

Address at a Welcome Banquet

for Participants of the International Seminar



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Esteemed Prof. Matteo Carbonelli, deputy director-general, the Board of Directors of the International Institute of the Juche Idea,
Esteemed Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, secretary general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea,
Dear representatives and researchers of the Juche Idea Study Groups in various countries,

On this occasion of celebrating the 112th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Juche idea and the person who was so successful in carrying out the Korean Revolution and conducting the cause of global independence, I am very happy to share this occasion of friendship with you, including deputy director-general of the IJJI Board, the Secretary General of the IJJI, representatives of Juche idea study groups in various countries, and all others.

First of all, I would like to take this significant opportunity to express, with the united feelings of the Korean people, the progressive people of the world, the researchers of the Juche idea all over the world and the representatives of the International Institute of the Juche Idea and the Juche idea study groups in various countries who have participated in this banquet, our most noble tribute to President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il who made great contributions to the humanity's cause of global independence.

We also would like to offer our greatest glory to Comrade Kim Jong Un, our beloved general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and chairman of the State Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, who has formulated the revolutionary thoughts of President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il into Kimilsung-Kimjongilism and is embodying this doctrine in the best possible manner and in the most dignified phases.

Although we were not able to meet together for the past four years since the outbreak of the global health crisis, you successfully held an International Internet Seminar on the Juche Idea on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, and held took Internet regional seminars as major opportunities. Thus, you have been vigorously engaged in the study and dissemination of the profound truths of the Juche idea and its unbeatable vitality.

Independence is the life and soul of human beings as social beings.

It is the universal desire of humankind to fully realize the independence of nations and peoples and to live happily in an independent world. We cannot think about the progress, prosperity, and the beautiful future of nations and peoples apart from independence, which is the essential demand of human beings.

Through the said international seminar, you have given deep theoretical proof that only Kimilsung-Kimjongilism is the most scientific revolutionary doctrine that can thoroughly defend and fully realize the independence of the popular masses and that it is a militant banner that powerfully inspires and encourages the struggle of the progressive people to build an independent new world.

Dear representatives and friends of the Juche idea study groups,

As you are well aware, for more than seventy years since the foundation of our Republic, we have been proclaiming our dignity and dignified appearance to the whole world by building a powerful socialist country of independence, self-reliance and self-defense with the national independent spirit and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance as the motive force, while taking only the Juche idea as the firm guide for the revolution and construction.

Today, under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Jong Un, the master of independent politics, the Korean people are creating miracles and innovations day by day in their grand struggle to achieve the comprehensive development of socialism, holding aloft the people-first principle.

I believe that through your visit to Pyongyang you will come to make a deeper understanding of the vitality of the Juche idea as you see firsthand the miraculous transformative substance that the Korean people have achieved in various fields, including the economy and culture, in recent years.

I also hope that during your stay in Pyongyang, you will further strengthen the friendships that we have missed for the past several years due to the global health crisis, and that you will spend pleasant and meaningful days exchanging important experiences gained through the study and dissemination of the Juche idea.

Finally, wishing Comrade Kim Jong Un, who is leading the progressive people's struggle for international justice and the cause of global independence with the banner of Juche and the flag of socialism flying high, good health, as well as esteemed Prof. Matteo Carbonelli, deputy director-general of the IJJI Board and esteemed Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, secretary general of the IJJI, good health, I propose a toast to the health of all the representatives and friends of all the Juche idea study groups who are present here.

Thank you very much.