

Message to European Regional Seminar on Juche Idea in Helsinki

World United in Solidarity under Anti-Imperialist Self-reliance

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Dear comrades and friends,

Now allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the success of this seminar to commemorate the 40th founding anniversary of the European Regional Society for the Study of the Juche Idea.

I also would like to express my deep respect to all the comrades and friends who have consistently conducted their tireless work under the banner of the Juche idea since its foundation.

It is a personal matter of mine but I am afraid to say that I have not been able to join this seminar in person due to my health conditions. It is really regretful for me.

Anyhow, I have prepared a brief paper to convey my thoughts. It will be an honor of me to join this seminar even as a debate in print.

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Today, the world witnesses that “independence and peace” is breaking into the mainstream.

For a long time, the United States has maintained unilateral dominance over the world.

The United States has championed universal ideals such as “freedom,” “democracy,” and “human rights,” acting as if they were the guardian of them and vigorously promoting them.

In reality, however, these ideals have been used as pretexts to justify U.S. imperialist

aggression and plunder, sparking off various wars and conflicts across the world.

It is primarily European nations that have aligned with the contradictory actions of the United States. It can be said that U.S. global strategy has advanced with the very support of those European countries.

On the other hand, those nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America that lack their own enough political and economic strength, find it difficult to openly oppose U.S. and European imperialism. Consequently, they have been obliged to quietly look after their own paths to advance forward.

The United States, however, has persistently interfered in the political affairs of those regions, constantly seeking opportunities for regime changes.

Entering the 21st century, and since the Trump administration started in particular, U.S. global dominance has begun to waver significantly. This is deeply connected to the weakening of unity within the United States itself.

Nowadays, it has become difficult for the United States to maintain its position as the “world's hegemony” as it used to be, and the decline in its influence is undeniable.

Amid this historic crisis, the United States is intensifying its posture of attempting to subjugate other nations through coercive intimidation and bluffing.

Those countries that have followed the United States so far tend to fear its political and economic pressure and conform themselves to it.

Similarly, some nations in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, while maintaining their independent stand toward the United States, find it difficult to adopt a policy to distinguish themselves from it.

Nevertheless, a powerful wave is now emerging worldwide, seeking to carve out a new history.

The solidarity between anti-imperialist, independent forces centered on the DPRK, Russia, and China is being powerfully formed in the world, with the growing unity as days go by. This has been symbolized in the united appearance of the leaders of the DPRK, Russia, and China at the international event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of victory in the historic liberation war held in Beijing on September 3rd this year.

While the unity of anti-imperialist, independent forces is strengthening more than ever before, the imperialist camp led by the United States is becoming increasingly disorganized and unable to maintain its former relations.

Regarding nuclear weapons, they are no longer the exclusive property of specific countries, as the fact shows that the DPRK possesses nukes capable of striking the U.S. mainland. It is clear that nuclear war would lead the entire world to destruction. That is why those imperialist forces are compelled to exercise restraint in their use of nuclear weapons.

What is crucial here is that those independent forces aspiring to independence and peace should unite, operate their own countries' politics and economies independently based on the principles of independence, self-reliance, and self-defense, while believing in and relying on their own people.

People wish to live in a peaceful environment, respecting and cooperating with one another. They also wish to share the same desire to cherish nature in plenty and achieve sustainable development on their beautiful planet.

Yet contrary to these aspirations, an abnormal situation is unfolding where drones indiscriminately slaughter humans and destroy their beautiful environments so that nothing remained.

Hundreds of thousands of military drones have been deployed worldwide in combat operations. Many of them are autonomously controlled by AI, treating human lives as if they were mere inanimate objects.

This situation is nothing but the result of the very essence of the U.S.-led world order, where domination and vested rights have been prioritized over humanity's ethics and the dignity of human life.

What the world now urgently needs is the principle of "independence."

To realize global independence and peace, it is needed for the people of individual countries to achieve ideological and volitional unity among themselves, thus enabling the people themselves to advance nation-building as masters of their own countries.

It is indispensable that those nations that aspire to independence should unite in solidarity to jointly build a new, peaceful world.

The unity of forces opposing imperialist domination and subordination, and aspiring to independence and peace, holds greater significance than ever before.

Looking to Europe, those nations that once acted like the United States' puppets now have found themselves abandoned by it and grappling with severe internal turmoil.

The Nordic countries have long pursued their own path as welfare states. However,

due to U.S. influence and interference, many of them are being drawn into the same military trajectory as Western European nations. Even the peace-oriented Nordic region is now complicit in U.S.-driven wars, gradually losing its former identity.

Now more than ever, it is required that we should stand on our own path to independence and strive to build a peaceful and just world.

Ms. Greta Thunberg rose up, with bare hands, risking her life to stand against the genocide perpetrated by Israel.

As her actions were reported each time, tens of thousands to hundreds of thousands of people across the world were raising their voices for the liberation of the Palestinian people. So, the circle of solidarity is now expanding.

Her courageous actions and serious words have driven U.S. imperialism and the Israeli Zionist forces into a situation where they must halt the genocide.

In the Middle East too, the movement for peace is gaining momentum more than ever before.

Now, if the broad masses of people rise up to uphold “independence,” “peace,” and “solidarity,” they will be able to significantly change the trend of the world. Moreover, the principle of “independence” advocated by the Juche idea will be the light to guide this struggle to victory.

I am firmly convinced that it will be most crucial that those who make a deep study of the Juche idea and make this idea as their faith should play a vanguard role in the struggle for independence, peace, and solidarity onwards in the years to come.

Let us advance forward together, with firm conviction, along the path of studying the Juche idea and that of realizing this idea, hand in hand.