

Lecture

Kim Jong Un's Revolutionary Ideology**Kim Chang Gyong**

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I once again warmly welcome you, who participate in the international seminar of the Juche idea on “Independence, Justice and Future of Mankind”.

Today I would like to give you explanations of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology is, in essence, the people-first principle with the devoted service for the people as its core, and the integrated system of idea, theory and method. In other words, it is run through with the spirit of making selfless, devoted efforts for the people's sake, and it is the integrated system of idea, theory and method to accomplish the revolutionary cause of Juche with sure by dint of the people-first principles.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un said.

“The people-first principle is my political ideal, and my politics is, from beginning to end, aimed at making our people prosperous.”

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology that carried forward the revolutionary ideas of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il and developed them in depth as required by the revolutionary practice in the new era. It is run through with the people-first principle in its contents and forms, the system of idea, theory and method in its composition.

Kim Jong Un formulated the essence of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the people-first principle, true to noble will of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who, regarding

“The people are God” as their motto, turned the revolution itself into the love for and trust in the people and devoted their all to the good of the people through their lives. Through his foresightedness, original philosophical inquiry and tireless literary work, he developed in depth the people-first principle with new principles and contents, thus successfully applying them in ideas, theories and the methods of guiding the masses.

Then, I explain the two systems of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology.

1. Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology is the people-first principle with the devoted service for the people as its core.

Contents of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology are run through with the people-first principle.

The people-first principle is a political ideal that makes it possible to regard the popular masses as masters of the revolution and construction, rely on them and make selfless, devoted efforts for their sake.

In his New Year Address for 2013, Kim Jong Un advanced a slogan “Everything for the people and everything by relying on them!” at the 4th Conference of Cell Secretaries of the Workers' Party of Korea, he clarified that it is the Party's firm determination to respect the people and devote everything to them as it holds President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il in high esteem.

In his New Year Address for 2017, Kim Jong Un swore to become a true servant loyal to his people and faithfully support them with a pure conscience, adding that he feels a surge of anxiety about what he should do to hold in greater reverence the people, the best in the world.

This reflects Kim Jong Un's steadfast will to make the overall Party and state activities run through with the devoted service for the people and to respect them and devote everything to them as he holds the President and the Chairman in high esteem.

The people-first principle is a political ideal that enables a socialist ruling party and state to regard the people as masters of the revolution and construction in their activities.

Regarding the people as masters of the revolution and construction means that a socialist ruling party and state subordinate their activities to absolutely defending their dignity, rights and interests and training them into powerful beings, the powerful forces, thus making them hold the position of direct performers of the revolution and construction and fulfill their responsibility and role as such.

The people-first principle enables a socialist ruling party and state to firmly guarantee the people's position and rights as masters of the revolution and construction by subordinating all the Party and state activities to the defending of their dignity, rights and interests.

Proceeding from the stand that no one is more precious than the people, a basis of the country, and nothing is more sacred than their interests, the principle demands that all problems are solved in keeping with their interests.

Biggest importance is given to urgent, vital needs of the people in adopting and implementing lines and policies of the Party and state, and priority is given to everything popular in overall social life. It is the requirement of the people-first principle that politics, military affairs and the economy are needed for the good of the people and the people-oriented culture and morality should be encouraged.

The people-first principle requires to firmly maintain the principle of anti-imperialist independence in the Party and state activities.

At present, the imperialists' moves of aggression and interference against sovereign states become undisguised, and many countries yield to the pressure of big powers sacrificing their people's interests. This tells us that the dignity of a state is immediately that of its people and national rights and interests are precisely those of the people.

In recent years, the US and its vassal forces have staged joint military exercises by mobilizing huge armed forces, including nuclear strategic assets while openly exposing their attempt to stifle the DPRK. Owing to their vicious anti-DPRK hostile policy and reckless military manoeuvres, the situation on the Korean peninsula is nearing a critical point of outbreak of a nuclear war, and the world is concerned about such an uncontrollable situation.

But their manoeuvres ended in failure by the unyielding offensive spirit of the WPK and the resolute, super-powerful and overwhelming military actions of the DPRK armed forces. The DPRK's position has been raised onto the highest level, and its people fully demonstrate their dignity and glory as the people of a powerful country. This is a clear proof of the validity and invincibility of the principle of anti-imperialist independence and the principle of defending national interests and raising national prestige advocated by the people-first principle.

The people-first principle also enables a socialist ruling party and state to gear all their activities to training its people into powerful beings, the powerful forces, thus making them maintain the stand of the masters of the revolution and construction and fulfill their responsibility and role as such.

The people-first principle clarified that the single-hearted unity, a harmonious whole of the Party and the people with the leader as a centre is the eternal mainstay of the Juche revolution and the most powerful national strength. It also extensively indicates practical ways of applying the ideology-first theory and the revolutionary philosophy of single-hearted unity in the Party and state activities.

The WPK trained the weaker nation, stained and divided by flunkeyism and dogmatism, into the one that is united with single mind behind the leader and strong in self-respect, and this is the biggest exploit that the WPK, whose political ideal is the people-first principle, achieved in leading the revolution for nearly 80 years.

The WPK has always given precedence to awakening and uniting the people, and as a result, it could defend socialism and lead the Korean revolution to victory without any vacillations even in the rapidly changing vortex of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The people-first principle requires to steadily enhance the function of the state as the organizer of their creative ability and activities and hold fast to prioritizing education and science as the core policy of the Party and state and establish prioritizing education and science as a national and public practice.

Upholding the slogan “Let us make a leap forward by dint of science and guarantee the future by dint of education!”, the WPK enforces the universal 12-year compulsory education, hastens the modernizing of educational bodies and the building of all-people study bases and makes educationists and scientists privileged to live in modern streets and flats even though the economic conditions are not good enough. This is a brilliant application of the people-first principle whose requirement is to train them into powerful beings, the powerful forces, who shoulder a great cause of prosperity based on self-reliance.

The people-first principle is also a political ideal that enables a socialist ruling party and state to solve all problems by relying on the people.

Solving all problems by relying on the people means that a socialist ruling party and state solve all problems arising in the political activities by believing in them and by enlisting their inexhaustible strength and wisdom.

The people-first principle enables a socialist ruling party and state to share bitters and sweets with the people while believing in them to achieve victory and prosperity.

The people's will and desire are a criterion for the Party and state to judge the correctness of their lines and policies. The people know realities better than others and have rich

experiences.

The principle makes it an absolute criterion to meet their will and desire and an invariable principle to provide them with living conveniences in mapping out the lines and policies of the Party and state. It is the requirements of the principle to have a frank discussion of the state affairs with the people and seek for plans by going among them and to map out and execute lines and policies by collecting their views.

Regarding the people as its only supporters, advisers and assistants in the whole period of leading the revolution, the WPK visited them before others, listened to their humble opinions and gained inexhaustible strength from their sincerity whenever it decided its path and faced grave situation. Upholding the slogan “Let the whole Party go among the masses!”, the Party always went among the people and shared bitters and sweets with them to pave the road to victory and prosperity. This is the leadership method and tactics peculiar to the WPK whose political ideal is the people-first principle.

The DPRK people absolutely support and faithfully carry out all lines and policies of the Party and the state as they firmly believe that the latter express their desire and demand and their destiny and future hinge on the implementation of the lines and policies.

The people-first principle also enables a socialist ruling party and state to consistently maintain the principle of giving precedence to political work and enlist the people’s mental strength and creativity to solve all problems.

The WPK’s is the history of the ideological campaign through which it has turned the crises, that decide victory or defeat, advance and retreat of the revolution, into the periods of great upsurge by giving the fullest play to the people’s mental strength.

Based on the WPK’s history and tradition of ideological campaign, the principle clarifies that victorious revolution is guaranteed by applying the ideological theory of Juche and giving the fullest play to the people’s indomitable mental strength and patriotic enthusiasm.

The principle clarifies that the surging mental strength of the popular masses creates miracles and a fundamental secret of creating miracles lies in their minds and that even an egg, when charged with ideology, can break a rock and even a rifle, when charged with ideology, is mightier than a thermonuclear weapon.

In the whole period of leading the revolution, the WPK has found the motive force of developing the revolution from the people’s mind and, whenever trials were piled up and weighty revolutionary tasks should be carried out, informed them of the then situation, its

intentions and the tasks for their implementation and conducted political activities among them timely and dynamically.

History of people's revolutionary struggle for independence has found no revolutions but the Korean revolution that traversed such a difficult, complicated and untrodden path as two times of revolutionary wars against the most outrageous US and Japanese imperialisms, two stages of social revolution and socialist construction made in acute showdown with the hostile forces and the struggle for defending the country and building it into a powerful one while braving manifold difficulties caused by the collapse of socialism in many countries and the natural disasters.

They were a series of hardships and trials which would have collapsed other countries more than ten times.

The WPK could lead the Korean revolution only along the road of victory and glory, even in such grave circumstances as it advanced the revolution and construction by enlisting the people's mental strength and creativity and the people supported with loyalty the cause of socialism.

The people-first principle is also a political ideal that enables a socialist ruling party and state to make selfless, devoted efforts for the people's sake.

Making selfless, devoted efforts for the people's sake is boundless love and devotion for the people that makes it possible to consider it as the most important affair to realize their demand and interests and spare nothing for them.

The respected Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a historic speech "Making Selfless, Devoted Efforts for the Good of the People Is the Mode of Existence and Source of Invincible Might of the Workers' Party of Korea" at a military parade held on October 10, 2015 to celebrate the WPK's 70th founding anniversary.

Kim Jong Un finished his speech with an ardent appeal "Let us all make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of our great people!"

His appeal reflects his noble intention to regard the people as the most precious being in the world, spare nothing for their happiness and subordinate everything to their wellbeing.

The people-first principle considers it as the primary mission, the most important affair of a socialist ruling party and state to take care of the people's destiny and life with full responsibility.

At the enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of C. C. of the WPK held in February

2015, Kim Jong Un stressed that the officials who share the same intention and fate with the Party Central Committee should make the Party's view on the people their creed and soul and regard it as the rule of their work and life to give top and absolute priority to their interests and conveniences and make selfless, devoted efforts for their sake.

Principle of activities of a socialist ruling party and state, advocated by the people-first principle, is that they should invariably enforce, expand and strengthen the popular policies while giving top and absolute priority to interests and conveniences of the people, and that there can be no concession or risk in the issues related to their health, lives and safety and that nothing should be spared for healing their sufferings while being closer to the people at the time when the latter are in difficulties.

The WPK puts forward the settlement of food and clothing problems as the most important policy, the construction of flats as the primary policy tasks and the anti-epidemic work for defending the people's lives and health as the foremost state affair and effectively executes them. It is not because the DPRK has good conditions or enough funds.

Because the WPK sets the people-first principle as its political ideal, it regards the issues wanted and desired by the people, the issues that they feel anxiety as the important matters and channels all-state efforts into solving them and even releases strategic reserve supplies.

The people-first principle enables a socialist ruling party and state to translate their ideal into reality as soon as possible and struggle purposefully for eternal prosperity and happiness of their posterities.

Putting it forward as the highest ideal to make the DPRK people most dignified and happiest ones in the world, the people-first principle requires to plan all work to be a far-reaching one and carry them out so as to provide eternal guarantee to prosperity and development of the state and happiness of all generations while taking care of the people's present living.

The idea of holding fast to the revolutionary line of independence, self-sufficiency and self-reliant defence as an invariable guiding principle, the idea of strengthening and developing a socialist ruling party into a promising party, the idea of giving importance to young people, the idea of training future revolutionaries, etc. are the strategic lines which guarantee the future of the cause of Juche.

The idea on comprehensive development of socialism, the programme of rural revolution in a new era, the policy of afforestation and water conservancy, the childcare policy and other

ideas and policies are scientific, realistic and innovative, practical programmes suited to both immediate vital needs of the DPRK people and long-range requirements for prosperity and development of the state and happiness of their posterities.

Maintaining it as an invariable revolutionary policy and a basis of its struggle to build up military capabilities whose pivot is the nuclear armed forces and holding fast to the line of self-reliance, the WPK covers the road of fortitude, invariably enforces popular policies and channels efforts into science and education. This is entirely to build up powerful national strength no matter how hard and difficult it may be and thus translate the people's ideal and desire into reality at a possibly immediate date and make them enjoy benefits and happiness through generations.

The Core of the people-first principle is devoted service to people's wellbeing.

This implies that devoted service for the people's wellbeing is the fundamental idea that is representative of the people-first principle and runs through its whole content.

Making devoted service to the people's wellbeing is a political ideal of taking responsible care of their life and livelihood in the spirit of making selfless, devoted efforts for their sake. In other words, it is the noblest ideal to make the DPRK people lead the happiest life in the world, a guideline of practice and a criterion of action to take responsible care of the people's life and livelihood and serve the people unconditionally and a noble view of life that regards it as an aim and a big glory of life to make selfless, devoted efforts for their sake.

Making devoted service for the people's wellbeing is an essential content of the people-first principle.

World politics history does not know the term "making devoted service for the people's wellbeing." Making devoted service to the people's wellbeing, which was formulated for the first time in the history of human thought and world politics, is a political ideal representative of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology and a byword that symbolizes the glorious Kim Jong Un's era.

2. The revolutionary ideology of the respected Comrade Kim Jong Un is an integrated system of idea, theory and method.

The essence of revolutionary ideology is also defined by its political ideal and structural system. Structural system is an index characterizing the relations of profundity and many-sidedness, scope of the content and relations of revolutionary ideology, whereas the political

ideal is an index characterizing the essential content of revolutionary ideology.

Accordingly, in order to make the revolutionary ideology be a perfect idea and theory, a scientific, political doctrine representing and guiding the times, it should form an integrated system, including all theoretical fields required by the revolutionary practice in relevant times while running through with the political ideal coinciding with the fundamental goal of revolution in its overall contents.

Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology has an integrated system of the revolutionary philosophy, fundamentals of revolution and the methods of leadership in component.

The revolutionary philosophy is the most important component of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology.

Along with the Juche philosophy, the revolutionary philosophy is a philosophical idea that explains the theoretical basis of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology.

The revolutionary philosophy raises philosophical questions that serve as a basis in applying the people-first principle thoroughly in the Party and state activities and overall social life and in consolidating the single-hearted unity, a harmonious whole of the Party and the people with the leader as a centre and gives answers to them in a unique way.

The first decade of great Kim Jong Un's Korea shines as the period in which the WPK put it forward as the highest ideal to make the DPRK people the most dignified and happiest ones in the world and brought all they desired into reality.

The Party and state maintained consistently the principle of giving top and absolute priority to the people's interests, and in this course, there ushered in the period of the great golden age of construction to provide the people with places for a happy life, thus building modern and new streets, mountainous modern cities and new mountain gorge cities.



A view of Songhwa Street, Pyongyang

Songhwa Street and Pothonggang terraced residential district were completed in April 2022 and an inauguration ceremony of the first-stage 10,000 flats in the Hwasong area held in April 2023. Construction of 50,000 flats in the capital is being pushed ahead so that over 10,000 households move to new streets every year. Such reality inspires the people across the country with optimism in the future when they will lead a more cultured and happier life.

Over 20,000 flats were built in the Komdok area in the last 4 years and tens of thousands of modern and distinctive rural houses were built throughout the country last year.

Even in the face of trials, school uniforms and things and dairy products are supplied to all the students and children across the country on a normal basis.

A harmonious whole, a single-hearted unity of the Party and people rallied firmly behind the leader inevitably guarantees victorious advance of the cause of socialism of the DPRK style.

The DPRK people were not exhausted nor divided in the hostile forces' constant threats, harsh natural disasters and in the face of unprecedented serious public health crisis ever since the founding of the country, but became stronger and united more firmly to bring about a consistent leap forward in the building of a powerful socialist country by dint of the single-hearted unity.

A foreign newspaper noted: "The steel-strong single-hearted unity achieved with Leader Kim Jong Un as a centre adds brilliance to the name of the country 'the Democratic People's Republic of Korea' by dint of unprecedented might and miracles. The unity between Leader Kim Jong Un, who safeguards sovereignty and dignity of the country, safety and destiny of the nation, and the people who have turned out in defence of him is the driving force that has turned the DPRK into an invincible super power."

The revolutionary philosophy also clarifies the guiding principles to be constantly adhered to by a socialist ruling party and state in hastening the building of socialism and communism along the invariable orbit of independence, self-sufficiency and self-defence.

Fundamentals of revolution are another component of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology.

Fundamentals of revolution indicate the strategic lines and practical programmes for building a communist society, an ideal society of the people under the banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, holding high President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il forever.

Fundamentals of revolution clarify the issues arising in strengthening and developing a

socialist ruling party into a promising party and the issues in steadily enhancing the function and role of the state.

Fundamentals of revolution also clarify the issues arising in firmly maintaining supremacy of the revolutionary armed forces in contrast with the reactionary ones.

New line of simultaneously carrying on the economic construction and upbuilding of the nuclear forces, the policy of the state nuclear forces and the line of increasing nuclear forces provided practical guarantee that enables the DPRK people and their posterities to lead happy and comfortable living in a dignified, powerful country without knowing the horrors of war by putting an end forever to the era when the US imperialists threatened the DPRK with nukes.

Thanks to the correct decision, “do-or-die” will and energetic leadership of the WPK, the DPRK accomplished the cause of building the national nuclear forces in November 2017. Rapid successes have been made in strengthening the nuclear forces both in quality and quantity and modernizing means of their delivery and thus the DPRK has possessed diverse and powerful nuclear treasured swords capable of attacking and annihilating at will any enemy on the globe.

Recently, numerous Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza area owing to the Israeli indiscriminate and inhuman military actions. Many bloody tragedies were caused in the world during the last decade.

However, the DPRK could lead a happy life to their heart’s contents in peaceful circumstances in the last decade without knowing any wars and their posterity can lead such life in the world nuclear power, thanks to the powerful nuclear forces. At present, the DPRK demonstrates its dignity as a world nuclear power and a military power, and renders



A view of the district of terraced housing along the River Pothonggan

big contributions to safeguarding world peace and security.

Fundamentals of revolution also clarify the issues arising in hastening the economic and cultural construction.

In addition, fundamentals of revolution put forward strategic lines and fighting policies to expand and develop foreign relations and realizing the cause of global independence under the ideal of independence, peace and friendship.

The methods of leadership are the other important component of Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology.

The methods of leadership clarified by Kim Jong Un indicate the policies for establishing on a new high phase the unified leadership system of the Party Central Committee.

The methods of leadership also clarify the guiding principles of enlightening, encouraging and refreshing the overall society and developing the noble virtues and feelings into a national custom by actively applying the traditional leadership method of the WPK and the working method created in a new era.

The methods of leadership comprehensively clarify the theoretical and practical issues arising in leading the masses such as establishing an innovative spirit and attitude of working among officials, enhancing their capabilities of practice and cultivating their political and moral traits of making devoted service for their sake.

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I have so far explained that Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology is run through with the people-first principle in its contents and forms the system of idea, theory and method in its composition.

As they are led by Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology, the WPK and the DPRK people advance with confidence towards socialism and communism, firmly holding the helm of the revolutionary cause of Juche in present eventful and ever-changing world.

Eternal victory and glory are in store for the WPK and the DPRK people who advance along the path indicated by Kim Jong Un's revolutionary ideology.

Thank you.