

Chajusong as Core of Juche Idea

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History of man is ultimately interpreted in *Juche philosophy* as a struggle to achieve *Chajusong* (independence). Thus, the correct understanding of *Chajusong* is the prerequisite in understanding *Juche idea in general*. Therefore, *Chajusong* will be explained in detail below.

Due to the high development of his organism, man has the unique abilities of thinking and working that no other living organisms can have. Man's *Chajusong* is qualitatively different from the instinctive attributes of living organisms as a whole to maintain their organism. In contrast to these instinctive attributes, *Juche philosophy* elaborated attributes of man that arise from the fact that man is a social being. The most significant attribute of man arises from a social-historical category. There are attributes of the human being that only arise and develop from the fact that the human being is a social being. Through living in human society, man struggles against all sorts of subordination and dependence. This is how *Chajusong* can develop. This *Chajusong* is thus the quality of man living in society who wants to live and develop independently as the master of the world and his or her destiny. In this way, he (or she) can conquer nature, stand against any social subordination and put everything at his service. That this is a socio-historical category becomes clear in Comrade **Kim Jong II's** remarks that **“Man can realize independence completely only when he is free**

from social bondage, natural fetters, and the shackles of outdated ideas and culture.”

They can then realise *Chajusong* of wanting to live sovereignly. In *Juche philosophy*, a distinction must be made between individual and collective *Chajusong*.

Chajusong is the core of *Juche idea* in general. It is this human attribute of wanting to live independently that develops socio-historically and ultimately makes the history of mankind a struggle for the assertion of *Chajusong*. According to *Juche philosophy*, man's demand to live independently is the decisive impetus for man to take his own destiny into his own hands and to fight against every form of subjugation and restrictions.

Comrade **Kim Jong Il** points out that **“The history of social development is, in the long run, the history of the development of man’s independence, creativity and consciousness.”**

These human qualities are thus formed and developed socio-historically based on the fact that man is a social being.

The *Juche idea* is thus an anthropocentric ideology, whereas Marxism-Leninism is to be regarded as a materialist worldview.

Thus, the *Juche idea* is declared to be a “new(ish) ideology with its own system and content”. It is therefore imperative to understand “that *Juche philosophy* is an original and revolutionary new ideology.