

Exploits of President Kim Il Sung Who Built People-centered Socialism

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The Korean people overthrew the Japanese colonial rule with the protracted arduous armed struggle. It was the revolution that finished both the colonialism and feudalism in Korea. In 1948, the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea was founded. This meant a democratic political system in Korea which was fully run and controlled by the Korean people. After the founding of the DPRK, the Korean revolution had gone through various stages and has now reached the stage of strengthening the people-centered socialist system. We know that the revolution had been led by the great leader President Kim Il Sung, since its inception. He was always among the people and listened to their thoughts and experiences. Emphasizing the views and experiences of the people, President Kim Il Sung used to formulate revolutionary principles. The Juche idea is the one he formulated.

Juche is a Korean term. It is a term explaining the idea that the popular masses are the masters of the revolution and construction and are the motive force of the revolution and construction. In other words, man is master of his own destiny and the shaper of his destiny.

Here, man implies people. So, the Juche idea is the people-centered idea. The Korean revolution had its own nature different from the revolutions accomplished in other countries. So, the Korean revolution needed to solve all the problems independently by itself. President Kim Il Sung realized it and explained it in the Juche idea.

On the basis of the Juche idea, the Korean people fought the wars against the imperialist aggressive forces. The Juche idea guided the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), the DPRK and its people towards the advancement in the economy, science and technology, culture and defense.

The Juche idea is known to the world today as man-centered philosophical ideology and an idea which regards man as the most precious and powerful being in the world. It explains that independence, creativeness and consciousness are the distinguishing characteristics of human beings who control the world.

Socialism in the DPRK is guided by the Juche idea. It means it is people-centered socialism. In every component of present political system in the DPRK, people are at the centre.

To speak in explicit terms, the Juche idea is embodied as independence in politics, self-reliance in the economy and self-defence in national defence. The whole course of the Korean revolution is an untiring struggle to embody these principles. The main purpose of revolution is to make the popular masses enjoy an independent and creative life as real masters of society. For this end, they should become masters of state power.

The Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) is the governing party of the DPRK. It organizes and serves the entire popular masses including the working-class of Korea.

President Kim Il Sung's whole deeds were focused on masses of the people. So, the Korean socialism guided by the Juche idea had been people-centered. In other words, it can be said that people-centered socialism in the DPRK was built by the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

The exploits of President Kim Il Sung performed in building people-centered socialism are the formulation of the Juche idea, thus making the people play a decisive role in building and defending socialism and everything in society serve the people.