

**Address by Vice-Chairman Ri Je Sun of the KASS
At the Latin American Regional Seminar on the Juche Idea**

Esteemed Prof. Ramon Jimenez Lopez, director general of the IJI Board,
Esteemed Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, secretary general of the IJI,
Dear comrades and friends,

First of all, on behalf of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, I would like to express my heartfelt congratulations to you all on the successful holding of this Latin American Seminar on the Juche Idea for “Independence, World Peace and Social Justice”, under the auspices of the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Prof. Ramón Jiménez López, director general of the Board of Directors, the International Institute of the Juche Idea, for his sincere efforts in preparing this seminar.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the organizers for warmly inviting us of the delegation of the Korean Association of Social Scientists to this seminar in Mexico on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the DPRK and Mexico.

My sincere gratitude also goes to Dr. Ogami Ken-ichi, secretary general of the International Institute of the Juche Idea, who is participating in this meaningful seminar today online, as well as to the representatives of the Juche idea study groups in Latin American countries, who are joining this seminar all the way from their respective countries, and to the progressives and Juche idea researchers in Mexico.

In the complicated international situation where the confrontation and conflict between the progressive and the reactionary, justice and injustice are more intensified than ever before, the truth, legitimacy and vitality of the Juche idea are truly being demonstrated in such a way as that it tells us to solve all the problems independently and creatively, while being based on the reality of one’s own country and the demands and interests of one’s own people.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, has raised the dignity and firm status of our country to the highest level by constantly developing and enriching Kimilsung-Kimjongilism, the guiding idea of the era of independence, and brilliantly applying it to the revolutionary practice.

Under the outstanding leadership of Kim Jong Un, the DPRK today is vigorously

ushering in a new era of comprehensive development and restoration of socialism and has achieved remarkable successes one after another in all fields, including politics, the economy, culture and military affairs.

The glorious reality of the DPRK, which has achieved the greatest successes and is making unceasing progress even in the midst of the most severe national crisis, gives unshakable faith and courage to the progressive forces of the world that aspire to independence and justice, while it gives unfathomable anxiety and fear to the hegemonic powers.

This seminar, being held after seven years since the previous Latin American Seminar on the Juche Idea for “Independence and World Peace” in Maracay, Venezuela in 2018, is a reminder that the people’s aspiration after independence and justice is the trend of our times no one can check, and that only when we follow the path of independence as clarified by the Juche idea, will we be able to protect peace and promote social justice. In this regard, this seminar will be a meaningful gathering.

Once again, I stress that this seminar will be a meaningful gathering where the Juche idea study groups of Latin American countries can share their valuable achievements and experiences in the process of study and dissemination of the Juche idea, deepen their mutual ties, and further promote friendship and unity among those countries, as well as a springboard for future work of the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea. In this regard, I sincerely hope that this seminar will be a success.