



Congratulatory Address

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Esteemed Prof. Matteo Carbonelli, deputy director-general of the IJJI Board,

Esteemed Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, secretary general of the IJJI,

Esteemed delegates,

Dear friends,

Today we are having an international seminar on the Juche idea for “Independence, Justice and Future of Mankind” here in Pyongyang in such a moving period when the aspiration and desire of mankind for an independent and just new world is becoming ever more ardent.

This seminar arouses big interests at home and abroad as it is held in the period when a new era of great change is opened in the DPRK thanks to the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un’s outstanding political ability and noble devoted service for the people’s wellbeing.

First of all, I, on behalf of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, offer my warm congratulations to the Juche idea study group delegations and delegates and the personages from many countries who participated in the seminar with the unshakable faith in independence and justice.

I also express my gratitude to the directors-general, secretaries-general and directors of the IJJI and other regional institutions who proposed the holding of this seminar and made unsparing efforts for its success.

As we are connected with “Juche”, I and my fellows had been always deeply concerned about your health and prayed for your safety when the malignant epidemic infected the whole world. I am really glad to see you who have kept yourself healthy and come to Pyongyang.

Dear delegates,

Whenever we face all challenges infringing upon independence and rights to existence and development of countries and nations such as the health, ecological and war crises and disturbing progress and prosperity of mankind, we understand deeply that achieving independence and justice is urgent and significant.

I am sure that this seminar on “Independence, Justice and Future of Mankind” will be an important occasion that makes us understand once again that the bright future of mankind is decided by independence and justice and emphasizes historical tasks and role of the Juche idea study groups in the struggle for a new independent world.

In order to build an independent and just new world, a beautiful future of mankind that guarantees the sovereignty and prestige of countries and nations, peace and stability of the world and development and prosperity of mankind, it is important to hold high the banner of the Juche idea, that is, the banner of independence.

Independence is a foundation and a symbol of the Juche idea and the Juche idea is an immortal banner that guides the building of an independent and just new world.

Independence is justice. Justice wins sure victory and independence decides the development and prosperity of countries and nations and the progress and true future of mankind. This is the truth proved by the human history, which has been made by the people to realize independence.

The imperialist colonial system was collapsing, independent countries were born and big progress was made in realizing the people’s independence, through the struggle for independence of countries and nations.

However, the progressive people are still faced with difficult and complicated historical tasks of building an independent and just new world where the people’s independence is completely realized and sovereignty and equal rights of all countries and nations are guaranteed.

The people, the makers of history, demand independence and justice, and the people’s cause of independence advances and wins victory through the just struggle of the people who are armed with the consciousness of independence.

The more people and the more countries and nations regard independence as their life and soul and turn out in the struggle for independence and justice, the more quickly an independent new world, the ideal and future of mankind, can be built.

The cause of independence to realize the noble ideal of mankind demands to make continuous progress and innovation in the study and dissemination of the Juche idea, an

important and honourable work to make the people aware of the truthfulness and vitality of independence and the true meaning of justice and to encourage them to their realization.

We should be aware of the honourable and important mission of being the pioneers and disseminators of the great idea of the era and fully display all our wisdom and zeal in the efforts to build an independent world where independence and justice is realized.

Devoted and strenuous efforts you are making to realize the national and global independence and justice with the noble spirit of loving the country and nation, will be recorded in the history of human development and admired by the coming generations as an example for them.

In conclusion, I am sure that this seminar will be a good chance for the participants to clearly acquire the principle of independence and fully share experiences with each other and a meaningful gathering for them to encourage vigorously the people's advance towards a beautiful future.

I once again express my warm congratulations on the holding of this seminar.

Thank you.