

Experiences Attained through Visiting DPRK



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I would prefer to narrate my personal experience to elaborate the independent DPRK.

When my visit to the DPRK was confirmed I was so excited because it was the first time for me to visit to the country as an adherent to the Juche idea. Even though I knew the fact that the DPRK had been ever-victorious with independence and self-reliance and people-centred socialist country, I was so eager to witness the reality of what the country was indeed. It reminded to me “Seeing is believing” at that time.

The day came to me to check what my imagination was. I set off my visiting to the DPRK on the 6th of September 2016.

I had been invited for the Juche conference, in Pyongyang, in which many adherents to the Juche idea from all over the world would take part.

My exciting visit to the DPRK began on the 8th of September 2016 when I arrived at Pyongyang International Airport.

It was so impressive moment when I first landed my first foot to the country.

My immediate impression was that it was unarguably one of the cleanest and least polluted and least traffic jammed cities in the world. I still hold the same view.

Pyongyang is a well-planned city with wide boulevards, massive apartments with huge spaces between them. It has a vibrant skyline with 20- and 40-stored high-rise apartment buildings.

Despite experiencing long pressure and blockade of hostile forces against the DPRK, Pyongyang continues to make demonstrable progress in infrastructure development.

There was massive construction of apartment blocks and other public buildings especially along Ryomyong Street (the construction of Ryomyong Street was already finished and people are now living there.)

Apartments are allocated free of charge. There are neither homeless people nor beggars in Pyongyang.

In this city, things worked quite well. The public electric buses provided transport to hundreds of residents to and from their work stations. The metro is integral to the transport system of Pyongyang. A network of tunnels ensures the streets are relatively free of human traffic.

Locally manufactured vehicles are common on the street I learnt that the automobiles were manufactured by Sungri and Pyonghwa enterprises.

The residents of Pyongyang generally exude a deep sense purpose and orderliness as they go about their day to day lives. Patriotism songs bellow from the numerous loud speakers littered all over the city.

You get the sense of a people prepared and determined to respond to the slightest act of provocation made by hostile outside forces.

Social harmony and unity were evident, for my eight days of interaction.

Integrity too seemed to be abundant among the DPRK citizens. A story was told of a diplomat whose 100 dollar bill slipped out his wallet during a transaction in a souvenir shop. The attendant who found it reported to her supervisors and the owner was traced for several days until he was found and returned to him.

The key pillars the DPRK's socialism are; Universal Healthcare for all citizens and Free Education.

Education is universal and state funded. I learnt that it is unthinkable for a Korean child of school going age to be out of school.

The mushrooming state of the art recreation and sports facilities, in Pyongyang speak to the premium. Marshal Kim Jong Un places on sports and recreation for the rich cultural life of the people.

The WPK, since it had a hammer, a sickle and a writing brush embroidered in its red flag, has guided Korea along the path to victory and prosperity with confidence by unvaryingly maintaining the line of independence in the unprecedented crucible and challenges of the times.

In the meantime, it is worth to note that the WPK, with its peculiar mode of existence that is to share the destiny with its people and make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the people, has won people's unreserved support and trust as well as enjoying the respect and admiration of the world progressive people.

General Secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea, H.E. **Kim Jong Un** said:

“The great Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is, in essence, the people-first principle, and the mode of existence of our Party is serving the people.”

It is quite justifiable and scientific that WPK as the General Staff of the Korean revolution guides the Korean people to victory and achieves great successes in socialist construction with holding fast to the banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the people-first principle.

A sovereign country must build the economy that progresses without being dependent on other countries. This idea which is one of principles guided by the Juche idea has led the DPRK to serve its own people and it has developed into a self-reliant economy by relying on its own resources and technology.

Indeed Self-reliance is the principle that people of each country should maintain to expedite the building of independent national economies which relies on the local domestic resources to lay firm material and technological foundations.

The report of the 8th Congress of the Workers’ Party of Korea clarified the strategy for the struggle in the economic field in the coming five years.

And it says that the new plan reflects the demands for perfecting the self-supporting structure of the national economy, lowering the proportion of dependence on imports and stabilizing the people's living by taking the actual possibilities into consideration.

It also stressed that the main seed and theme of the plan are, as always, self-reliance and self-sufficiency. From the requirements of developing revolution and from the urgent requirements of socialist construction, self-reliance during the period of the new long-term plan should develop into nationwide, planned and scientific self-reliance.

I am convinced that the Korean people will fully demonstrate the vitality of the Juche idea with the scientific self-reliance embodied by the principle of the Juche idea.

It proves that the orientation set by the report of the 8th Congress of the WPK is just right.

I am sure that the people of the DPRK will successfully achieve the targets set by the 8th Congress of the WPK as long as the Korean people move forward to right direction in various fields under the wise leadership of H.E. Comrade Kim Jong Un and the WPK with the spirit of self-reliance stressed in the report of the 8th Congress of the WPK.