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Realization of Independence and Justice Guarantees Bright Future of Mankind

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Dear friends,

Today we are holding a grand meeting of the Juche idea researchers on the April spring day in Pyongyang, the DPRK, the land of Juche after 5 years.

This seminar under the theme “Independence, Justice and Future of Mankind” is of weighty significance as it is held on the occasion of the 112th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, a great saint of mankind and a benevolent mentor of us, the Juche idea researchers.

Availing myself of this meaningful opportunity and in reflection of the unanimous desire of the world progressives, I would like to emphasize the role played by President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who authored the Juche idea and developed it in depth as the great guiding ideology in the era of independence.

I offer heartfelt glory and thanks to the respected H.E. Kim Jong Un, who is seeing to it that the seminar on the Juche idea is held on an international scale in Pyongyang for the first time after the end of the world public health crisis, out of unanimous feelings of the participants in this seminar and the Juche idea researchers throughout the world.

My thanks also go to the KASS officials and IJJI secretary general Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, who

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has channeled his biggest sincerity and efforts into the successful holding of this seminar.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Sovereignty is precisely national power. It is the invariable truth of history that one cannot defend his fate to say nothing about the destiny of his country and nation if he fails to safeguard sovereignty.

As you all know, in the first period when he embarked on the road of revolution, President Kim Il Sung authored the Juche idea, a man-centred revolutionary doctrine, that man is the master of everything and decides everything, in reflection of the requirements of the era and the independent desire of the people.

President Kim Il Sung applied the Juche idea thoroughly in the revolution and construction to build a socialist country, independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in defence, and made energetic efforts in the whole period of his life for the victory in the cause of anti-imperialist independence and for the global peace and security by holding high the banner of independence.

Chairman Kim Jong Il further developed President Kim Il Sung's revolutionary ideas into the guiding ideology, the revolutionary philosophy of the era of independence and applied it with successes, thus building the DPRK into a fortress of independence and justice.

True to the noble intention of President Kim Il Sung and Chairman Kim Jong Il, who regarded "The people are God" as their lifetime motto and applied it to the letter, the respected H.E. Kim Jong Un formulated that the people-first principle is the essence of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. H.E. Kim Jong Un has strengthened and developed the DPRK into an invincible fortress of socialism with an invincible national strength and, on this basis, is ushering in a new era of comprehensive national development.

H.E. Kim Jong Un is enforcing the independent foreign policy, thus increasing remarkably the international position and influence of the DPRK and leading the progressive people's struggle to realize international justice and establish a new international order on the basis of respect of sovereignty and noninterference in internal affairs, equality and mutual benefits.

Thanks to his ideological and theoretical exploits and extraordinary leadership ability, the DPRK demonstrates its dignity and prestige as a country of single-hearted unity that is the one and only in the world, a powerful fortress of socialism, being independent in politics, self-supporting in the economy and self-reliant in defence, along with a great nuclear power in the East.

The DPRK works one miracle after another to startle the world people, without yielding to or hesitating before the worst adversities, which gives confidence and courage to the world progressive people and serves as a source of great encouragement in hastening the people's cause of independence.

The world people are looking up to the DPRK with envy as a beacon of hope, and their aspiration for assimilating the Juche idea which is an ideological and mental source of its miracles, is now getting stronger as the days go by.

This is a valuable fruition borne by the truthfulness and vitality of the Juche idea.

Today the imperialist high-handedness and intervention, aggression and infringement of sovereignty are being committed so openly that the existence of sovereign countries and the people's rights to existence are severely being violated. Such realities prove that independence against imperialism is the justice and truth and that dignity and sovereignty, peace and security can be achieved only with independence against imperialism.

Independence against imperialism leads the world progressive people to the road for a peaceful life and guarantees the dignity of countries and nations and the bright future of mankind.

At present, responsibility and the role of the Juche idea researchers are very big and the importance of unity of anti-imperialist, independent forces is being emphasized in realizing the independence against imperialism and the international justice.

The subject in the cause of global independence is the anti-imperialist, independent forces, and the Juche idea researchers who are present here are among them.

The Juche idea clarifies the way and policies for remarkably expanding and strengthening the anti-imperialist, independent forces.

Only when the anti-imperialist, independent forces advance in concerted efforts along the road of independence indicated by the Juche idea, will the cause of global independence as an ideal and the future of mankind, be realized with sure.

I firmly believe that this seminar will be an important occasion for us to further expand and strengthen the study and dissemination of the Juche idea on a worldwide scale and provide the

Juche idea researchers with fresh strength and courage, and also a big and important gathering in furthering solidarity of the progressive forces aspiring after independence and justice.

In conclusion, I congratulate the participants in the seminar once again, and I wish that your speeches would be meaningful ones for the attainment of a goal and success of the seminar.

Thank you.