

Congratulatory Message

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Those who watch keenly the events in the international arena, particularly on the Korean peninsula would undoubtedly witness that the DPRK, relatively small in territory and population, stands high as a power against the superpowers and its stooges in the international arena, against the imperialist desire of the US, the evil state in the world.

The reality shows that it is by no means surprising that the DPRK is a great power. If someone asks why, we would say that the present situation and successes in this country prove that it is a great country.

The DPRK serves as a vivid example to follow that showed the world how a country humdrum in material ability can stand against the arbitrariness of the world imperialism and their domination over the humanity.

Today's DPRK is a military power possessed of mighty economic strength and a state of political influence. Its military capabilities are demonstrated in smashing the conspiratorial maneuverings of the outside forces that are constantly framed up by the US. Mighty economic strength is expressed in the prosperity of industry and agriculture that are solidified and increased day by day. Its political influence can be known through the fact it fully expresses its will in any international arenas. All these are thanks to the fact it relies on the Juche idea and the peculiar unity of the Party, people and army. They are also thanks to the wise leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, the eternal leaders of the DPRK, and Comrade Kim Jong Un, the outstanding leader of the present times.

The DPRK today has the amazing unity of the Party, people and army. This unity, as it was in the past, has always been firmly rallied with their leadership as a centre. When the fortresses of world socialism were unsteady, the DPRK firmly strengthened its economy day by day and achieved everything needed for themselves by relying on their own resources and efforts. Despite the continuous blockade, the DPRK people built a country of miracles, an independent state of power and prosperity. Today the DPRK is a country that has a strong and solid economy.

Actually the DPRK's position and greatness are based on the Workers' Party of Korea, a revolutionary vanguard. The exploits, experiences and successes made by

the WPK are worthy to follow because the WPK ushered in a new heyday of socialist revolutionary movement and showed its appearance as a political force possessed of all capabilities for building a completely independent society, building an independent and prosperous state. Therefore, it is natural that the world's progressives, with big conviction and hope in the exemplary DPRK, uphold the banner of independence against imperialism and their stooges that are the seats of corruption and destruction in many parts of the world.

The WPK proved that it is a Party of the people, a Party of justice and a Party of independence. The WPK saw that the DPRK people and Korean nation rallied around the leadership even in the most complicated situation of the world. The secret of the greatness of the WPK lies in the greatness of President Kim Il Sung, the eternal founder of the WPK. Talented Kim Il Sung, from the first period, penetrated deep into the significance of the founding of a revolutionary party and organized in 1926 the Down-with-Imperialism Union, the genuine seed of a revolutionary party. And on October 10, 1945, the founding of a revolutionary party, the Workers' Party of Korea that relies on and sacrifices itself to the people was declared. It is natural that the WPK becomes a people's party and so is that the people sanctify and absolutely trust in the Party. It is because the WPK embodies the great Juche idea which was authored by President Kim Il Sung, developed in depth and given brilliance to by Chairman Kim Jong Il and is maintained as a noble guiding ideology by the WPK General Secretary Kim Jong Un today.

From the standpoint of the Juche idea, the biggest exploit achieved by Kim Il Sung is that he authored the Juche idea, thus illuminating a rightful way for the masses to shape their destiny in an independent way. The Juche idea serves as a new and scientific view of the world that correctly reflects independent desire of the popular masses. This idea, undoubtedly, became an ideological and theoretical foundation, the only guiding principle of revolution and construction in the DPRK.

The Juche idea emphasizes that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of the people and they are the motive force of the revolution and construction, in other words, man is master of his own destiny and decides his own destiny. Man is master of everything and decides everything. The masses of the people are the makers of history and the history of development of human society is the history of the struggle of the popular masses to defend and realize independence.

It is by no means exaggerated to say that the secret of the DPRK's development and prosperity lies in the ideological heritage created by President Kim Il Sung by applying the Juche idea. When man is conscious of that he is master of his own destiny, master of himself, he would have incomparable will, great strength and self-confidence which is the most important main key to all successes and victories.

Practically the DPRK people could turn out bravely in the wars forced to them as indicated by the Juche idea and liberated the country on their own efforts from the Japanese colonial rule while displaying heroism of high standard. They also defeated the aggression of the imperialist allied forces headed by the US and achieved victories after victories.

In a word, as Kim Jong Il expressed, the historic significance of the Juche idea is that it gives genuinely revolutionary world outlook in the era of Juche and marked a new, higher stage in the development of the revolutionary theory.

Actually, as wished by Kim Il Sung the logical meaning of the DIU is to overthrow and smash all imperialism in the international arena. But the first thing the DIU had to do was to overthrow the Japanese imperialism and liberate Korea. It was really achieved. The ultimate goal was to defeat all imperialism, put an end to their exploitation of the people and establish socialist systems that love justice in the international arena. It is being realized in the international arena by the states and movements that desire independence including the DPRK that is led by the great Party and leadership.

In this regard, it can be affirmed that the major factor of the WPK's success is that the Party was founded on the base of the Juche idea and chose the Juche idea that cherishes the people-centred noble ideals as the guiding ideology of the era of independence.

As they adhered to the invariable ideology, the Juche idea, a united and powerful Party that proved in reality its might by realizing a unique unity of the Party and people in leading the DPRK society with sense of organization, sense of discipline and ideological content to stability could be founded. The secret of the DPRK's prosperity and success lies in the unity of the WPK that relies on the immortal and great ideological foundation created by Kim Il Sung.

Kim Il Sung, the eternal President, founded the WPK and Kim Jong Il strengthened the role of the WPK by paying deep concern in building and strengthening of the Party while prioritizing unity of the Party because unity in a revolutionary party is the most important factor in its advance and success. It was realized in the WPK in practice. The whole Party moved at a single will and everyone devotedly and faithfully upheld the leader's ideologies. Consequently the WPK could have been invincible and the cause of socialism in the DPRK was unshaken before those who maneuvered to destroy it even when socialist parties in many countries collapsed in the international arena as mentioned above.

The relation between the WPK and people has always been emphasized in the DPRK. Originally a party is born for the people, to realize their desires and hopes and is necessary to lead the masses as a vanguard of the revolution. Success of a

party hinges on how the masses are rallied around it. Therefore, the most important undertakings constantly done by the leaders of the DPRK were that they solidified the relation between the Party and people by putting forward slogans that emphasized the unity of interests and desires of the Party as a leader of the masses and the people as supporters of the Party. All the policies witnessed in the DPRK showed that the Party is a substance needed for the masses and the cause of theirs.

With the passage of time the WPK proved that it is an irrefutable banner of victory of the heroic DPRK people. It was proved in the process of defeating the evil forces that provoked an aggressive war against the DPRK on June 25, 1950. At that time all the people and their great heroic army turned out in the sacred war to safeguard the liberty and sovereignty of the motherland, shattered the myth of the “mightiness” of US imperialism and humbled the US oppressors and their stooges. All this was a result of the people’s unbounded trust in, unity and support for the WPK. The DPRK always stands against the ceaseless conspiratorial maneuverings of the US and its allies because it is under the leadership of a creative revolutionary party, the Workers’ Party of Korea.

All this proves the scientific accuracy and authenticity, logicity and reality of the Juche idea and shows the intelligence of its author, the wisdom and mature experience of the one who goes along the road of the Juche idea holding fast to it as the principle in building the state and society.

Thanks to the creation of the Juche idea, the Korean revolution could always win victories through the severest trials the Korean nation faced and the world’s progressive mankind could have a strong ideological and theoretical weapon capable of achieving anti-imperialist national liberation. The DPRK could frustrate all machinations and threats world imperialism sought and is seeking. The DPRK people and army that are rallied around the Party and leader could build an independent socialist country with political, ideological and military might capable of safeguarding the security and sovereignty of the DPRK and securing its dignity and honour.

Everyone near or far who is concerned is witnessing that the DPRK becomes an invincible country with capabilities to give retaliatory blow if necessary despite the machinations of the West led by the US and the maneuvers of the puppets including south Korean authorities and the DPRK carries forward the construction of a powerful socialist country with full conviction at a brisk pace.

As a matter of course, these are the result of the outstanding leadership and matchless bravery, wisdom and intention of the great leaders of the DPRK. Building of a prosperous and powerful socialist country was originally intended by Kim Il Sung and was propelled by Kim Jong Il and today the WPK, the indomitable DPRK

people and heroic army continue to follow the road of building such country, rallied around Kim Jong Un.

We can surely say that it is not surprising that the DPRK and its people are the ones who succeeded to the great ideological estate inherited by Kim Il Sung, adhered to and developed by Kim Jong Il and being reliably and resolutely continued by Kim Jong Un.

That the DPRK can defend socialism and its course of construction, independence and the successes achieved by its people, which are more obvious to the enemy than to friends, are the result of that they have defended the solidity and might of the WPK as a creative revolutionary party with genuine guiding ideology and wise and outstanding leaders. Kim Jong Il made study of the ruling parties of socialist countries in the past century and gained experiences and drew lessons and began concentrating on maintaining the ideologies created by Kim Il Sung including the peculiar revolutionary ideology, the Juche idea which reflected the people's interests and desires and requirement of the era of independence. Kim Jong Il enriched and developed the Juche idea in accordance with the international realities and development of the situations, thus putting forward policy on modeling the whole Party on the Juche idea. As a result, the WPK has become a Party with a truly solid mass foundation and a Party which achieved unity and cohesion. This is the key to the success of the DPRK as a prosperous socialist power when the world witnessed the collapse in socialist practice in the late 20th century. When the socialist experience withered in the late 20th century and almost all socialist practices and experiences disappeared in Europe and thus the imperialist Western forces began to talk about the end of ideology, the end of revolutionary parties and the end of socialism in the world, the DPRK firmly defended the socialist line under the leadership of the WPK. The WPK, armed with the Juche idea, achieved the single-minded unity and firmly defended the socialist cause at the most difficult and urgent period when the experience of socialism and revolutionary parties collapsed in the world.

When the DPRK was undergoing all sorts of trials and difficulties, the DPRK people grew stronger and stronger and became more united around their great Party. The unity and cohesion of the Party was the basic criterion in making the Party an impregnable fortress, making it staunch and preventing factions and factional strife within the Party.

It can be said that the strength and invincibility of the WPK hinges on the fact that it was founded by Kim Il Sung, eternal President of the DPRK. Kim Jong Il continued to defend the revolutionary heritage left by Kim Il Sung, so that the WPK became a Party deeply rooted among the popular masses and gaining the absolute

trust of the people. He also strengthened the Party and added practical revolutionary significance to be proved in all spheres of life in the DPRK. As the Party was built on the correct rules and developed on a solid basis of benevolence and broad-spectrum politics, it remained as the eternal banner of victory which would not be lowered as in the past.

In this respect, there is something that must be said and emphasized. In terms of ideology and socialism, the revolutionary parties' roles are not over in the history of humanity or in the present times and future, as the Western thinkers and theorists and others enjoy saying. It is wrong to think that some ideas are faulty because certain experience has declined. We insist with confidence. The reason is that these ideas are misapplied to reality. Socialism has not collapsed and will not collapse. Those who say so are the ones who avail themselves of the US imperialists that try to make the Western political and economic liberalization the only way in the world today, whether they are of intention or not.

But now, more seriously than ever, it should always be thought about maintaining the purity of the Juche idea. The question is why the issue of adhering to the Juche idea is raised urgently at present.

The answer is quite clear. It is to counter the continued attack on the socialist idea, especially the Juche idea. Today, globalization is putting forward a very dangerous idea. It says that socialism is a socio-political and economic system that consumed all its abilities and lost its role; that capitalism defeated socialism and socialism eventually collapsed.

We won't talk about such nonsense, but we can say a few words. Despite the flaws revealed in the course of socialist practice and the resulting consequences in some systems, humankind cannot abandon its heritage. Historical facts showed that there was no such ideological, philosophical and political system that gave great hope to humankind and gave a good humanitarian solution to the people and social problems as socialism. Thanks to socialism, the people made great victories against colonialism, these societies reached a high level of advanced attainment, and absolute sovereignty was guaranteed for many people and societies. It is illogical that humanity forgets the philosophical and practical contribution that socialism brought to its people and to the development of all humanity.

So we must adhere to the Juche idea in the face of criticism and offensive against the socialist idea that remains in the world.

In addition to the foregoing, the emphasis on the Juche idea comes from the fact that many people misinterpret and do not correctly understand this idea; there are many questions to be solved in this regard, which are of great importance.

The first is whether those Juche philosophy has achieved in the development of

philosophical history are the ones developed from the Marxist materialistic dialectics or a new philosophical principle centered on man. What must be emphasized here is that Juche philosophy has raised the question of the relationship between the world and man in a fresh way and clarified the way of shaping man's destiny. Juche philosophy, for the first time in history, scientifically elucidated the essential attributes of man, put forward man as the most advantageous and powerful being in the world, and proposed a new view of the world that the world is dominated and transformed by man.

The second is what is the relationship between the materialistic dialectical world outlook and the world outlook of Juche philosophy? It should be emphasized that many people confuse between these two theories, the materialistic dialectical philosophy and the Juche philosophy. The essential difference between the two philosophies lies in the difference in the view of man.

It is very important to understand the Juche philosophy in detail in terms of not confusing the Juche philosophy as a creative theory, different from the conventional philosophy, with the shortcomings revealed in the process of applying materialistic dialectics and Marxism to reality.

The Juche idea should be disseminated accurately and intentionally so that it is not difficult to understand but suitable for the development of global change and development, and not to fall into the errors Marxism made.

This aims to preserve the light and efficiency of the Juche idea and to reject all the revisionist ones and opportunist tendencies. Transparency and accuracy are fundamental to preserving the essence and content of the Juche idea, enhancing its might and adding traction.

In this regard, it is very important to point out that what is currently happening in the Arab and the Middle East regions, especially in Syria, is evidence of the right path of the Korean revolution. The Arab region is undergoing constant conspiratorial maneuverings of the US, other Western countries and regional stooges. This may be the most serious one in history that our Syria has been undergoing for years so far. This is entirely because Syria has a stand against imperialism, its plans, and all its conspiracies. Today the Syrian people and army, the party and outstanding leader Bashar Al-Assad are regarded as a great obstacle of imperialism and its stooges in the Arab and the Middle East regions.

Hence, the countries of the world, including Arab and Syria, should know that dialogue or contact with world imperialism does not work and that only the logic of force is concerned. If you are an intelligent man who reads the experience of the DPRK, you will realize that the secret of establishing a successful and prosperous country against imperialism lies in having such revolutionary idea as the Juche idea.

The secret of the great successes made in countries such as the DPRK can be found first in bringing up man ideologically and revolutionarily, relying on him and respecting his humanity. This is what the Juche idea has done. Next, it is to have a strong people and society with arms and armed forces capable of coping with all sorts of aggression and conspiracy. This is what the DPRK has achieved.

Progressive parties in the world arena are now finding a model in the WPK that sanctifies the sovereignty and dignity of all countries of the world under the uplifted banner of anti-imperialist independence even though the situation and environment are complicated and difficult, and are being encouraged entirely. The WPK, indeed, is really a great strength for the world's progressive forces. Kim Jong Un is a model and extraordinary man who is followed by those who fight for freedom in the world and good-natured people. As days go by, all the progressive people are convinced that the victory always belongs to the WPK as long as the DPRK people and service personnel are firmly united around the Workers' Party of Korea under the leadership of outstanding leader Kim Jong Un.

Unfortunately, those who dominate the world in the present era are the oppressive forces that don't know justice and want other countries of the world to go as they intended and in accordance with their interests. These forces are violating the rights of other countries without hesitating the suffering and hope of the people of those countries. These facts show the right taken away from cannot be regained without the power to oppose them and to stand resolutely against all avaricious ones. For this reason, we and all those who fight for freedom in the world speak before the experience of the DPRK, before the leadership of the Korean nation advancing toward victory along the road of Juche, before the revolutionary politics of the DPRK, with reverence. "The great DPRK people, as you have adhered to the Juche idea and are rallied around your leadership, the DPRK will always win and prosper."

We continue to stress the validity of the Juche idea that coincides with today's reality and is the true centripetal point of all countries where rights and sovereignty are violated. It is emphasized more often than ever watching the aggression upon Russia by Ukraine, Europe and the US, the US's reckless acts on China and Taiwan issues and the US's unscrupulous support to south Korean puppets.

That the dignified leadership of the DPRK maintains the Juche idea and strengthens its people and army is the secret to resolutely countering the ferocious attack of the US to bring down this revolutionary country. And this also makes this revolutionary country always frustrate all the US treacherous domination plans.