

**Message from Prof. Matteo Carbonelli,  
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Dear friends, scholars and followers of the Juche Idea,

It is a great pleasure and an honor for me to send my greetings and wishes, also on behalf of the European Society for the Study of Juche Idea, to the seminar held in Tokyo on the occasion of the 75th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea.

This is the occasion to celebrate a history of proud victories and to understand the reasons for success of the WPK.

It was founded in a new original way consistent with the Juche idea and the Juche theory of party building, taking his historical roots amidst the flames of the Korean people's national liberation struggle. Since 1926 by the Down With Imperialism Union and then in 1930 by the Kalun Meeting under the guidance of great comrade Kim Il Sung were rejected the methods of the factionalists and flunkeyists trying to form parties from the top down leaning on external powers and was established the path of unifying the people's struggle by creating grassroots organizations first and aligning the party construction with the fight of the People's Guerrilla Army. Thus, relying on their own strength and according to their own conditions, party organizations became embedded within the popular masses, promoting their political awareness and leading their efforts.

After Korea's liberation in August 1945, in difficult circumstances when the Korean Peninsula was divided by US imperialism, the Workers' Party of Korea was finally founded, becoming the organizer and guide of the Korean people and the supreme general staff of the Korean revolution. It provided the ideological and organizational leadership of the Korean People's Army that at the end of the Fatherland Liberation War in 1953 gained an epochal victory over the forces of aggression, inflicting the first humiliation to the US imperialism.

The mass line interlinked with the class line applied by the WPK transformed the country being once a colony into a powerful socialist country of Juche, a country that is politically independent, economically self-sufficient and self-reliant in defence.

The WPK's line made the country shortly reconstructed from the ashes of destruction of more than 630,000 bombs dropped by imperialist aggressors on its territory during that war; and made it arise like a mighty phoenix, assuring the independence of the people with a complete national defence capability and significant successes in economic growth despite of all challenges and difficulties.

This was made possible for being the WPK since its start a people-oriented party representing the whole of popular masses, as expressed also by its symbol, which unites the hammer of workers, the sickle of peasants, and the writing brush of intellectuals as well.

The people-oriented policy was an application of the Juche idea which affirms that the popular masses are the masters of the revolution and construction.

The fundamental principle of the WPK action was always to act on the basis of Chongsan-ri spirit, in order to “defend the interests of popular masses, rally the entire people around the party and convert all the work into that of the popular masses themselves”. In the same way the method of its action was Chongsan-ri method, according to which “superiors help their subordinates, go out to the spot to grasp the actual conditions and find correct ways to solve the problems, give priority to the work with the people and fully mobilize the people’s revolutionary enthusiasm and creativity to carry out their assignment.”

“The people are my god” was declared by President Kim Il Sung. Indeed, upholding the slogan “Everything for the people and everything by relying on them”, the WPK is a motherly party, devoted to the good of the people. It takes care of the destiny of the popular masses, acts politics of love for the people and trust in them.

Important social guarantees are therefore assured to the people, that is, all receive free education and free health care, besides other social benefits such as free housing, and guarantee of employment without taxation in an advanced socialist system.

As a result the WPK is a masses’ party, deeply rooted amongst the masses and forming an integral whole with them.

Under Kim Jong Il’s guidance, the WPK stressed the solid connection with the people around itself, achieving single-hearted and single-minded unity. The WPK advocated the Juche idea as its guiding ideology, capable of permeating and transforming the entire society on its principles and training all members into socialist revolutionary type.

Great efforts were made in theoretical education. The WPK firmly fought against modern revisionism, right and left-wing opportunism, flunkeyism, dogmatism and factionalism, and always maintained revolutionary and class principles, thus upholding socialism even when others dropped it down.

This attitude ensured that the WPK proved itself as the most durable party for 75 years advancing along the road of socialism, without deviating in its struggle against imperialism, dominationism, worship of big powers, not following any established theory or formula but applying the original Juche idea.

Furthermore, an important contribution was given by the WPK to salvage the international socialist and revolutionary movements after the frustration in the East European countries by the initiative of convening in Pyongyang in 1992 an international meeting of the communist and workers’ parties and national liberation movements throughout the world. The Pyongyang Declaration, signed by over 300 parties and movements, under the banner of “Let Us Defend and Advance the Cause of Socialism, ” scientifically elucidates the reasons and the needs for socialism, appeals to unite in order to resist the forces of imperialism and continues to inspire the faith and the will of the progressive people of the world.

To safeguard the social system and independence of the country, the WPK embodied the politics of Songun giving precedence to military affairs, and thus provided to the DPRK a powerful defence apparatus. The nuclear power, learning from experiences, shall be a deterrent ensuring protection against attempts of imperialist aggression and guarantee the peace.

Under the guidance of Marshal Kim Jong Un, the worthy successor of the revolutionary cause of Kim Il Sung and of Kim Jong Il, the WPK continues its indefectible application of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as a people-centred ideology; the ideology that regards the

popular masses as the subject of history, carrying out the desire of independence of the people and their desire to live as masters improving their living standards.

Getting along the lines and traditions started on Mt. Pektu, the WPK with renewed dynamism achieved important successes in its ambitious programme of building both a military deterrent and an economic development at same time, for the security and welfare of the people.

Opposing bureaucratism and carrying out the three revolutions, ideological, technical and cultural, having as constant bedrocks the principles of independence and socialism, the WPK goes on keeping a “watchful eye over all sorts of moves by the enemy to undermine socialist system from within, approach these moves with political awareness and never allow any poisonous weeds of capitalism, however trifling, to sprout in the garden of socialism”.

Proving its vitality and rightness in applying Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism principles, the Workers Party of Korea achieved along all the decades of its life, as today we are celebrating, many significant goals in all fields of politics, military affairs, the economy and culture.

On these premises, maintaining its attitude to solve all the problems relying on the people, according to their own realities, the Workers’ Party of Korea shall accomplish in the future other important achievements and new brilliant successes in building a prosperous independent socialist country.

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