

Glorious 75th Founding Anniversary of Workers' Party of Korea



Ramon Jimenez Lopez

Director General, Board of Directors, International Institute of Juche Idea,
Director General, Board of Directors, Latin American Institute of Juche Idea

This year the Workers' Party of Korea, that has accumulated the greatest experience in leading the socialist construction and briskly opens up a new era of global independence and peace, greets its 75th founding anniversary.

Human history records no such a party as the WPK, led by President Kim Il Sung, General Secretary Kim Jong Il and Chairman Kim Jong Un, that has led to victory the struggle in all fronts for a long period. The single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses enabled the DPRK to develop into a prosperous and independent country in a short span of time after the Korean War in which the DPRK repulsed invasion of the US imperialists. After the collapse of the Berlin Wall and dissolution of the socialist bloc, the imperialists clamoured about the “end” of history and socialism. However, the WPK, led by General Secretary Kim Jong Il who did not mind clamor of the imperialists, conducted the high-intensity ideological work in order to encourage the popular masses' mental strength and confidence in the socialist construction.

It is very important for all the political forces striving for the independence and the world peace to make a profound study of the foundation and development of the WPK. Because it is an undertaking to gain a valuable instruction for the building of a new world on the debris of neo-liberalism by frustrating dogmatism and factionalism and organizing, awakening and mobilizing the popular masses. It also presents as an urgent task at present owing to the crisis of neo-liberalism revealed in anti-epidemic crisis by COVID-19.



The Director General of the IJJI Board making a speech at a National Seminar on the Juche Idea in Mexico

President Kim Il Sung convened the Inaugural Congress of the Central Organizing Committee of the Communist Party of North Korea from October 10 to 13, 1945 in Pyongyang and delivered a report “On Building a Marxist-Leninist Party in Our Country and Its Immediate Tasks”. The report set forth the policy of establishing a Democratic People’s Republic and discussed the issues of liquidating all reactionary elements, achieving a democratic development of the country, laying solid foundations for the building of a democratic and independent country, strengthening the Party and conducting brick activities of social organizations. In his speech “Let Us Unite the Masses of the People and Build a New Korea” made a few days before that time, the President clarified... We must never restore a feudal system nor set up a bourgeois system; it must not take the path towards socialism promptly. The path Korea should take is a path towards progressive democracy. To its end, we must carry out the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution before anything else and built a democratic, independent and sovereign state.

President Kim Il Sung said:

“We must adopt progressive democracy, which is neither Soviet-style democracy nor American-style ‘democracy,’ but instead suitable to the specific

conditions of Korea. The road to progressive democracy is the line and true road to be followed by the Korean revolution at present stage.”

The President also clarified in details that it was necessary to establish the united front which rallies the patriotic and democratic forces of every stratum including workers, peasants and national capitalists. The President said that stooges of the Japanese imperialists could not be included in the front and the pro-Japanese elements and the traitors to the nation should be eliminated through mass struggle as the front aimed to establish a Democratic People's Republic. The President also clarified the strategic and tactical principles of the struggle including the independent leadership position of the Communist Party and the combination of unity and struggle.

Like this, the first Juche-oriented revolutionary party came into being while overthrowing dogmatism and separatism and channeling much effort into the ideological training in accordance with Korea's reality, under the banner of democratic centralism and the unified leadership. A hammer, a sickle and a writing brush are inscribed on the flag of the WPK. This symbolically represents the revolutionary and mass character of the Party that includes workers, peasants and intellectuals.



A view of National Seminar on the Juche Idea in Mexico

The line of forming the united front put forward by the WPK, which struggled to drive out the US imperialists and build a prosperous and independent country on the war ruins, and the popular masses' struggle are similar to the present situation of several decades of countries, and it is necessary for them to tide over their crises and build an independent country on the peaceful region. It is because that the struggle in most of those countries is the one against neoliberalism and oligarchy. People in each country must grope for their ways in an independent way to escape from crises in line with their special conditions. However, some countries are seized by uneasiness without having correct line of action to free themselves from the crises. The WPK's experience serves as a guide for organized action in those countries. That is why we must celebrate the 75th founding anniversary of the WPK by widely introducing and propagating the WPK's history. The WPK's history can undoubtedly make contribution to opening a new chapter in the life of political parties and social organizations in different countries of the world.

In his discourse "The Workers' Party of Korea Is the Party of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung" published on the occasion of the 50th founding anniversary of the WPK, General Secretary Kim Jong Il said:

"The party as a political leadership body is inconceivable apart from the leader's idea and guidance. Separated from the masses, the party cannot lead the revolution and construction to victory."



A view of a youth seminar held in Mexico City



A scene from an ethnic dance entitled "Revolution"

“The respected Comrade Kim Il Sung not only founded our Party and developed it to be an invincible one, but, with his extraordinary far-sightedness of many years’ standing, laid a solid foundation for a brilliant continuation and accomplishment of the cause of the Party. Looking into the distant future, Comrade Kim Il Sung clarified the way to be followed by our Party and our revolution, laid firm organizational and ideological bases for the Party and established the leadership system for the continuation and accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of Juche.”

“Our Party exists for the people and regards it as its duty to fight to meet the interests of the people and their desire for independence. Taking loving care of the people, serving them and forming a harmonious whole with them — these are the intrinsic nature and basic characteristics of the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung.”

The WPK dynamically promoted the three revolutions that enabled to build an independent and prosperous socialist country under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung. The three revolutions are the ideological, technical and cultural ones that have been enriched in the eras of General Secretary Kim Jong Il and Chairman Kim Jong Un.

This is another viewpoint of approaching the present time, and this serves as the guiding principle for transforming the world. In other words, it means that every country must

dynamically push ahead with the three revolutions individually and generally.

Ideological revolution is to root survivals of the outmoded ideas out of the people and arm them with the working class-idea, the idea of socialism.

Cultural revolution is to liquidate cultural backwardness bequeathed by the old society and create the socialist culture.

As for the cultural revolution, it is to build a cultural world of the majority proceeding from the people's historic tradition and, at the same time, to encourage such overall and noble traits as patriotism, human love and love for nature, people and family by centring on man, a social being with an independent, creativity and consciousness.

Technical revolution is to rapidly develop productive forces by developing science and technology and to free the working people, liberated from exploitation and oppression, from hard labour so as to provide them with independent and creative living conditions.

Technical revolution enables to render help to the utility of the great scientific and theoretical advance for the wealth of mankind and the many-sided development of the popular masses including sports, arts, culture and science.

In order to carry out the three revolutions, it is imperative to be well versed in the successful WPK's experiences that are the great guide for world change whose realization is under way on this planet.

Long live the Workers' Party of Korea!