## An Exemplary to Safeguard Dignity of Nation and Its Sovereignty

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It is a great honor for me to participate in the virtual international webinar on the Juche Idea on the occasion of the 109th birth anniversary of His Excellency President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the great Juche Idea.

The names of the leaders of modern Korea, namely President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the state, Leader Kim Jong Il and General Secretary Kim Jong Un who contributed to founding and leading of the DPRK are widely known all over the world.

Today, the name "the DPRK" is a symbol of independent politics in international relations.

I honestly say that I admire Korea's policy as I love and respect its leaders, because Korea is an independent powerful nation.

Indeed, it is very surprising that the DPRK, which preserves an area not large and has a population of about 25 million, is moving steadily and without hesitation on the path of independent development, standing steadfastly in the face of the domination strategies of great powers including the United States to extend control and their abusive practices.

The word "dignity" is the most important sign of people as well as nations and countries.

Many people and many countries strive to preserve their dignity and prove their presence, so some succeed and some lose.

I think the DPRK is a model for preserving dignity and defending national sovereignty.

In our world, where the law of the jungle prevails in international relations in spite of the peoples, it is not easy for a small country or nation to preserve its national dignity and sovereignty and succeed in highlighting its presence in the international community.

I think that the Juche Idea created by President Kim Il Sung, developed and enriched by Leader Kim Jong Il and firmly upheld by General Secretary Kim Jong Un, which forms the basis and the starting point of the DPRK's independent policy.

The Juche Idea is the ideological and theoretical core of

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, the leading guideline for revolution and construction in the DPRK, and is reflected in all of the DPRK's policies, slogans, and reality.

At the 8th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea in early January, His Excellency General Secretary Kim Jong Un called on the party, the state and the people of Korea to carry the slogans of "The people are God," "Single-hearted Unity" and "Self-Reliance."

These three slogans reflect the requirements of the Juche Idea and are a sure guarantee for the victory of the DPRK's independent policy.

The slogan "The people are God," means placing the people in the highest position in the world and subjecting everything to the achievement of their interests. We say that this slogan embodies the Juche Idea in interpreting the history of societies, since the masses of the people are the masters of the revolution and construction and have the power to push the process of revolution and building.

As for the slogan "Single-hearted Unity," it expresses the strong will of the DPRK to overcome all kinds of challenges with the unified force of the people armed with the idea of independence.

As for the slogan "Self-reliance," I think that it is a fundamental requirement of the Juche Idea, which calls on people to self-confidence and pave the way for their destiny by self-strength, and it is the best way to preserve their dignity and independence.

I am confident that when these slogans are implemented, the DPRK will increase its power and position as a bulwark of independence.

Even in the Arab countries in the Middle East, there are not a few ideas and theories that call for preserving their dignity, independence, goodness and justice. However, they did not keep pace with the development of the times and the aspirations of the people and reality and were not accompanied by a strong will and firm belief in overcoming challenges, so they were obliged to open the way for international and regional forces to interfere and control in their internal affairs, and in some cases incidents occurred that violated their dignity and national sovereignty.

The Middle East region is rich in human and material resources that provide favorable conditions for independent development. However, the reality we see is different. Political instability continues in some Arab countries, just as the peoples suffer from divisions and torments due to interference from outside.

In fact, it confirms the importance of having a spirit of independence and harnessing all things, including thinking and practice, to preserve the safety, security and interests of the nation and the people. It also reminds us of the saying that "dignity, truth and justice can only be taken by force." While comparing the two cases, the situation in Korea and the situation in the Middle East region, I once again understand the dimensions of the Juche Idea and the depth of the roots of the independent spirit and will of the Korean people.

The DPRK's strong will for independence can be found in the declarations at the 8th congress of the Workers' Party of Korea that announced that DPRK will treat the United States on the basis of the principles of "force by force" and "goodwill by goodwill."

The Juche Idea is a great philosophy of life and sociological doctrine that guides people to know themselves and develop their own strength.

I believe that anyone seeking independence and justice should study the Juche Idea in depth and make an effort to put it into practice.

When we follow the path indicated by this idea of independence, the dignity of the human being, the nation and the state can be preserved, and independent and free societies can be built in which justice and equality prevail.

In conclusion, I would like to express my thanks for inviting me to the international webinar on the Juche idea. I also express my happiness and pleasure in attending this online seminar.

I hope that there will be continuous contacts and cooperation between DPRK's friends around the world who are interested in the Juche Idea and the DPRK, supporting this beautiful country.

Thank you.