

# Revolutionary Idea on People as Makers of History

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Comrade Kim Jong Il wrote:

**“A progressive idea plays an important role in socio-historical progress.**

**When the popular masses are guided by a progressive idea, they can be a powerful creator of history...**

**The revolutionary ideas of the working class are originated by distinguished leaders.**

**It can be said that the history of the communist movement spanning a hundred and scores of years is a history of working-class leaders creating and developing revolutionary ideas, a history in which these ideas have been applied to transform the world.”**

The Juche idea is the one based on the practice of the Korean revolution, the experiences of the international labour movement and the demands of the times. It clarifies the man-centered philosophical principle, people-centered socio-historical principles, revolutionary theories and the guiding principles of the party and state activities.

The Juche idea stands for the view that man’s essential qualities are the pursuit of independence, creativity and consciousness, that man can

change the world and shape his own destiny and that the masses of the people are the driving force of the revolution, its independent subject. The leader's task is to serve the people, mobilize them and lead them to victory. The solid unity between the people and the leader is a prerequisite for victory.

Comrade Kim Jong Il systematized the Juche idea in a coherent way in his dissertation **On the Juche Idea** and developed it in several works. He summed up the guiding principles of the Juche idea as an independent stand (Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in defence), creative method (method of depending on the masses of the people, methods suitable to the actual situation) and the main stress on ideology (giving priority to ideological remoulding and political work).

The Juche idea is the guiding ideology of the Workers' Party of Korea, which has been steadily deepened and developed to meet the demands of the times and the developing revolution.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un has emphasized that the core of the Juche idea is the ideas of "The people are God" and the people-first principle.

The Workers' Party of Korea has consistently implemented the principles of Juche in party building and party activities.

Modelling the whole society on the Juche idea is the Party's highest program.

The spirit of unconditionally serving the people, which is deeply rooted in the Party, is a unique feature of the Workers' Party of Korea and the whole of Korean society.