

# On Major Idea of Theses on Socialist Education Clarified by Comrade Kim Il Sung

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Education is man's activity that is conducted both in family and society. At the same time, education is a state policy which develops the knowledge structure for people in every country in keeping with cultural, anthropological and economic trends of a certain nation.

Looking at the contents of Comrade Kim Il Sung's work **Theses on Socialist Education**, one can find that fundamental principles of the Juche idea are applied in education. Therefore, we intend to brief the ideas of the educational theses in relation to the future of Latin America.

First, I would like to talk about transformation of social education for the development and unity of the peaceful world where social justice is realized, and about philosopher Simon Rodrigues (19<sup>th</sup> century) who is the founder of liberal and critical education aimed at promoting human consciousness from childhood. Such matter can be found also in Comrade Kim Il Sung's work.

The unanimous point, that can be found in the idea developed by the eternal President Kim Il Sung and in the plan of our Simon Rodrigues, is a matter of teachers. Rodrigues said that a teacher should act in keeping with his teaching and make children learn within proper social and cultural circumstances. Practice is very important in educating children. **Theses on Socialist Education** noted that teachers

are career revolutionaries who bring up the members of the younger generation as heirs to the revolution and as communists.

This work noted that the aim of socialist education is to bring up people to become communist revolutionaries who have independence and creativity.

In his book *American Societies*, Rodrigues pointed that teaching in an educational and philosophical realm, should make a perfect contribution to the study and one should undergo democratic practices from his early years.

The theses clarify the importance of education for human development and political, economic and scientific development of the society.

Proceeding from the fundamental principle of socialist pedagogy, the work **Theses on Socialist Education** indicates comprehensively all the issues related to education, including the contents and methods of socialist education, socialist education system, duty and role of educational institutions, guidance and assistance to education.

The fundamental principle of socialist pedagogy is to equip people with the revolutionary ideas of communism and, on the basis of this, ensure that they acquire sound scientific knowledge and are in good physical condition.

The content of socialist education includes political and ideological education, scientific and technical education and physical education, and the methods cover heuristic teaching, the combination of theoretical education with practical training and education with productive labour, the development of an organizational way of life and of social and political activities, the combination of school and social education and the continuity in preschool, school and adult education.

The DPRK's socialist education system is the system of universal compulsory education, the system of universal free education, the study-while-you-work system and the state system of bringing up and educating children.

Education is given as indicated by **Theses on Socialist Education** in the DPRK and thus successes are being made.