

Study and Dissemination of Juche Idea in Effort to Advance Towards Independence

—Congratulations on 45th Founding Anniversary of IJJI—



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On the occasion of the 111th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, we commemorate the 45th founding anniversary of the International Institute of the Juche Idea (IJJI). We cannot speak of the emergence of the IJJI without linking it closely with the thought and action of President Kim Il Sung.

In September 1977, President Kim Il Sung said:

“The people of the world are demanding the Juche idea, and it is therefore necessary to establish an international organization for this purpose. The importance of this organization lies in providing each country with experimental data that will enable it to solve its internal problems with its own strength. The revolution cannot be exported. Consequently, the organization in question must be scientific without fail, and it should not be a political organization, because to make a political organization means exporting the revolution.”

Next, I would like to point out a central element of his speech in Kalum in 1930:

“Experience shows that in order to lead the revolution to victory, one must go among the masses of the people and organize them, and solve all problems arising in the course of the revolution independently on one’s own responsibility and in accord with the actual

conditions, instead of relying on others.

“Drawing on this lesson we regard it as most important to take the firm standpoint that the masters of the Korean revolution are the Korean people and that the Korean revolution should by all means be carried out by the Korean people themselves in a way suited to the actual conditions of their country.” (“The Path of the Korean Revolution,” on June 30, 1930)

The struggle of President Kim Il Sung was for independence and world peace, which was also accompanied by the struggle for the welfare of all human beings and universal brotherhood.

Humanity is now in a period of momentous transition for the current and future generations: we are passing from the so-called unipolar period, in which the imperialist powers imposed the model of neoliberalism on practically all the countries of the world (representing the end of history and in particular the end of socialism), to a period of multipolarity, where each country defines and builds its own destiny by itself, with its own strength, according to its own history, its culture and its peculiar characteristics, with the popular masses regarded as being the masters of this great change.

As President Kim Il Sung always said, this is one of the central contents of the Juche Idea, and which the IJJI has been careful to disseminate, highlighting the role of the popular masses of each country as the masters of the revolution, developing it according to their own strength in conformity with the specific circumstances.

This New Age of humanity, of Independence, of World Peace, of universal fraternity and welfare for all, is just being built and has not yet been got rid of the setbacks and obstacles on the part of the imperialist powers, it is a moment that requires extraordinary awareness of the popular masses, development of their creative potential and the struggle for independence and sovereignty.

The neoliberal dogmas that seemed immovable are going to the dustbin of history: individualism, racism, discrimination of all kinds, market economy, dollar-centrism, etc.

In this new stage of human flourishing, the Juche idea becomes a powerful guide to orient the struggle of the peoples for a better world and that is where the role of the IJJI becomes relevant. That is why we celebrate its 45th founding anniversary with great optimism, with the awareness of the role that each of the world Juche idea researchers has to play in one's own countries to contribute in a solid and prompt way to the advent of this new era of independence, where the popular masses of each country decide for themselves their own

destiny, without interventionism of foreign forces. It is a stellar moment in the global history of humanity, since the imperialist powers can no longer impose on most nations their model of plundering and over-exploitation of their human, financial, economic and natural resources.

The US has lost its military and economic hegemony and has been getting bogged in a financial crisis.

The task of the progressive and revolutionary forces both inside and outside: the imperialist powers is to prevent this crisis from being resolved by means of war which would be thermonuclear and could lead to the extinction of life on the planet. Therefore, the demonstrations and discontent of the popular masses in the imperialist countries becomes conspicuous particularly in France. The contradictions occurring in the U.S. between militarist groups and less warlike sectors have become to the extreme that led to the arrest of former President Donald Trump.

On the other hand, the agreements between countries to trade in their own currencies, leaving aside the dollar, stand out. This action has been led by China, Russia, India, Iran. There



A view of a Juche Idea Seminar to Commemorate the 111th Birth Anniversary of President Kim Il Sung & the 45th Founding Anniversary of the International Institute of the Juche Idea held in Tokyo on April 15, 2023

is an independent rapprochement of Saudi Arabia and other countries of the Persian Gulf with these countries. Also, there are the growing rapprochement of all those countries with progressive and democratic governments in Latin America; there are growing movements in Latin American countries such as independently reorienting their relations to achieve the welfare of their peoples, demanding respect for national sovereignty, non-intervention in internal affairs and cooperation for development, providing a new and more humane solution to the problem of migration; as well as the growing demand to end the blockade of Cuba. These progressive forces have defeated the oligarchies of their countries by democratic-electoral means, in accordance with their own forces and their own circumstances (economic, historical, social and cultural).

Every day there are more and more countries whose popular masses take the path of independence, world peace, welfare for all and universal solidarity and fraternity, which strengthens the multipolar development of the planet.

This is the essence of the thoughts developed and fought for throughout his life by President Kim Il Sung, systematized by General Secretary Kim Jong Il and intelligently and wisely implemented by General Secretary Kim Jong Un, making the DPRK a beacon of humanism, because they have put the masses of the people at the center of attention. Those leaders have made the DPRK a guide to humanism by putting the masses of the people in the center of attention with love and care so that they can live a happy life with the development and construction of socialism and, on the other hand, by the Songun politics that has created a powerful power to successfully confront the bullying and warlike actions of the US, the ROK and Japan.

During these 45 years, the IJJI has fulfilled its noble mission and the task of promoting the cause of the independence of each country and world peace. During this period, it finds more propitious ground in these moments of geoeconomic and geostrategic reconfiguration at the planetary level like that more and more countries are embarking on the path of independence in this moment of transition from the unipolar, neoliberal period, to the new era of multipolarity. Ours is the time when each country decides its own destiny without external interventionism and strengthening the bonds of solidarity and fraternity, seeking the welfare of the popular masses of the whole world.

Therefore, I fraternally salute all the participants in this event to commemorate the 45th founding anniversary of the IJJI for their hard work in studying and disseminating

in their respective countries and regions the Juche idea, the fundamental pillar of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism, applying its principles to the analysis of the concrete reality of each country, while taking the masses of the people as the masters of the changes, the forgers of their own destiny. I would like to give special recognition to the organizational and intellectual efforts of Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, secretary general of the IJJI, for maintaining the dynamism of this great Institute, as well as the contribution of the Korean Association of Social Scientists.

It was on April 9, 1978 in Tokyo that the inaugural congress of the IJJI was held, where 800 people at home and from various countries of the world gathered. Since then, the study and dissemination of the Juche idea has developed uninterruptedly in spite of the propaganda against socialism and the constant threats to the DPRK. We would like to pay tribute to all the Juche idea researchers who have held high the banner of the Juche idea throughout these years, as you are doing so today in the new stage of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism. This is an era that the great contributions of President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il have been put into practice by General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

I call on all those present to spread the fundamentals of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism among the younger generation with greater energy and enthusiasm, and contribute to guiding the struggle of the people in each country for global independence. It is required to do so by developing new methods of disseminating Kimilsung-Kimjongilism, combining conventional methods of study and dissemination with technical and scientific advances in communication and helping them to raise the level of theory and transformational practice in conformity with the conditions of each country.

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