

Contribution to International Seminar on Juche Idea in Pyongyang

## **Believing in One's Own People, and Dedicating Oneself to Them, to Advance along Path of Self-reliance**

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### **Introduction**

The most important task facing the world people at present is to realize global independence and peace.

In order to make the world independent, each country and nation should advance along the road of independence.

When all countries and nations value independence most and respect the independence of other countries and nations, global independence will be realized.

The Juche idea is the guiding ideology of a new era, an era of independence, when the popular masses emerged as the driving force of social history.

The study and dissemination of the Juche idea is an undertaking that serves as an ideological pabulum enabling the people in individual countries to perform their role as masters in the struggle for realizing global independence.

Accordingly, it is essential for the Juche idea researchers to go among the people in their own countries, believe in and serve them faithfully and work for them with sincerity.

An example of making activities by relying on the broad masses of people can be vividly found in the 80-year history of the Workers' Party of Korea.

### **80th Founding Anniversary of WPK Is Joint Auspicious Event of World People**

The struggle for realizing the people's independence should be stepped up with a party as the vanguard. Since its founding in 1945 by President Kim Il Sung, the WPK advanced forward correct goals, strategy and tactics and accomplished two rounds of rehabilitation, two stages of social revolution, and several times of socialist construction on the strength

of the concerted efforts of the people.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il said:

“Our Party exists for the people and regards it as its duty to fight to meet the interests of the people and their desire for independence. Taking loving care of the people, serving them and forming a harmonious whole with them—these are the intrinsic nature and basic characteristics of the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung.” (‘The Workers’ Party of Korea Is the Party of the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung,’ October 2, 1995)

The WPK is being further developed into a party applying the people-first principle under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un.

The Eighth Congress of the WPK held in January 2021 laid out the five-year plan for national economic development.

With the presentation of the plan, it became more evident for the WPK and the DPRK people what and what they should do in the future to accomplish the comprehensive development of socialism, and the fighting goals for winning a fresh victory in the socialist construction were set.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un said:

“I would like to suggest substituting cherishing our Party’s three ennobling ideals of ‘The people are God,’ single-hearted unity and self-reliance deeply in mind once again as the slogan of the Eighth Party Congress for putting up a high-sounding slogan.” (‘Concluding Speech at the Eighth Congress of the WPK,’ January 12, 2021)

General Secretary Kim Jong Un’s instruction is full of self-confidence and optimism in the Party activities.

It is attributable to the successes made in the period of struggle waged from the Seventh Party Congress to the Eighth Party Congress.

The people-first principle which General Secretary Kim Jong Un puts into practice has been applied in the Party activities and the Party officials find themselves among the people, believe in and rely on them and thus the latter have given full play to their inexhaustible strength. The practice of the Korean revolution clearly proves that the motive force of revolution is in the hearts of the people.

The prospect of the DPRK’s socialist construction is bright and the DPRK people are full of optimism as the single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses has been further solidified on a society-wide scale.

The essence of single-hearted unity is the absolute unity of the people with the leader as a centre.

The most important factor that rallies every person into one is ideology. Unity in ideology is a form of the strongest unity.

The reverence of the people for a motherly party is reflected in the words and melodies of many songs loved by the DPRK people.

The revolutionary activities of General Secretary Kim Jong Un are run through with the ones for the good of the people, kindle the flames of revolution in the hearts of the people and make the flames rise higher.

### **International Solidarity and Position of WPK**

At present the US imperialism pursues unprecedentedly violent and hard-line economic policies.

The US cannot but rely on extreme policies as it is faced with the lowest level of the economy in history and its international influence is decreasing rapidly.

The Trump administration unilaterally imposes high tariffs on such countries as China, India and Mexico. The US tariff measure is none other than the exploitation and plundering with the tariff as a means.

The tariff rate has been decided through diplomatic negotiation or an economic agreement so far. However, the US gave up the agreement through discussion and enforces trade policy based on its strength. Individual countries are dissatisfied with the US moves and the European countries which are under US influence are not an exception.

Nevertheless, in reality, some countries surrender to the US pressure and submit themselves to the US in order to avoid high tariff.

Furthermore, the trend of imposing sanction tariffs on the countries to which the US is hostile and the countries that adhere to independence is growing to please the US. All countries have the right to exercise independent politics.

However, few countries are to exercise their rights in practice in relations with the US.

The DPRK thoroughly adheres to an independent stand and consistently maintains an unyielding attitude before US threats and pressure. No matter how noisily the US talks about the economic sanctions, the DPRK that is achieving economic independence

remains unchanged.

Aggression and plunder are the very nature of imperialism and they cannot be weakened nor ceased as long as imperialism exists. On the contrary, imperialism of the US and Europe, which has been branded as a historical collapse, and its stooges make desperate efforts to survive and aggravate confrontation and uneasiness, being steeped in armed aggression in all continents and regions.

In the Middle East, the Israeli Zionists bomb the Gaza Strip in succession and, furthermore, enforce ground warfare to massacre the Palestinian people under the protection of US imperialism.

Many people in each country throughout the world rise up in the struggle, denouncing US imperialism and the Israeli Zionists.

Violence of obliterating a country, a nation with history on the earth cannot be tolerated and no force on earth can check the struggle of the people. It is inevitable that the flames of the people's struggle for independence and justice will flare up more fiercely.

Powerful defence capabilities are indispensable in countering the imperialists' violence. Without the revolutionary armed forces, success in the domestic and foreign policies of a party and government and the stability and peaceful environment of a country would be inconceivable.

The DPRK has already established a powerful defence system including nuclear missile forces. The US has no means to apply pressure to the DPRK in the military aspect, too.

And the DPRK's military mightiness is not confined to merely superior military science and technology.

It is a fruition born by the struggle of the popular masses who devote themselves to independence, justice and the country, and by the faith of the people who are possessed of an outlook on life, valuing political integrity most.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un clearly advanced the idea of leading the cause of global independence to victory.

President Kim Il Sung held dearly the international faith and supported and encouraged the struggle of the peoples in many countries materially and morally, even though the country was faced with a difficult and harsh phase after liberation.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un carries forward with success the ideas and activities

of President Kim Il Sung in which General Secretary Kim Jong Il succeeded.

On September 3, 2025, the heads of 26 countries of the world participated in the commemorations held in Beijing to mark the 80th anniversary of the victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War.

The image of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, the leader of the DPRK whose population is only over 25 million, fairly walking shoulder to shoulder with the heads of China and Russia, the big powers, focused the world's attention.

It can be said that the appearance of the DPRK leading the world in the anti-US struggle is a testimony of the brilliant successes achieved by the WPK.

General Secretary Kim Jong Un is a standard-bearer in the most intense anti-US, anti-imperialist struggle in the present age. He illuminates the road ahead of future society, a socialist society to be followed by the people in many countries.

The DPRK did not occupy its position of the concern of a big power. The DPRK builds socialism and communism with credit in the process of its difficult struggle to realize independence, self-sufficiency and self-defence.

## **Conclusion**

At present, Japan has the road of being a stooge faithful to US imperialism and its territory is turning into an advanced base for the US armed forces. Though natural disasters hit many regions every year and new disasters hit them where rehabilitation has not been completed, the government allocates huge budgets for war expenditure in defiance of the masses of people.

It is imperative to expand the struggle for safeguarding independence and justice and solidify solidarity with the people in individual countries, thus hastening the ruin of imperialism.

The purity of ideas of activists in the van is important in making Japan and the world independent and realizing peace.

Let us make the idea of devoting all to the people of our own and conduct the study and dissemination of the Juche idea by relying on the broad masses of people.