignity and majesty of nation.

It soars high on the boundary between the northern part of Korea and China. It is the highest mountain (2 750 meters above the sea level) in Korea and the first starting point of the great Paektu mountains range that stretches up to the southern tip of the Korean peninsula.

It has a typical alpine climate. Such natural phenomena as silence, storm, heavy rainfall, heavy snow, rainy cloud and clear and blue sky alternate several times a day as if heaven and earth would do wonders.

There often appears waterspout on the Lake Chon (9.16 square kilometers) that was formed by water stagnant in the crater after the eruption of the Paektu volcano.

Climbing up Mt. Paektu, we can see most of plants (about 2 700 species) growing in the temperate region, sub-arctic and arctic regions.

As President **Kim Il Sung** waged anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and Chairman **Kim Jong Il** was born in Mt. Paektu, it is called a holy secret place of the Korean revolution.