

# Foundation of Juche Idea and Its Materialization

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The Juche idea, an original idea created by President Kim Il Sung, was born in the historical period when the Russian revolution was attacked by imperialist powers and Korea was invaded by the Japanese imperialists. President Kim Il Sung, who was a great lover of learning from his early years, began to study the historical process while reading every possible classic of Marxism and with his intelligent thinking realized that applying ideas of Marxism in the Korean practice did not correspond to its reality because the Marxist classics dealt only with realities of Europe. If Marxism is to be applied both in Korea and Europe, influences of historical periods and social characteristics should be enough. On the basis of detailed analyses, he realized that the masses of the people are the subject of history and the masters of their destiny and that they are progressive ones who intend to shape their destiny and transform themselves.

There were several factional strives whose purpose was to take hegemony simply for personal interests without caring about whether their doings were decided by outside forces, in the Korean revolution to liberate the country from the oppression of Japanese imperialism and from the “co-prosperity sphere”, a euphemism which the Japanese imperialists used to justify their moves to totally destroy everything cultural and material that is not Japanese but Korean. Such strives only divided the Korean people and gave them only harm rather than help in the liberation struggle of justice. The concept *independence in decision-making* was clarified in this period. It was because deciding what to do is made by the Korean people who are rallied for the purpose to shatter feudal fetters of the country and become masters of their own destiny.

It is important to determine to struggle for the people’s well-being. But it is also important and inevitably necessary that the people should be led correctly. Revolutionary lines put forward by the leader determine whether or not they produce fruits in the struggle for well-being of the people, the subject of the struggle. A leader can stand everything as he has firm determination and knows that people can achieve everything if they walk the same road in unity at the same time. It is because such unity cannot be broken by anything. As President Kim Il Sung and his successor, Chairman Kim Jong Il did, good leader Kim Jong Un of today knows what is needed and desired by the people. The Chongsan-ri spirit and Chongsan-ri method or the Tae’an work system are excellent methods of guidance that show how to work in unity for the good of all, and the methods are still effective in all sectors. This system and method enable

everyone who is responsible for a project to grasp daily situation of the project not in an abstract way but in point of fact, to have a better overview of potential problems and to make work and labour easy as much as possible. For this reason it is, first of all, quite common in the DPRK to carry out continuous inspection in order to comprehend and settle the proposed matters.

That all people struggle in unity for a common ideal does not mean that workers, peasants, intellectuals and all others preclude internal affairs of uniting all of them for a common purpose while accepting differences which are less important than their well-being. Awareness of class and stratum is not against unity but favourable to it. It promotes unity before anything else to be aware that they can work for a common aim while accepting differences of each other. From the first period of the anti-Japanese struggle, President Kim Il Sung didn't separate all classes and strata in any case but rather made efforts to achieve unity of various classes and strata with the common aim of building a prosperous and independent Korea.

The anti-Japanese revolutionaries made such laudable deeds as standing in the van of comprehending and improving living conditions of the Korean people, helping them in their harvest, freeing them from arduous labour, teaching them to read and write. Their deeds made some people, who had been bigoted because of their family education and ignorance, perceive that struggling in unity for better future was more realistic and it was possible to realize it if all of them joined efforts.

However, there were serious problems to be solved. The most important problem was about nationalists. Boasting themselves of being the most excellent, the nationalists considered that the best way for the struggle against Japanese imperialism was to be helped by foreign powers. However, they possibly replaced Japanese imperialism by another imperialism that would continue to subjugate the Korean people while considering them as the inferior. The communists of new generation did not ignore real interests of these nationalists who wanted to free the people from the Japanese domination but taught them that their stand was not correct. In this way, a strong and stable unity was achieved. It was a unity, solid as a rock and strong as a steel. It was because, if all classes and strata are united, nothing can break such unity. Uniting all people under the wise leadership of the leader is a big strength of the subject. United strength of millions of people can never be defeated. This has been proved in the whole process of history.

In order to make the path of revolution the one of the people, it was necessary to put much efforts to enabling them to understand why they should take that path. It was new and unknown to most of the people at that time. So, schools were built where the young and middle-aged people were taught ideas of Marxism-Leninism which were not well known by the people at that time. When these people understood and knew the ideas,

they were asked to teach the ideas to other people. It was responsible for them. It seemingly produced contrary results among some people but it became a step forward in training them into revolutionaries. In this way they were able to display activeness with awareness of being directly involved in the work and know in time what was happening.

The path of the Korean revolution was not smooth. It is necessary to know that in the Korean revolution there were difficulties and counterrevolutionary elements who attempted to hinder the just struggle for independence because they had the idea of building another Korea, like south Korea, submissive to foreign forces. But thanks to the unity and the good work done by the people, the elements could not be successful in their attempt and cannot do it in the future, too. Nobody can win the people who have a clear ideology and steel-strong unity.