

President Kim Il Sung and 21st Century: Legacy of Great Leader

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The Juche idea is the ideology showing the way to fulfilling the cause of human emancipation.

On June 30, 1930 at the Meeting of Leading Personnel of the Young Communist League and the Anti-Imperialist Youth League held at Kalun, President **Kim Il Sung** proclaimed the Juche idea in the speech entitled **The Path of the Korean Revolution**.

Over the course of the Korean Revolution, the thoughts and theories of President **Kim Il Sung** signified the integral whole of the Juche idea with the fight for the national and social liberation of the Korean people. The Juche idea put the popular masses as the subject of history for the first time in history of philosophy.

Guided by the Juche idea authored by President **Kim Il Sung** the war for freedom from the tyranny of Japanese imperialist rule ended in the victory of the Korean people on August 15, 1945. President **Kim Il Sung** led the Party, army, and people in gaining an immense historic victory over the allied forces of imperialism in the Korean war on July 27, 1953.

The tasks of rebuilding new Korea and stepping up the socialist construction in the 1950s and 1960s required a great deal of creativity and originality by the Party and people of the DPRK. President **Kim Il Sung** in his classic work **On Eliminating**

Dogmatism And Formalism And Establishing Juche In Ideological Work, on December 28, 1955, addressed these questions. Throughout the process of building socialism in the DPRK the principles of Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in defence were maintained by President **Kim Il Sung**. In the space of 14 years, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea became an industrialized socialist state. This fast pace of industrialization in the DPRK was noted by the Economist Doctor Joan Robinson of Cambridge University as being the Korean miracle. The strength of the Juche-based socialist system revealed itself in the fact that the popular masses took part in industrialization with a very high degree of consciousness and creativity.

Chairman **Kim Jong Il** assumed an immense responsibility of systematizing the Juche idea developed by President **Kim Il Sung**. The Juche idea authored by President **Kim Il Sung** was regarded by Chairman **Kim Jong Il** as the sole guiding ideology of the Korean revolution and he solved all the problems arising in building socialism and communism. The immortal classic works of Chairman **Kim Jong Il** can be rightfully regarded as the encyclopedia of the Juche idea, adding to the treasure house of human thought.

Keeping abreast with new developments, General Secretary **Kim Jong Un** formulated Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism in the 2010s. The concept of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism put forward by General Secretary **Kim Jong Un** is an integration of the Juche idea and of the theory and method of the revolution and construction. Running through the theory and practice of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is the People-first doctrine. The Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist ideology regards the people as the most

precious and powerful entity in the world and that everything in society and nature should serve them. General Secretary **Kim Jong Un** clarified and codified the thoughts of President **Kim Il Sung** and Chairman **Kim Jong Il** into a complete system of ideology.

With the rise of technology in the 21st century, the position and role of man, the social being, are empowered more than in any other period of history. The means of communications via the internet and social media have vastly increased the speed of the interchange of ideas and techniques across continents. Humanity will face many challenges in the upcoming decades such as Climate Change, the rise of Artificial Intelligence, and combating the outbreak of pandemics such as Covid-19. Social wealth is getting more concentrated into fewer hands and capitalist social relations retard the productivity of the economic base. To an increasing degree, the ideological consciousness of the popular masses is severely stifled in imperialist societies and cultural values are turned into commodities by the bourgeoisie. National and class culture is being submerged by a tidal wave of cosmopolitanism. The question that confronts the Human Race is how to build a world where the values of peace, independence, and creativity are given free rein.

The Juche idea provides an ideological guideline to ensure the working masses have the position of becoming the masters of society and nature in the 21st century. Society in Britain is confronted with many outstanding problems like wealth inequality, the Post-Brexit situation, Neo-Liberalism, and dealing with the aftermath of Covid-19.

The solutions offered by the previous varieties of working-class ideologies and practices in respect to contemporary social issues have proven to be rather inadequate.

The pace of deindustrialization in Britain has resulted in a declassed stratum that rejects any sort of organization in favour of individualism and a petty-bourgeoisie which promotes liberalism.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism should be creatively translated into the conditions of England, Scotland and Wales. It is the task of the British Group for the Study of the Juche idea to disseminate and apply Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism to Britain despite any retrograde opposition from the Right and certain quarters on the Left.

Innovation, creativity and loyalty based on the revolutionary principles mark the leadership style of General Secretary **Kim Jong Un**.

The 8th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea held in January 2021 announced the most ambitious programme in order to further strengthen socialism in the DPRK and more towards communism.

All the mass organizations, including the Youth League, the Trade Unions, and the Women's Union held their congresses in support of intensifying the ideological and material base of socialism. All the technological advances of the present century are being put at the service of the people in the DPRK.

The DPRK's self-reliant measures kept the Coronavirus out of its territory. International public opinion has been thrilled at the pace of development in the DPRK achieved under the guidance of General Secretary **Kim Jong Un**.

Military parade staged on September 9, 2021 in commemoration of the 73rd founding anniversary of the DPRK was an illustrative example of the power of Juche Korea.

Today, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is the most independent country which upholds firmly the banner of socialism and anti-imperialism.

The life and work of the great President **Kim Il Sung** are more applicable to the issues of the 21st century and should be studied on a wider scale. It is the Juche idea that provides salvation to the progressive peoples.