

## **Congratulatory Address by Sim Sung Gon, First Vice-chairman of KASS**

Respected delegates,

Dear friends,

In the name of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, I offer warm congratulations to the world distinguished personages and delegates from many countries who attended the Internet International Seminar on the Juche Idea held on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung who is the founder of the Juche idea and performed magnificent exploits in accomplishing the human cause of independence.

And I offer my gratitude to the Juche idea study groups, Juche idea researchers and progressive figures in each continent, who wish the successful holding of the Internet International Seminar on the Juche Idea and actively support and encourage the just cause of the DPRK people, even under difficult circumstances.

Dear delegates,

History of development of human society is the one of popular masses' struggle to defend and realize independence.

Independence is man's essential feature, the life and soul of a country and nation and the first index of an independent and sovereign state.

All countries and nations demand to live and develop independently, and struggling for its realization is the main trend of our era.

The Juche idea clarifies the path of realizing this demand of our era, the era of independence.

The Juche idea authored by President Kim Il Sung and systematized extensively and developed by Chairman Kim Jong Il is now further developed and enriched by the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un formulated the revolutionary ideology of the President and the Chairman as Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and gave perfect answers to the problems newly arising in the revolution and construction. As a result, Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism that was systematized into an integral system on the

basis of the Juche idea, can be further developed and glorified as the guiding ideology in the era of independence.

History of the DPRK spanning over 70 years clearly proved the truthfulness and viability of the Juche idea.

The DPRK, which had been eclipsed on the world map by the foreign force in the past, displayed the might of a dignified people's country of independence, self-sufficiency and self-defense, which is the brilliant fruition achieved by the Juche idea.

The Republic is now achieving new development of socialist construction under the wise leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who cherishes extraordinary wisdom, prominent political ability and noble view on the people and continues along journey for the people.

Inevitable political and ideological might peculiar to Juche Korea has been further consolidated thanks to the outstanding leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un who applies thoroughly the people-first principle as main mode of the socialist politics even under unfavorable conditions and circumstances of unprecedented challenges and difficulties.

Innovative improvement has been made in different sectors of economic construction so as to support prosperity and development of the country. In the field of national defense, powerful war deterrent was provided to stably manage the unstable military situation on the Korean peninsula and thoroughly control military machinations of hostile forces.

Independent foreign policy of the Republic that represents justice and truth and contains thorough executive ability imposes a big influence on the international politics, and the international prestige of the state is enhanced day by day.

Through the struggle for implementing the tasks set at the Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Eighth Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, the DPRK people will provide a sure guarantee for the implementation of the five-year plan and bring about a remarkable change in the state development of the people's standard of living this year of significance.

Today the people-centered socialism of the Korean-style advances on the track of its development with new vitality by relying on its ever-increasing strength and internal motive force. This is a fruition of the wise leadership of the respected

Comrade Kim Jong Un and a vivid manifestation of truthfulness and viability of the Juche idea.

In the future, too, we will hold fast to Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the lifeline in carrying forward and accomplishing the revolutionary cause of Juche through all ages and thus greet the complete victory of socialism and a communist society.

Truthfulness and viability of the Juche idea is proved also through the stirring events that people in many countries of the world oppose all kinds of domination and subordination and hold independence out of their desire to build a new independent society.

Not only in the 1990s when socialism was collapsed in some countries, but at present, too, the Juche idea is studied and disseminated ceaselessly on a world-wide scale. This tells that the world recognizes the immutable scientific accuracy and truthfulness of the Juche idea.

Dear delegates,

Today, in the international arena there are serious confrontation and struggle between the progressive forces that want to safeguard sovereignty and dignity of their countries and nations and the imperialist reactionary forces that resort to aggression and war, high-handedness and arbitrariness.

The current international situation is mainly characterized by the fact that it has got more complicated as the structure of the international relations has been reduced to the structure of “neo-Cold War” due to the imperialist reactionary forces’ high-handedness, arbitrariness and unilateral and prejudiced bloc-forming style external policy. However, imperialist reactionary forces are falling into decay and ruin in the confrontation between the independent forces and the dominationist forces.

The present situation requires the world progressives to turn out resolutely in the struggle to safeguard independence of the country and nation and realize global independence by upholding the banner of anti-imperialism and independence and uniting each other.

The primary problem in carrying out this historic task is to provide the people who turn out in the struggle with a correct guideline for its realization.

We should conduct more actively the study and dissemination of the Juche idea, so that we can fulfill the mission of pioneers in adding luster to the 21st century as a true century of mankind, brilliant with independence and prosperous with peace.

This significant seminar will demonstrate the will of many delegates to make contribution to the cause of global independence. I am firmly confident that it will actively encourage the world progressive people in the movement for independence, peace and progress.

Thank you.