

# Looking Back upon President Kim Il Sung: His Life and Exploits



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It is my great pleasure and honour to participate in the International E-seminar on Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism organized by the International Institute of the Juche Idea (IIJI) on the occasion of the Day of the Sun, the birthday of President Kim Il Sung, the founding father of socialist Korea.

Let me first of all extend my warm congratulations to the IIJI on successfully holding this seminar which will provide us a good opportunity to refresh the life and exploits of the great leader President Kim Il Sung.

Greeting this day, many people in the world recall the career of President Kim Il Sung, one of the greatest men in the 20th century.

In my contribution to this seminar, I would like to highlight the foundation of the Juche idea and immortal exploits in the cause of global independence made by the great leader President Kim Il Sung who is revered so much by the world socialist and progressive people.

President Kim Il Sung, the father of socialist Korea, embarked on the road of struggle for the country and people and founded the Juche idea based on the principle of independence that the masters of the Korean revolution are the Korean people themselves.

The foundation of the Juche idea, the guiding ideology of socialist Korea and the cause of global independence, are the most precious things in the heritage President Kim Il Sung bequeathed to the Korean people and the progressive peoples of the world.

The Juche idea, on the basis of a scientific elucidation that man is the master of the

world and plays the decisive role in transforming the world, shows the way for the masses of the people, the motive force of history, to shape their own destiny by their own efforts.

President Kim Il Sung authored the Juche idea in the course of the practical struggle of leading the Korean revolution, not in the course of a sheer academic research for creating an ideological and theoretical system.

With this principle of independence, President Kim Il Sung achieved Korean national liberation after leading the anti-Japanese armed struggle to victory and after liberation he built an independent sovereign state by initiating and brilliantly implementing the Juche based line of building the Party, State and Army.

President Kim Il Sung put forward and implemented independent lines and policies thoroughly reflecting the aspirations and demands of the Korean people and detailed realities of the country during the whole period of leading the revolution and construction and thus developed and built the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) as a powerful socialist country.

Guided by the Juche idea that man is the master of his own destiny and he also has the strength with which to shape his own destiny, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has consistently and firmly adhered to the line of independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defense.

The self-supporting national economy built by President Kim Il Sung serves today as a precious asset in smashing straight through the vicious blockade and sanctions by hostile forces on the strength of self-reliance.

President Kim Il Sung actively supported world national independence struggle in the colonies and their new nation building and greatly contributed to the cause of global independence until his last days of life.

The African continent is closely associated with the internationalist obligation of President Kim Il Sung, who extended material and spiritual assistance to the countries when they were building their new societies.

In March 1981, the Tanzanian President Julius Kambarage Nyerere visited the DPRK. When he met President Kim Il Sung, he told him about the situation of agriculture in Tanzania and requested him for DPRK government assistance in agriculture development. President Nyerere's concern was irrigation of agriculture and water pumps in particular.

President Kim Il Sung told President Nyerere that he could give big water pumps, and in the future Tanzania should make water pumps, and showed President Nyerere a water pump factory.

Explaining in detail how the factory was built and developed, President Kim Il Sung told his Tanzanian counterpart that the DPRK could help Tanzania with the building of a water pump factory. What he meant was that it was necessary for the African countries to get assistance but what was more important was that African countries should follow the road of self-reliance, believing in their own strength.

President Kim Il Sung encouraged Tanzania to be self-reliant by showing the Tanzanian delegation water pump factory and the experience of self-reliance achieved by the DPRK and this was indeed the assistance which Tanzania urgently needed.

The Juche idea, the most precious heritage of President Kim Il Sung, his exploits will shine forever along with the victorious advance of the cause of global independence.

The world progressive people admire and praise the DPRK for its ever-brilliant victories gained in its protracted and arduous road of the Korean revolution overcoming all challenges imposed by the hostile forces.

Today the DPRK has built up its national strength under the leadership of respected leader Kim Jong Un. His appeal to his people to display the spirit of self-development first enjoys unqualified support from the DPRK people and inspires them to further efforts.

Respected leader Kim Jong Un in his report at the 8th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK) held in January 2021 laid down a fresh struggle line and strategic and tactical policies for making a radical advance in the socialist construction.

His historic report that comprehensively clarified the important guidelines for bringing about a new upswing in overall work of the Party and revolution adds confidence to the victorious advance of the Juche cause and promises bright future for the prosperity and development of the DPRK and happiness of the people.

Juche idea followers in Tanzania and Africa have received with great excitement the historic Report made by respected leader Kim Jong Un.

We of Juche idea study groups study hard through lectures, reading and discussion meetings and thus grasp the ideas and gist of the Report and disseminate them among the people.

With these studies and activities we deepen our understanding about the independent and people-oriented lines and policies of the WPK and we are confident about the bright future of the DPRK.

Under the leadership of respected leader Kim Jong Un, it is highly expected that the DPRK will emerge into the world stage as a strong and prosperous nation.