

World Paying Attention to Juche Idea in Struggles for Independence

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Dear Comrade and Friends,

It is a great honor for me to gather together with you today.

As you know, very soon, in six days, we are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the DPRK. It is a great achievement. We know about it as the long period of time. By the way it is longer than the period for which the Soviet Union existed, as it is 75 years.

It is a really great achievement, and all these years, the DPRK had to wage struggles under the enormous strong pressure from the West headed by the United States, and under the very difficult conditions of the strong international sanctions and pressure. What was the reason why they achieved this great success, not just to survive, but moreover to come to possess strong defence capability, including the nuclear missile component, and you know the answers to the questions. The reason is the Juche idea, and the strong commitment of the DPRK leadership and the DPRK people to the Juche idea, the ideology of Juche, that the DPRK has survived under the enormous difficult situation.

And I am looking at the most important reason why the Juche idea has become more and more the attention of the world, in my country Russia as well. And I have found that because, now Russia, as you know, Russia is on the frontline of the struggle for the independence and the rights of all the people in the world, who have the rights of sovereignty and independence.

Russia now is also under the strong sanctions, strong pressure, of economic, military, political, ideological, all together.

And Russia now is looking more and more on the DPRK experience, how the DPRK succeeded to survive. What were the sources of their strength, domestic and external strength of the DPRK society.

Not only public organizations of Russia, but also a wide range of people, including the young generation look more and more the DPRK and the Juche idea. Not only the public organizations, but recently, the government also has become to ask the Korean specialists like me: what is the reason for the success of the DPRK?; what is the reason for the sources of their strength?, and what is the Juche ideology, and the Juche idea?, as the government of Russia has become to look more and more attentively at the DPRK experience.

And for example, in our society, the Korean friendship and cultural cooperation which have longed for a few decades, during at least last ten years, there are the representatives of the Foreign Ministry of Russia, of departments of course, they attend all our meetings (of the Russian experts on the DPRK issues), all our events, and look at and hearing what we are speaking about, about our experience and about the DPRK experience, or the Juche idea. Therefore, I think this is one of the examples why the Juche idea is widening and spreading in the world, and has the strong impetus and forces.