

Juche Idea and Global Independence

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Dear comrades on the rostrum of the seminar on the Juche idea and global independence,

Dear participants,

I extend comradely greetings.

In the name of the Juche idea study group and myself, I extend the warmest sincere greeting to Marshal Kim Jong Un, the head of the DPRK, and congratulations to the leadership and members of the Workers' Party of Korea, the Headquarters of the KPA, the Korean Association of Social Scientists and the DPRK people on the occasion of September 9, the 75th founding anniversary of the DPRK.

This seminar is of weighty significance in confirming the will and firmness of the WPK, the DPRK people and army to attain surely the goal of realizing human independence and socialist development under the leading and wise leadership. Foundations for the DPRK were laid by the eternal President Kim Il Sung, who founded the first people's democratic state in the Orient with the banner of the Juche idea. They were laid also by the Songun politics unfolded by Leader Kim Jong Il in applying the Juche idea for independence and socialism.

In a speech delivered in 1955, the eternal President Kim Il Sung said that they must know Korean history and geography as well as the customs of the Korean people, only then is it possible to educate their people in a way that suits them and to inspire in them an ardent love for their native place and their motherland. Here, the President meant independence and self-reliance.

Regarding man's role as well as a material factor as the main in promoting history, the Juche idea clarifies the leader's role-centred theory, the importance of existence of and respect for the leader, the necessity of self-reliance and the need of national independence and liberation from occupation of imperialism, and attaches significance to self-sufficiency in the economy that aspires for industrialization, development and progress.

The Juche idea is not merely a political idea but the socialist philosophy of the DPRK and the developed revolutionary ideology of the working class that enables to realize national liberation and class and social emancipation from all kinds of the imperialist occupation and enslavement. The Juche idea centres on man who is master of

everything and decides everything. Victorious guarantee of the Juche idea is the unity of political and ideological forces that accelerate the revolution and historical development under the leadership of the leader who is the centre of leadership and wins historic victory.

In the latter half of the 1990s, Leader Kim Jong Il unfolded the Songun politics that attaches a big significance to building the People's Army into a strong revolutionary one that plays an active and pivotal role in the society and in defending the society and mobilizes every possible potential for the strengthening of the army.

The Juche idea was authored by the eternal President Kim Il Sung (1912-1994) who embarked on the road of struggle for the country and people at his young age in the mid-1920s when Korea was under occupation of the Japanese militarism (1905-1945). Under the banner of the Juche idea, the Korean people became dignified and free masters of an independent and sovereign state, and built a socialist state of independence, self-sufficiency and self-defence.

Korea achieved independence and sovereignty by smashing colonial occupation of imperialism under the leadership of the eternal President Kim Il Sung. It proved that, thanks to Juche that is a torch of the Korean people's struggle and their inspiring banner, they could make their consciousness reach a higher level coinciding with in the Korean revolutionary struggle, progress and socialist development.

Leader Kim Jong Il published in March 1982 "On the Juche Idea," the famous revolutionary treatise that has profound contents of legacies from human history and thought. The treatise correctly illuminated the road of shaping man's destiny in the past, at present and in the future ranging from the basic principle of human life to the guiding principles to be maintained in all fields of ideology, politics, military affairs, the economy, culture, society and so on.

At the end of the last century, the socialist cause (in the USSR and the socialist camp) suffered from crisis and setback. It made the DPRK and the world national liberation movement face a big challenge. Furthermore, capitalist thinkers of the world declared the "end of socialism" and Fukuyama published a theory on the "end of history", thus spreading the rumor that a new world order of capitalism is the only way, that socialism has gone forever and that the brutal neo-liberal economy of a new world order will fill the markets and satisfy the need of the world in the future. Starting from such a colonial concept of US and world imperialism, the US imperialists began to attack the world and concentrated its attack against the DPRK, among those in the world, in order to collapse it and break the will of its people who were braving through challenges, trials and adversities. But the DPRK people, firmly united around the leader, has remained the vanguard, determined and strong people advancing vigorously without any hesitation or

fear and without being surprised by any changes in balance of the world forces by upholding the banner of the Juche idea, the banner of socialism.

US and world imperialism expanded confrontation with the DPRK's socialist fortress, but the aggressive plan of imperialism ended in failure thanks to the Songun politics of wise Leader Kim Jong Il. As a leading politics, the Songun politics gives strength and courage to the army and armed forces in order to build up self-reliant national defence capabilities, smash aggressive attack of imperialism, further consolidate the position of democratic people's Korea on the world map, cement socialism, solidify stability and security of socialist Korea and deepen faith in socialism of the world freedom fighters.

The Juche idea ushered in a new era of history, the independent era in which the popular masses make revolution and progress creatively. As it is an idea representative of the whole historic period, the Juche idea is now rooted deep in the people's minds. It was reflected in the Pyongyang Declaration published at the World Conference on the Juche Idea held in April 2012 on the occasion of the centenary of the birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

The struggle of the popular masses will win a sure victory as it is conducted to build a new independent world free from colonialism, occupation, domination, enslavement, interference and all kinds of exploitation under the banner of the Juche idea. Socialism is the only solution. Man will make history with his will and strength, with unity and independence, and eliminate all enemies of mankind.

As we have experiences gained by the WPK and the DPRK people in the historic struggle under the leadership of President Kim Jong Un of the DPRK State Affairs, we greet with pride and in high spirit the 75th founding anniversary of the DPRK on September 9. With his revolutionary and wise leadership, he developed and enriched the Juche idea and turned the DPRK into a country which has the world developed military capabilities capable of standing against world imperialism headed by US imperialism that moves to attack the WPK and socialism of the DPRK, its people and army, to suppress resistance of these people and to break their steadfast faith in the Juche idea, independence and unity of the DPRK and independence of the world people.

Since its founding, the DPRK has stood on the side of the people who aspire after freedom and national and social emancipation and the cause of the oppressed people who want to live independently with dignity. Among them there are the cause of Palestine struggling for the right to liberation and returning home and the right to the building of independent Palestine with Quds as its capital, and the cause of the Arab people who struggle for liberation against plots fabricated by US imperialism, Zionism and aggressive Arab reactionaries, against colonialism, occupation, all forms of outside interference, all kinds of exploitation, backwardness and subordination. The DPRK has also stood on the side of our Lebanese people who struggle for liberation and

democratic change of the country against occupation, division and federalization of Zionism. It has stood also on the side of our Arab people who struggle for peace, development, democratic change and progress.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea stands in the rank of progressive countries who struggle to break a new world order and unipolar domination of imperialism. Socialist Korea demonstrates strength and progress of its strong Party, people and army and itself under the leadership of President Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs. It also affirms that US and world imperialism and their new world order and brutal neo-liberal economy will meet the "true end of history" and man-centered socialist system will be established by value, heritage, culture, development of man and progress of mankind under the wise guidance of its leader. The DPRK is a revolutionary model that is assigned a duty to create a new era of mankind in spite of all trials and obstacles, and Juche is a philosophy of stubbornness, consciousness and unity of man who aspires after freedom, equality, justice, progress and prosperity.

Comrades,

Greeting such a great event of celebrating the 75th founding anniversary of the DPRK, we are convinced of our deep friendly relations with the DPRK and reaffirm the support to the revolutionary course of President Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs to achieve victory of man and his rights in the society as required by the creative Juche idea. Wishing a closer solidarity and cooperation between us, a bigger progress and development in your revolutionary course, a full realization of the goal of the DPRK people who support the struggle of those aspiring after independence, unity, progress of socialism and national and social emancipation, we extend greetings to the struggling DPRK people.

We extend sincere greetings to H.E. President Kim Jong Un of the State Affairs.