

## **Congratulatory Address at International Seminar on Juche Idea in Pyongyang**

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Esteemed Prof. Harish Gupta and Prof. Matteo Carbonelli, deputy directors-general of the IIJI Board,

Respected delegates,

Respected friends and scholars of the Korean Residents' Association of Social Scientists in Japan,

I am very pleased to see your bright images full of vitality in Pyongyang.

Even the worldwide epidemic and all the disasters that are threatening the existence and development of mankind cannot break down our ties strongly solidified with the Juche idea. 55 years have elapsed since the formation of the first Juche idea study group in Mali.

The lapse of time changed everything but invariable is the public sentiment of believing in and following the Juche idea.

It is because that there are pioneers and propagators who have invariably followed the road of defending independence and justice, sympathizing with the Juche idea, the people-centred great ideology.

Today's international seminar of the Juche idea on "Immortal Banner for Building Just and Peaceful World" makes us seethe with great passion and excitement.

It is because that today's seminar is being held in the thrilling atmosphere in which all the capital, the whole country is excited with the celebrations marking the 80th founding anniversary of the Workers' Party of Korea, whose guiding idea is the Juche idea.

I, on behalf of the KASS, offer my warm congratulations to the delegations and delegates of the Juche idea study groups, figures from different countries and the scholars of the Korean Residents' Association of Social Scientists in Japan who are visiting Pyongyang with an ardent purpose and desire for independence and justice in the joyful

and auspicious October holiday. I also offer my warm greetings to the deputy directors-general and directors, Board of Directors of the IJJI, and directors, Board of Directors of regional institutes of the Juche idea, and the delegates and delegations of the Juche idea study groups from the Asian, African, European and Latin American regions who devoted their unsparing efforts to the successful holding of the seminar.

Respected delegates,

Today, the imperialists' moves of high-handedness, arbitrariness and aggression have become undisguised in the international arena and thus the world undergoes misfortunes and sufferings in the tempest of wars and massacres.

Thus, it requires the world progressive mankind aspiring to independence and justice to firmly unite and vigorously turn out in the struggle against all sorts of domination and subordination.

Hence, I firmly believe that today's seminar will serve as a significant gathering of reaffirming the weighty sense of responsibility and role of an age that the Juche idea study groups and their members in each continent, country and region assume in the struggle to make the countries and nations destroy the imperialists' high-handedness and arbitrariness, aggression and infringement of sovereignty, safeguard their sovereignty and realize global independence.

It is a truth proved by history that the destiny of a nation and prosperity of a country hinges on independence and the genuine dignity and happy future of posterity can be guaranteed only when independence is adhered to.

I firmly believe that you should devote yourself entirely to the study and dissemination of the Juche idea for the building of an independent, just and new world in close unity and cooperation, cherishing honour and pride of being pioneers and propagators of the great idea of the times.

Being convinced that today's seminar will serve as a good occasion on which the participants deeply grasp the essence of the Juche idea and exchange their experiences, a grand gathering vigorously instigating the progressive peoples in each country to build an ideal society of mankind, I warmly congratulate the opening of the seminar.