

Originality and Vitality of Juche Idea

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First of all, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for inviting me to participate in this International Seminar on the Juche Idea on the significant occasion of the 75th anniversary of founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Dear participants,

When we talk about ideology, numerous ideologies have been created in the world history.

Only some of them have been developed. The rest of the ideas either perished or disappeared from people's memory. It was because they had no vitality. Such ideas have played no important role in the historical, social and cultural progress of mankind.

But the Juche idea which was created by President Kim Il Sung and fully embodied in the DPRK is immortal because of its great vitality.

The great originality and vitality of the Juche idea was proved by the leaders of the DPRK who creatively solved all the problems that arose while leading the DPRK in accordance with the specific situation of their country and the historical conditions of the present era.

The Juche idea created by President Kim Il Sung is based on the philosophical principle that mankind is the master of everything and decides everything.

Since mankind possesses independence, creativity and consciousness, he is capable of doing purposeful activities, through which he can transform nature and the world.

Mankind is willing to transform the world in order to carve out his own destiny, and he has the power to do so.

The Juche idea clarified that the masses of the people should maintain the independent and creative stands with an attitude of masters and struggle for and defend independence.

There are many peoples in the world, and they have the ability and right to determine their own destiny, and they also have the creative ability to shape

their own destiny with their own efforts.

The national pride possessed by peoples can be genuine only when it is based on an accurate guiding ideology.

Thoughts such as racism and dominationism create distrust among peoples and encourage confrontation through feelings of superiority, arrogance, and contempt for other peoples.

The Juche idea opposes any form of subjugation, advocates independence for the people, and rejects all forms of national oppression and inequality.

In this sense, the Juche idea is an internationalist ideology that makes it possible to guarantee the independence of each nation and, at the same time, to guarantee friendship and cooperation among nations.

I extend my full support and solidarity to the DPRK people who have maintained their independence and achievements for decades under the banner of the Juche idea in socialist construction during that period.

Once again, I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the Organizing Committee of the International Seminar on the Juche Idea for inviting me and send my solidarity and support to the DPRK people.