

Revolution Can Be Achieved Only with Powerful Ideology



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This year we celebrated the 40th anniversary of founding the International Institute of the Juche Idea. Likewise, we are going to celebrate the 40th anniversary of founding the Society for the Study of the Juche idea, Finland.

The International Institute of the Juche Idea was founded in 1978. The world at that time was different from now. There was a socialist bloc in the world that actively fought against capitalist exploitation.

Now, 40 years later, many socialist countries have moved to capitalism. Capitalism is today at the imperialist stage, the stage of globalization. Independence of nations is decreasing all the time.

The past 40 years have shown that the construction of socialism on the basis of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is a sustainable way to develop society.

The basic principles of the Juche idea—*independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in defense*—developed by President Kim Il Sung, are an excellent starting point for building an independent society with high democratic rights of people.

After the collapse of socialism in Eastern Europe, the DPRK faced serious problems like natural disasters and the disappearance of the socialist market. Also imperialist pressure against the DPRK grew an unprecedented amount.

In this situation, General Secretary Kim Jong Il developed a Songun policy based on the Juche idea, responding to the challenges by a completely changed world. Songun policy enabled the DPRK to strengthen its independence and to ensure the most important wish of the Korean people, a wish to live independently and to develop society independently from their own interests.

Later Chairman Kim Jong Un has continued the theoretical work of the Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. Chairman Kim Jong Un has also strengthened national defense standards to a new level. The DPRK is today a nuclear state. The policy of the DPRK has forced the imperialists to the negotiating table, which would have been impossible 10 years ago. The great example of this politics in meeting of Chairman Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump this week. The policy of Chairman Kim Jong Un has proved to be a great success.

This all shows how important it is to develop scientific socialism to respond to the situation of one's own country, but also to the global situation. The achievements of the DPRK also show that the policy based on the Juche idea can change the world. A single-mindedly united nation can successfully struggle against a powerful enemy. For this reason, the work of the DPRK to build scientific socialism and the practical implementation of socialism is of high importance to the working class of the world.

2)

I want now to raise some aspects on a current situation in Northern Europe.

Traditional left-wing parties have lost their power to reactionary nationalism among the people, because they have practically supported the right-wing, neo-liberal policies. The traditional social democracy has not been able nor even willing in a long time to be the counter power to neo-liberalism.

As a result of this policy, the achievements of the working class movement will disappear one after another. Income differences are increasing. The rich became richer and poor became poorer. This cannot

happen without reflection on the power of the traditional left-wing parties. The traditional left-wing parties cannot find solutions to social problems if they do not clearly oppose globalization and defend the independence of nations.

The megatrend of the capitalist globalization seems to be the rise of bourgeois nationalism. This bourgeois nationalism does not help ordinary people on their problems that are created by the capitalist economy. Bourgeois nationalism leads to the confrontation of the nations and racism.

The bourgeois nationalism tries to find explanations of the problems from other nations and individual foreign people, not from imperialism. It is a thoroughly reactionary movement and in the end it supports neo-liberal economic policies.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il writes in his book "On Having a Correct Understanding of Nationalism" (published on Feb. 26 and 28, 2002):

"Bourgeois nationalism reveals itself as national egoism, national exclusivism and big-power chauvinism in the relationship between countries and nations; it is reactionary in that it creates antagonism and disagreement between countries and nations, and checks the development of friendly relations between the various peoples of the world."

However, when building a new, independent society, we need progressive nationalism. Revolution can only manage when it arises from needs and national characteristics of each country and nation.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il continues:

"... The imperialists are manoeuvring cunningly to realize their dominationist ambition on the plea of 'globalization' and 'integration.' They claim that the ideal of building a sovereign nation-state or the love for country and nation is a 'national prejudice lagging

behind the times,’ and ‘globalization’ and ‘integration’ are the trend of the times in the present situation, when science and technology are developing rapidly and economic exchanges between countries are being conducted briskly on an international scale. Today, when every country and nation is carving out its own destiny with its own ideology, system and culture, there can never be a political, economic, ideological and cultural ‘integration’ of the world. The manoeuvres of the US imperialists for ‘globalization’ and ‘integration’ are aimed at turning the world into what they call a ‘free’ and ‘democratic’ world styled after the United States, and thus bringing all countries and nations under their domination and subordination.”

Today we live in an era of independence. We must remember that human history is propelled by the struggle of the masses of the people for independence, not by the dominationist ambition and aggressive policy of the imperialists.

The struggle against bourgeois nationalism and bourgeois integration has high level importance. Progressive forces must be able to better cooperation if we want to resist imperialism. Work for supporting the DPRK is important part of common struggle of the working class for independence and against imperialism. At the same time we must work harder in our own countries from our own premises against globalization and imperialism and for national independence and socialism.

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Comrades and Friends,

During the last 40 years, the International Institute of the Juche Idea and also relevant regional and national institutes have made a significant effort to

promote and disseminate Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is studied today all over the world. This is very important because we can change the world only by powerful ideology.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is studied in all the Nordic countries, including Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Finland. We are particularly pleased to notice that the interest in the cause of the DPRK has woken up in our neighboring country Estonia.

Nordic and Baltic countries are a family of many small language areas. For this reason, we have a great responsibility for producing material of Korean socialism and especially translation of the Great Leaders’ works. For example, in Finland we try to translate 1-3 works of Chairman Kim Jong Un per year to Finnish language.

An important part of our activities is to improve our website. Comprehensive and constantly updated websites are a prerequisite for regular visits to the sites. We have noticed that on our website there are visits of a lot of people just when the mass media reports about the situation in Korea. People are looking for more objective information on Korean socialism than Western media can disseminate.

Regular and continuous work in social media would also be important but on that area we still have a lot to do. Spreading realistic information through Facebook and twitter, for example, whenever a major media publishes DPRK anti-propaganda, would be useful and important. This would remind people that the mass media news is not always true. This would also guide people to our website. We have plans to widen our communication in these areas.

We must learn, teach and disseminate the theoretical

works of President Kim Il Sung, General Secretary Kim Jong Il and Chairman Kim Jong Un of scientific socialism and the experience of the Korean people in building socialism.

Society must, however, be changed from our own point of view. Revolution cannot be brought. To strengthen this work we must activate the

dissemination of the Juche idea worldwide. I would also like to see that the main aim of the study activity is to increase independence in our own country and finally achieve socialism.

The cause of independence in Europe is today more relevant than ever.