

Exploits Performed by Comrade Kim Il Sung

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I extend high respect to Comrade Kim Jong Un, General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the State Affairs of the DPRK. I offer my warm greetings to personages from different countries, who participated in the international seminar held on the occasion of the 110th birth anniversary of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the eternal President of the DPRK.

During the process of analyzing and speculating on man's destiny based on the Juche idea authored by President Kim Il Sung, I became confident of the fact that this idea is a guiding principle, beacon and powerful weapon that guides the heroic Korean people to the struggle for sovereignty and later to the struggle for the building of the DPRK and socialism. Based on the principle that man is master of his own destiny, the Juche idea illuminates the way of shaping one's destiny by oneself and explains the meaning of independence, an attribute of social man who is desirous of living and developing independently as master of the world and his own destiny.

Although it was born in Korea, the Juche idea can be kept by every country or society as the guide for the solution of complicated social problems thanks to its universality and profoundness.

The Juche idea stroke its root deep in the popular masses by the activities of awakening them ideologically and, as a result, socialism built in the DPRK kept solid in the whole course of history, particularly

in the end of 1980s when the Berlin Wall collapsed and European countries were reduced to the capitalist ones.

President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the DPRK put primary efforts to strengthening and developing the army. He led the Fatherland Liberation War to victory by relying on the army, thus firmly safeguarding freedom and independence of the country and people. It is noteworthy that socio-economic development was made in the DPRK under his leadership even under severe hardships caused by the imperialist blockades.

We are keenly aware how they built the people-centred socialist Korea that makes the popular masses the genuine masters of society and provides them with independent and creative life.

The DPRK people learned how to defend their socialist ideal and set it as a goal to become a powerful country. We are convinced that they will brave harsh trials of history and attain their goal in the near future.

We could witness how the great DPRK people are united and struggling to realize their ideal despite big threats and challenges by outside forces. This is an example that we and our society should follow.

In view of different results of the serious pandemic event that attacked all countries of the world indiscriminately, I congratulate and express respect to the fraternal DPRK people who have learned how to overcome this serious threat perfectly.

On behalf of our study group in Medellin, Columbia, I express my thanks for inviting me to this meaningful seminar.