

Speech at International Seminar on Juche Idea in Pyongyang

Building Just and Peaceful World Guided by Juche Idea



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Distinguished dignitaries on the Podium, fellow delegates, comrades and friends,

It is indeed my proud privilege and honour to participate in the International Seminar on the Juche idea being held today in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, the land of the morning calm and tranquillity.

This seminar under the theme “Immortal Banner for Building Just and Peaceful World” is of great significance as it is being held on the auspicious occasion of the 80th Founding Anniversary of the Workers’ Party of Korea (WPK), a vibrant revolutionary party. The sacred Flag of the WPK is flying higher and higher which reminds us of its 80 years of spectacular achievements in all the fields of life. During all these years, the WPK, a genuine leadership organisation in building the nation, has faced several hardships and challenges. But the Party has the distinction of “Challenging the Challenges,” always emerged victorious and has moved forward on the path of development, progress and peace.

On this auspicious occasion, I, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea, pay our rich tributes, compliments and wish all successes to the WPK in its future endeavours.

Please now permit me to dwell on the theme of the seminar.

Comrades and friends,

At present, the world is passing through a very uncertain, volatile and dangerous phase of human history. The long-drawn wars in different parts of the Globe have led to instability,

threat to the independence and sovereignty of all the peace-loving sovereign nations. It is a well-known fact that, always at the roots of all the conflicts in the world, it is the United States of America and its allied forces, which want to establish their hegemony, plunder their resources and force their political system on vulnerable sovereign states.

The ongoing and unending wars between Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Iran on the one hand, and between Russia and Ukraine on the other hand, which are being backed by US-led imperialism, have threatened the independence and sovereignty of these countries and have posed serious dangers to world peace. These wars have also led to the destruction of valuable properties on a very large scale and have brought unprecedented suffering and miseries to a large number of people in these countries. In the war between Israel and Palestine, which started on October 7, 2023, Israeli forces have perpetrated atrocities and war crimes against humanity. Israeli forces have so far killed and injured hundreds of thousands of innocent people, mainly women and children, in the Gaza Strip and occupied West Bank. Still, hundreds of people are daily dying of hunger, lack of housing and medical facilities. International humanitarian assistance is not only falling short of the requirements but due to many hurdles, it is not reaching the needy. Also, several women and children who stand in queues to get food and other essential items are being shot down mercilessly.

Unfortunately, in the 21st century, we notice that there is increasing interference in the internal affairs of the sovereign countries by the imperialists, creating territorial disputes, provoking and escalating wars in countries which prefer socialism and those which fight for their rights of their independence and sovereignty.

Comrades and friends,

In recent years, President Donald Trump, besides military aggression, has started another war in the form of a trade war. He is terrorising several countries by imposing high, unreasonable and unjustified tariffs on imports from these countries and creating many economic problems for them. He is also trying to dictate his terms to certain countries to buy or not to buy goods from countries according to his will and fancy. To counter this unholy trade war, powerful countries of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) have come much closer, have united against the United States and are agreeing to have trade among themselves in the interests of their individual nations. Many other countries are also following their suits. Let us wish and hope that a new world order emerges, a unipolar world to multipolar world.

In such a turbulent era, the Juche idea propounded by the eternal President Kim Il Sung and further scientifically developed by the eternal General Secretary Kim Jong Il stands as a revolutionary guiding ideology that empowers nations to carve out their own path. It lights the roads of independence for the popular masses and teaches us that man is the master of everything and no power on earth can stop the rising tide, the mighty forces of the masses of the people in their efforts to build a new just and independent world free from exploitation, aggression, subjugation, injustice, tyranny and torture.

The Juche philosophy clearly stipulates that independence is the most essential attribute of a man as the social being, together with creativity and consciousness.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il said:

“Independence is an attribute of social man, who is desirous of living and developing in an independent way as master of the world and his own destiny.” (‘On the Juche idea,’ March 31, 1982)

He further said:

“Independence is the life and soul of a social being, the masses of the people, a country and a nation.” (‘The Songun-based Revolutionary Line Is a Great Revolutionary Line of Our Era and an Ever-victorious Banner of Our Revolution,’ January 29, 2003)

And he continued: “It is an urgent requirement of our times to build a free, peaceful world in which all people cooperate in friendship and develop on an equal basis.”

Furthermore, Kim Jong Il, who had further developed the Juche idea, said:

“Realising worldwide independence by opposing the domination and subjugation of a country or a nation by another and equality among nations is a major requirement of the Juche idea which advocates independence.”

The gist of the Juche idea is independence which is realised through self-reliance. Without self-reliance, independence is nothing but rhetoric, a myth, a bunch of words sounding loud but meaning nothing. If we do not rely upon ourselves, if we always look for help and succour from others, then it ostensibly or literally means that we bargain out our independence. In order to achieve independence, each and every country or nation will have to be on one’s own guard and save it with full might. It is only possible when each and every country is self-reliant in every field and not dependent on others.

The DPRK has always advocated and followed the policy of self-reliance in every field, such as those of politics, the economy and defence and advised all other countries and nations

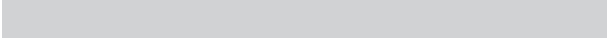


A view of the International Seminar of the Juche idea on "Immortal Banner for Building Just and Peaceful World" (Pyongyang on October 8-9, 2025)

which love independence and sovereignty to follow the path of self-reliance in every field. President Kim Il Sung during the Japanese rule had experienced and seen the suffering of his people. To liberate Korea, he highlighted to his people the importance of strong armed-forces for independence, freedom and sovereignty.

He advocated the principle of giving prime importance to arms in the revolutionary struggle of the masses against imperialism and, for the first time, the idea of Songun was floated. During the fight against the Japanese imperialists, young revolutionaries of the new generation under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung waged a sacred war for independence and "Arms for arms," "Revolutionary violence for counter-violence," was their slogan and line of struggle.

Thus, the Songun idea which elucidated the way to realise the masses' independence with arms at the centre of consideration, was created as a revolutionary theory based on the Juche idea. This idea was further developed by General Secretary Kim Jong Il, as the fundamentals of the Songun politics that "the army is the party, the state and the people", thereby it means considering military affairs first and foremost. The principle clarifies the truth that the destination of a nation, i.e. its sovereignty depends upon the strength of its armed forces.



Dear leader Kim Jong Il clarified in unequivocal terms that Songun politics does not advocate the infringement of the sovereignty of other nations. It firmly safeguards the sovereignty, security and peace of all countries and peoples and thereby world peace. It is the result of Songun politics, the DPRK has emerged as one of the strongest military powers with nuclear power and capable of defending its sovereignty.

The DPRK developed nuclear weapons not by choice but by compulsion as the US has always been threatening it with nuclear war. It is because of this reason, the DPRK had to adopt the difficult road to possessing nuclear weapons as a deterrent force.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the WPK has also stressed:

“Worship of big countries and dependence on foreign forces is the road to national ruin; self-development alone is the road to sustaining the dignity of our country and our nation and to paving a broad avenue for revolution and construction.”

The DPRK, under the able guidance of General Secretary Kim Jong Un who is sincerely following the pragmatic policy of self-reliance in every field, has made tremendous progress and development. Despite the unjustified and immoral economic sanctions on the DPRK, people here are enjoying a decent standard of living and leading a peaceful life.

We urge the UN to lift economic sanctions on the DPRK which have been imposed at the behest of the United States of America at the earliest. Let all countries follow the policy “Live and Let Others Live” for world peace.

At this stage, we would like to wish a long, happy and healthy life to our most esteemed leader Kim Jong Un, reaffirm our faith in his dynamic leadership and undertake to support him in all his laudable future undertakings. We also wish all the best to the WPK on the occasion of its 80th founding anniversary.