

Juche Idea Shows Future of Independent and Peaceful World



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I am privileged to have given an opportunity to present my experience in the study and dissemination of the Juche idea before you, Juche idea researchers from the world who joined this Meeting for Exchanges of Experiences on this occasion of the 105th birthday of President Kim Il Sung.

Popular masses are masters of their revolutionary struggles

We of the Mexican people have long been learning from the Juche idea.

It was in 2004 when we held a seminar on the Juche idea with the attendance of the then DPRK ambassador to Mexico, from whom we heard about revolutionary struggle of President Kim Il Sung to awaken the popular masses politically and arise them to the struggle.

It was a very deep and impressive to us

that President Kim Il Sung made the people awakened, organized, and rise to the revolutionary struggle.

The Korean ambassador said that it is essential to enhance the independence, creativity, and consciousness of the popular masses in advancing the struggles of one's own countries and encouraged us to positively conduct our work for forming a Mexican Kimilsungism study group.

Before the seminar, I read a historical treatise of "The Path of the Korean Revolution," which was announced by President Kim Il Sung at a meeting of hardcore elements of the Young Communist League and the Anti-Japanese Youth League that held at Kalun on June 30, 1930. In the treatise, he clarified the Juche-oriented line of the Korean revolution and its strategy and tactics.

President Kim Il Sung was 18 years old then. He carried out all-out the

anti-Japanese imperialist struggle by founding the Juche idea whose essence lies in that people are the masters of the revolution, and only when they rise up to their revolutionary struggle, can they win a victory in it. The fact moved me very much. Today the Juche idea unveils the future of a peaceful and independent world that progressive people in individual countries should follow. In view of the historical experiences attained so far, President Kim Il Sung stated at the Kalun Meeting that for leading the revolution to victory, it is necessary to get the people organized and mobilized through going among them, and independently and creatively solve all the problems arising in the revolution in accordance with the actual circumstances of one's own country.

President Kim Il Sung revealed that the masters of the Korean revolution were the Korean people themselves as the most important thing, and that the Korean people should firmly maintain the position as the masters of the Korean revolution, and in any cases, they should solve every problem in conformity to the reality of their own country.

Under the complicated circumstances caused by the invasion of Japanese imperialism, President Kim Il Sung stated that the Korean people must fight against all the dogmatism, divisionism, revisionism, exclusionism, and opportunism on the earth.

The treatise announced by the young 18-year-old leader showed the independent

and original road not only to the Korean people, but also to the world people, waging anti-imperialist struggles. It became a lighthouse of hope to the Asian, African, and Latin American people waging their struggles for independence to show a bright future for them.

President Kim Il Sung clarified that the revolution at that stage must cover a wide range of anti-imperialist forces such as the working class, peasants, youth, students, intellectuals, small wealthy class, national capitalists, and religious people and that by mobilizing all the patriotic forces who are against Japanese imperialism, landlords and capitalists, they should liberate their nation and attain their national independence.

Original idea based on human-centered philosophical principle

Two months after the Mexican Kimilsungism Study Group was inaugurated, we held a seminar on a work of General Secretary Kim Jong Il entitled "The Juche Philosophy Is an Original Revolutionary Philosophy" (Discourse Published in Kulloja, a theoretical magazine of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea on July 26, 1996).

Through the work of General Secretary Kim Jong Il, we came to a conclusion that the Juche idea is not an application of Marxism-Leninism to the actual reality of Korea but a compilation of all the unique

philosophical principles proceeding from the trend of a completely new and original philosophy; in other words that the historical contribution of the Juche idea to the development of philosophies lies not in the development of materialism revealed by Marxism, but the clarification of a new philosophical principle centered on human beings.

I and other members of the Marxist-Leninist study group that had already been organized could not readily understand the depth and originality of that work of General Secretary Kim Jong Il. I thought at first that it was due to the insufficiency in the Spanish translation of the work.

However, as we continued our research, we could begin to understand the deep meaning of the work little by little. The work “The Juche Philosophy Is an Original Revolutionary Philosophy” is a just one work among many of others written by General Secretary Kim Jong Il. Nevertheless, it makes afresh my view on the Juche philosophy as its content was deep.

In his work, General Secretary Kim Jong Il said that Marxism-Leninism is an idea preceding the Juche idea, that despite a number of limitations and immaturities, its basic principles revealed by Marxism-Leninism are scientific and valid, and that the Juche philosophy regards Marxism-Leninism's materialistic dialectic as its premise.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il clarified the fundamental problem of philosophy as follows:

“The Marxist philosophy raised the relationship between material and consciousness, between being and thinking, as the fundamental question of philosophy and proved the primacy of material, the primacy of being and, on this basis, elucidated that the world is made of material and changed and developed by the motion of material. The Juche philosophy has raised the relationship between the world and man, and man's position and role in the world, as the fundamental question of philosophy, clarified the philosophical principle that man is the master of everything and that he decides everything and, on this basis, illuminated the absolutely correct way of shaping man's destiny.” (Ibid.)

Together with people including those who believe in religion, too

I came to read Kim Il Sung Reminiscences “With the Century” a few years later, while conducting our activities by studying the Juche idea and making it as our own guideline.

In his reminiscences, President Kim Il Sung referred to the relationship with different religious people, especially relationship problem with the Chondoists.

“The new generation of communists never contemplated engineering a revolution

with the help of Heaven or according to God's will, but rather embarked on the path of struggle, convinced that we must fight, believing in and depending on the strength of our people." (Kim Il Sung Reminiscences, "With the Century," Vol.5, '5. On Chondoism, a National Religion')

When seeing Chondoism, it should be treated as a positive religion in terms of philosophy in its pursuing of the well-being of the people without preventing the country from developing and its promoting of the actual struggle of the people. President Kim Il Sung admitted that Chondoism had a positive aspect as a progressive religion that claims the respect for people and their equality.

In addition, stating that the Korean people should achieve their national independence by rejecting foreign forces, establish their people's government, build a paradise on the earth that embodies people's benevolence, and thus save them from exploitation and oppression, the President mentioned as follows:

"Owing to the division, our nation has experienced all kinds of suffering for nearly half a century. This is not a tragedy caused by our nation itself, but rather one which was imposed by foreign forces. Why should we not oppose the foreign forces and advocate national reunification, building up the nation and great national unity?" (Ibid.)

".....the patriotic-minded Chondoists, Christians and Buddhists in the north and

south of Korea and abroad are all fighting to bring an end to the tragic national division imposed by the foreign forces and bring about the new day of national reunification more rapidly." (Ibid.)

Thus, about the relationship problem with religious authorities, President Kim Il Sung taught that it should be solved not with a schismatic and dogmatic method but in such a direction that their patriotism should be paid respect for.

Human history is the history to realize their independence

With regard to relationship between human being and the world, President Kim Il Sung considered human being as the master of everything and solved the fundamental problem of philosophy.

In his work entitled "The Juche Philosophy Is an Original Revolutionary Philosophy," General Secretary Kim Jong Il clarified: When talking about man as an organism, one can consider him in comparison with other organisms, or discuss the characteristics of his biological components and their combination and structure. However, the man who is deliberated by the Juche philosophy is not only a highly developed organism but also lives and works with independence, creativity and consciousness which no other creatures have acquired.

Thanks to this work of General Secretary Kim Jong Il, we have come to

understand that human history is a history to realize the independence of the people. We also came to understand that the ultimate purpose of the revolution lies in realizing the independence of the people.

Through my study of this work of General Secretary Kim Jong Il for several weeks to understand the essence of the Juche idea, I came to know of the insufficiency of the preceding philosophical thought.

The conclusion that I gained in my own study and dissemination of the Juche idea can be found in this work of General Secretary Kim Jong Il. I am sure that this work is the best textbook for correctly understanding the essence of the Juche idea. So, I recommend everyone to read this work.

Kimilsung-Kimjongilism study group formed in Mexico

After General Secretary Kim Jong Il passed away, Chairman Kim Jong Un formulated the thought of President Kim Il Sung and that of General Secretary Kim Jong Il as Kimilsung-Kimjongilism. Concurrently, we decided to change the name of our study group from the Mexican Kimilsungism Study Group to the Mexican Kimilsung-Kimjongilism Study Group.

I was moved deeply by the fact that Chairman Kim Jong Un developed and enriched the Juche idea and Songun idea.

Similarly, the DPRK developed herself

as a thriving nation with her own defense capability as an independent measure in face with the US' persistent political, military maneuvers.

About the recent study and dissemination of the Juche idea in Latin America, regional conferences and seminars were held in Venezuela, Ecuador, and Mexico for many years. Mexico became their venues for three times. The latest one held in Mexico was in 2016.

About the Latin American people's struggles for independence and peace in the world, I would like to mention the contribution of the first Director General of the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea, Dr. Jose Francisco Aguilar Bulgarelli, and late Prof. Alba Chavez to them.

Recently, a Latin American youth institute of the Juche idea was formed. Likewise, the youth organizations have been conducting their activities in Latin America. I am sure that the study and dissemination of the Juche idea shall continue to be conducted in a more positive manner onwards in the future.

Study and dissemination of the Juche idea positively being conducted in the world

The study and dissemination of the Juche idea and its application to the reality have been being conducted rapidly on the initiative of the International Institute of the Juche Idea (IIJI) with a lot of efforts

made by its Secretary General. The IJI is conducting its work in various manners such as publishing its journal, the “Study of the Juche Idea” and its Secretariat’s Newsletter. The Secretary General steadily joins various seminars that take place throughout the world, while writing many articles.

Truly, the study and dissemination of the Juche idea has been conducted actively with the passion of the Secretary General, so that we could get to know much of the contents of the Juche idea and the current study and dissemination of the Juche idea concerned. In this regard, we would like to express our respect to the Secretary General for his commitment to the promotion in the study and dissemination of the Juche idea in the world.

We also would like to express our thanks to the Korean Association of Social Scientists (KASS) that holds many conferences and seminars for the study and dissemination of the Juche idea, while introducing many works made public by President Kim Il Sung, General Secretary Kim Jong Il, and Chairman Kim Jong Un.

I thank those efforts and cooperation and do believe that a new society with the

bloom of independence of popular masses and peace in the world will be achieved in individual countries including Mexico.

I would like to say that Juche idea researchers in the young generation have been moved and encouraged by the Juche idea founded by President Kim Il Sung, developed, and enriched by General Secretary Kim Jong Il with their trust in and love for Juche soldiers in the old generation.

Although the imperialists are intensifying their machinations to suffocate the land of Juche, the DPRK, the fortress of independence, is steadily marching ahead headed by Chairman Kim Jong Un with his genius wisdom and leadership, and courage.

So, I would like to call you, Juche idea researchers from the world, for conducting the study and dissemination of the Juche idea more actively in your own countries without forgetting the love and care of Chairman Kim Jong Un, who has always made it possible for us to visit Pyongyang, with your faith in global independence. (Lecture at a “Meeting for Exchanges of Experiences of Juche Idea Researchers” in Pyongyang on April 16, 2017)