

Growing Conflicts in Present Day World and Juche Idea for Independence, Justice and World Peace



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Esteemed Dr. Ogami, comrades and friends,

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, secretary general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea for his kind invitation to me and to my wife Dr. Sadhna Harish to attend this significant National Seminar on the Juche Idea in Okinawa which has been organised on the auspicious occasion of the birthday of General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

It is indeed a pleasure for me to deliver my lecture on the subject "Growing Conflicts in the Present Day World and the Juche Idea for Independence, Justice and World Peace" to this enlightened audience, some of you are taking keen interest in studying, propagating and disseminating immortal and most pragmatic Juche idea among the broad masses of the people.

At present the world is passing through a very uncertain, volatile and dangerous phase in human history. The black clouds of the war are hovering over all the countries of the world posing a serious threat to world peace. The entire world is divided between two blocs. On the one side are countries like the U.S., the UK and other NATO nations, Israel, Japan, Ukraine, the Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, etc., (the imperialist and pro-imperialist bloc) and on the other side are Russia, China, Iran, Libya, DPRK, etc., (the anti-imperialist bloc). Over the years, several war zones and 'hot spots' have been

created like the Korean Peninsula, Israel-Palestine, Russia-Ukraine and recently Saudi-Arabia and Iran.

The conflicts in these war zones have led to instability, threat to the independence and sovereignty of the peace loving sovereign nations. It is a well known fact that at the root of all the conflicts in the world, it is America and its allied forces who want to establish their hegemony, plunder the resources and force their political system on vulnerable sovereign states. The actions of America and its allies in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, etc., are the testimony of the same.

The conflict between Russia and Ukraine, which started in February, 2014 has now led to full-fledged war. This war, which is now continuing for the last more than seven months, thousands of lives have been lost, and a large number of people are either having become disabled or seriously wounded. Large number of children have become orphans. Displaced persons are migrating to neighbouring countries and experiencing multiple problems. There is a huge loss of buildings and other properties.

This war has also created problems like inflation, food shortages, energy crisis and above all environmental problems for the entire world. The war in Ukraine is continuing for such a long time because the US and the NATO countries are fuelling the war by supplying arms and other ammunition to Ukraine.

It is a well known fact that America wants to weaken Russia to remain the only superpower in the world and it is trying to achieve this objective by providing military and other help to Ukraine and prolonging the war there. The former president of America Donald Trump on November 16, 2022 in his public speech on TV openly blamed President Joe Biden and said that he is mainly responsible for the war in Ukraine and also for creating all the problems in Afghanistan.

The imperialists always continue to provoke war in one or the other part of the world in order to dominate and subjugate the independent and sovereign states. It is because of such actions of the imperialists, world peace becomes a distant dream for all the peace loving people and nations of the world. It will not be wrong to say that the imperialists hate peace and love wars. Probably it is in the DNA of the imperialists to

provoke wars in the world. The aggressive and predatory nature of imperialism led by US imperialism does not change.

The US and its allies always accuse the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and allege that the DPRK is a serious threat to world peace. On the contrary, the fact is that the DPRK strongly believes in world peace and advocates for the independence and sovereignty of all the countries and nations in the world. Great leader President, Kim Il Sung had experienced the pain and sufferings of the Korean people during the Japanese colonial rule and after a long and arduous battle won freedom of Korea on 15th August, 1945. President Kim Il Sung throughout his life worked hard for the independence of all the people and for the realisation of an independent peaceful world without war.

President Kim Il Sung authored the great universal and immortal Juche Idea which lights the road of independence for the popular masses and teaches us that man is the master of everything and no power on earth can stop the rising tide, the mighty forces of the masses of the people in their efforts to build a new world free from exploitation, aggression, subjugation, injustice, tyranny and torture. The Juche philosophy clearly stipulates that the independence is the most essential attribute of a man as the social being, together with creativity and consciousness. President Kim Il Sung says "Independence is an attribute of a social man, who is desirous of living and developing in an independent way as master of the world and his own destiny."

"As independence is the life and soul of a man, so it is the life and soul of a country or a nation." He also says: "It is an urgent requirement of our times to build a free, peaceful world in which all people cooperate in friendship and develop on an equal basis."

General Secretary Kim Jong Il who had further developed the Juche idea said "Realising worldwide independence by opposing the domination and subjugation of a country or nation by another and inequality among nations is a major requirement of the Juche idea which advocates independence."

The gist of the Juche idea is independence which is realised through self-reliance. We are to understand that without self-reliance independence is nothing but rhetoric, a

myth, a bunch of words sounding loud but meaning nothing. If we do not rely upon ourselves, if we always look for help and succour from others, then it ostensibly or literally means that we bargain out our independence. In order to achieve independence, each and every country or nation will have to be on one's own guard and save it with full might. It is only possible when each and every country is self reliant in every field and not dependent upon others.

The DPRK has always advocated and followed the policy of self reliance in every field such as those of politics, economy and defence and advised other countries and nations which love independence and sovereignty to follow the path of self reliance in every field. President Kim Il Sung during the Japanese rule had experienced and had seen the sufferings of his people. To liberate Korea, he highlighted to his people the importance of strong armed forces for independence, freedom and sovereignty.

He advocated the principle of giving prime importance to arms in the revolutionary struggle of the masses of the people against imperialism and for the first time, the idea of Songun was floated. During the fight against Japanese imperialists, young revolutionaries of the new generation under the leadership of Great leader Kim Il Sung waged a sacred war for independence and "arms for arms" "revolutionary violence for counter violence" was their slogan and line of struggle.

Thus, the Songun idea which elucidated the way for realising the popular masses' independence with arms at the centre of consideration was created as a revolutionary theory based on the Juche idea. This idea was further developed by Marshall Kim Jong Il as the fundamentals of Songun politics that the army is the party, the state and the people, thereby it means considering military affairs as the first and the foremost. The principle clarifies the truth that the destiny of a nation, i.e. its sovereignty depends upon the strength of its armed forces.

Dear leader Kim Jong Il clarified in unequivocal terms that Songun politics does not advocate the infringement of the sovereignty of other nations. It firmly safeguards the sovereignty, security and peace of all countries and the peoples and thereby the world peace. It is the result of Songun politics, the DPRK has emerged as one of the strongest military power with nuclear power and capable of defending its sovereignty.

The DPRK developed nuclear weapons not by choice but by compulsion as the US has always been threatening the DPRK with nuclear war. It is because of this reason the DPRK had to adopt the difficult road to possess nuclear weapons as a deterrent force. As it is well known, the Korean people have been suffering from the tragedy of national division for more than 70 years, since South Korea was occupied by American troops under the cloak of "liberator" in the year 1945. Their purpose is to make the whole Korean Peninsula as their military base. The reason why the United States has attached great importance to the Korean Peninsula is directly related with the geopolitical importance of the Korean Peninsula, in implementing their Asia-Pacific strategy.

It is also a well known fact that owing to the hostile policies of America to stifle the socialist Korea as it considers DPRK a thorn in their eyes, the Korean Peninsula has become the most dangerous hotbed of nuclear war in the world. The USA's nuclear threat of the DPRK began as early as in the 1950s, during the Korean War. They openly threatened to drop Atom-bombs in major cities of the DPRK as they actually did in Hiroshima and Nagasaki of Japan in 1945. The US also violated the Korean Armistice Agreement in 1957 by introducing nuclear weapons into South Korea. The US alleges that the DPRK's nuclear weapons are a serious threat to world peace, while their possession of the world's largest nuclear arsenal does not pose any threat to other countries and to world peace, which is a ridiculous sophistry.

President Kim Il Sung, who was an epitome of peace always followed the policies of peace on the Korean Peninsula. He had an intense desire to see a unified Korea to ensure peace on the Korean Peninsula. During his lifetime, he made several proposals to South Korea for reunification. In a high level talks between North and South Korea on May 3, 1972, the question of national reunification was discussed to find out the common grounds for the reunification. They identified the three principles of realising independent reunification without outside interference, achieving great national unity by transcending differences in ideas, ideals and systems and reunifying the divided land by peaceful means without recourse to armed forces.

President Kim Il Sung also clarified the misconception of south that the DPRK will invade the south and communise it, telling them that the DPRK has no intention to do so

and this they have declared on many occasions. Time to time he also put forward countless other proposals for reunification, including formation of a confederation of the north and the south. At the 6th congress of the WPK in October 1980, he advanced the proposal for founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo and wisely led the struggle for putting it into practice, thereby opening avenues for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country. Before his death in April 1993, he announced “10-points program of the great unity of the whole nation for the reunification of the country”. Unfortunately, all his sincere efforts for the reunification of Korea failed but it made.

It is very clear that he was in favour of peace in the Korean Peninsula to avoid the danger of world war.

Marshall Kim Jong Il further took several steps for the peaceful reunification of Korea in continuation of the efforts by President Kim Il Sung.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un has made achieving Korean reunification his top most priority and is making all efforts to realise this goal. He held three inter-Korean summits, in rapid succession in the year 2018 to put the program into action and took the first step along the road of reunification of Korea. An inter-Korean summit meeting was held at Panmunjom on April 27, 2018 between General Secretary Kim Jong Un and President Moon Jae in.

The two leaders solemnly declared before all the Korean people and the whole world that there will be no more war on the Korean Peninsula and thus a new era of peace has begun. They jointly declared as follows: South and North Korea will reconnect the blood relations of the people and bring forward the future of co-prosperity and reunification. Improving and cultivating inter-Korean relations is the prevalent desire of the whole nation and the urgent call of the times that cannot be held back any further. South and North Korea reaffirmed the non aggressive agreement that precludes the use of forces in any form against each other and agreed to strictly adhere to this agreement.

It was also agreed to carry out disarmament in a phased manner. It was further confirmed that their common goal of releasing a nuclear free Korean Peninsula is

through complete denuclearisation and agreed to carry out their role and responsibilities in this regard.

After this several regular meetings on this issue were held and further agreements were made to ensure peace on the Korean Peninsula, but at the same time even now South Korea is continuing military exercises with the US. General Secretary Kim Jong Un has criticised the double dealings attitude of South Korea, but has not ruled out the possibilities for further negotiations and a peaceful solution to the issue of the Korean Peninsula.

At the same time, he has made it clear that "As a responsible peace loving nuclear power, our country will neither have recourse to nuclear weapons unless hostile forces of aggression violate its sovereignty and interests nor threaten any other country or the region by means of nuclear weapons. However, it will resolutely respond to the acts of wrecking peace and security on the Korean Peninsula."

To ensure permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula and to avert the danger of world war, the reunification of Korea is the absolute urgent necessity in the present day volatile world. It is also high time for the US and its allied forces to stop their interference in the internal affairs of the peace loving countries and also not to pursue their evil designs to dominate and subjugate the sovereign states. It is essential for all the countries to follow the policy "Live and let others live" for ensuring world peace.

In the end, I would also like to say that all countries of the world should follow the path shown by the Juche idea which advocates that self reliance is essential for the independence and sovereignty of all the countries of the world. Once all the countries in the world become self reliant, world peace will automatically be realised.

Now on the occasion of the birthday of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, I take this opportunity to wish him long, happy and healthy life.

Thank you all very much.

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