

Juche Idea and Self-reliance

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The DPRK is called a land of self-reliance.

All the successes made in the DPRK in the course of building socialism are inconceivable without self-reliance.

Self-reliance is based on the principle of the Juche idea that man is the master of his own destiny and capable of shaping his own destiny.

Self-reliance is the spirit of rising by one's own strength.

This spirit is based on absolute trust in one's own strength.

The man who believes in his own strength can defend his dignity as an independent being and pave a way for revolution initiatively and make revolution to the end.

The man who is self-reliant solves everything by his own strength, creates out of nothing and finds solutions for them.

The man possessed of an absolute trust in and conviction of one's own strength can carve out destiny of his country and nation initiatively.

Without the spirit of solving everything on one's own strength, he is unable to carve out destiny of the country and nation, to say nothing of his destiny.

Self-reliance is the spirit of national self-sustenance achieving national prosperity and beating the world by one's own strength,

resources and technology.

The spirit of national self-sustenance is self-awareness and will to defend and add brilliance to dignity of one's country and nation by one's own strength, cherishing pride of dignity and greatness of one's nation.

The spirit of national self-sustenance is inconceivable apart from self-reliance and dignity and development are fully guaranteed only when the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance is fully displayed.

Self-reliance adds luster to national independence and dignity.

Self-reliance is a driving force for the building of a powerful independent national economy.

Only when the principle of self-reliance is adhered to in the economic construction, is it possible to enlist strength of one's people and resources of his country, develop the economy initiatively at high speed and achieve prosperity of the country while braving all difficulties.

Self-reliance is the spirit which President Kim Il Sung implanted and Chairman Kim Jong Il brought into reality.

On the basis of the immortal Juche idea, the President saw that self-reliance became the soul of the Korean revolution and the mental tradition of the Korean people during the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and, even after the national liberation and in all grave annals of the revolution, he organized and mobilized the whole Party, the entire army and all people to break through manifold difficulties on their own with the slogan of self-reliance.

Chairman Kim Jong Il put forward the militant slogans **Let us live our own way!** and **Let us display more of the revolutionary**

spirit of self-reliance! and wisely led to make the spirit of self-reliance displayed to the full.

The DPRK people built and developed socialism successfully on the strength of self-reliance even in the very difficult and complicated past circumstances under the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The DPRK's self-reliance is great, indeed.

Even in harsh sanctions and blockades, the DPRK's independent national economy demonstrates its might and world startling new miracles are being created one after another in the DPRK.

The DPRK holds a full-fledged position as a developed country in the world.

The amazing successes the DPRK achieves are the fruitions born by the wise leadership of H.E. Kim Jong Un who carries forward ideas and intentions of the President and the Chairman.

Self-reliance does not contravene the international cooperation. Self-reliance and international cooperation are closely related with each other as they aim at the rapid development of society, the prosperity of country.

Today, self-reliance becomes a mental support common to the progressive people.

Self-reliance grips the hearts of people in many countries as a progressive banner for national prosperity as days go by.

The progressive people are now conducting joint struggle against all kinds of imperialist arbitrary actions, holding high the banner of collective self-reliance.

If one is self-reliant, one can possibly build a rich and powerful

country and surmount manifold trials and difficulties by one's own, by enlisting everything.

If one is not self-reliant but tries to build the economy with other's aid, his economy will be subordinated to others.

Under current international circumstances, self-reliance is an ideological weapon that breaks down the existing international order, the guiding banner that guarantees progress of mankind.

The DPRK people are now vigorously hastening the building of a powerful socialist country in the spirit of self-reliance based on modern science and technology, uniting in one mind behind H.E. Kim Jong Un, President of the State Affairs.

The Group for the Study of the Juche Idea in Ouakam Region, Senegal, will make study and dissemination of the Juche idea more actively for the building of independent Africa, where the Pan-Africanism is applied, under the banner of collective self-reliance.

Concluding my speech, I pay my highest respect to H.E. President Kim Il Sung and H.E. Kim Jong Il who provide mankind with the Juche idea and the spirit of self-reliance and to H.E. Kim Jong Un, the President of the State Affairs who adds brilliance to the land of self-reliance.

Long live the Juche idea and self-reliance!