

Address by Sim Sung Gon, First Vice-President of KASS at the Closing Session

Dear participants,

The Internet International Seminar on the Juche Idea was held amid expectations and interests of the Juche idea researchers and world progressive figures in the period when the people's desire and demand for independence and peace, justice and progress are mounting as days go by and has made a success thanks to unusual enthusiasm, activeness and sincere attitude of the participants.

This seminar is of more significance as it was held on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Juche idea and the founding father of Juche Korea.

On behalf of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, I express my gratitude to IJJI director-general Ramon Jimenez Lopez, IJJI secretary-general Ogami Ken-ichi and several other personages who made positive efforts for the success in the seminar. I also extend sincere congratulations to the Juche idea researchers and the progressive figures who delivered wonderful speeches.

As you stressed in your speeches, the Juche idea arouses response among many people for its truthfulness, validity and invincible vitality, and is being rapidly spread with a big attractive force.

The Juche idea that regards man as the most precious and powerful being and the popular masses as omnipotent beings now becomes the banner that illuminates the way ahead of the people's struggle for independence.

The DPRK demonstrates dignity of an independent powerful country and its people have become dignified and proud one as it has the Juche idea as a guideline.

Today, the DPRK has entered the stage of overall development of socialist construction while proving its development and reserved strength holding aloft the banner of the Juche idea under leadership of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un.

The DPRK's past and present and the vigorous trend of global independence

prove that the Juche idea is a science and victory and serves as a valuable guideline for the popular masses' struggle for independence.

The people are now groping for their way in the Juche idea, the thoroughgoing idea of independence. The revolutionary doctrine of independence serves as a soul of the people who aspire after genuine freedom and happiness and as a banner for the struggle of independent countries and nations.

No force can check the trend of the era of independence.

As the vanguard fighters assuming the honorary and just mission of studying and disseminating the idea of independence, the Juche idea researchers play a great role in the efforts to make the trend of times more vigorous.

History and people will remember the labours and services made by you who cover confidently the road of loving countries, nations and people for independent development and prosperity of their beloved countries and nations, for true life of the people and for the building of a new independent and peaceful world.

I sincerely wish you good health and successes in your future work.

Thank you.