

## Characteristics and Historical Significance of Juche-oriented Nuclear-armed State



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First of all, I would like to express my hearty congratulations on and respect for this seminar entitled a National Seminar on the Juche Idea for Independence and Peace with the welcome attendance of prof. Ramon Jimenez Lopez, director general of the IJJI Board. This seminar is being held at an important time when historical events convincing us in the advent of a new era with a mission of building a world of independence where all the people live independently, equally, and peacefully are occurring one after another.

I am sure that the objectives of this seminar lie in learning from the Juche idea founded in reflection of the age of independence, and then putting this idea into practice in conformity with the reality of each nation.

In this context of learning from the Juche idea and putting it into practice in conformity to the reality in each county, it would be a very important problem of practice to us to be free from the views and

recognitions that have been intentionally distorted and propagandized by imperialism, along with its mind control over the people for a long time and establish correct recognitions in view of Juche.

The Korea's "nuclear issue" as the subject of my lecture today is an important practical issue, and at the same time an impending important issue in understanding the present situation of independence in the world, and the prospects and challenges concerned to deal with.

As you all know, "nukes are wrong" is a common perception, an established understanding. It is because nuclear weapons are the most destructive ones in the world and that they are the biggest threat to other countries.

Also, it has been loudly being denounced that the DPRK's nuclear development, and its nuclear possession are the violation of the world order, the rule, and the UN Security Council

resolution, so that it is a threat to the peace in Asia and the rest of the world.

In the joint statement at the conference of defense ministers of Japan, the US and the ROK on June 3, 2017, it was described that the DPRK's nuclear issue is an "urgent threat to the security in the region and the world."

However, in a Juche-oriented viewpoint, it becomes clear that those assertions, those perceptions, are totally distorted, wrong views or perceptions.

Those wrong views and perceptions come from lack of class perspective, historical perspective, and a new perspective based on the Juche idea. To be more precise, it can be said that they are "falsehood" created in accordance with the interests and objectives of imperialism.

The lack of class perspective implies the lack of a viewpoint that the character and mission of "nukes" will be changed by whom, what purpose and how to use them.

The lack of historical perspective implies the lack of a viewpoint to see the essence of the discovery of nuclear energy and its significance, and the lack of the viewpoint of seeing when and how it was changed.

The lack of a new viewpoint based on the Juche idea implies the lack of a viewpoint of recognizing anew the position and role of "nukes" in the realization of independence and peace, global independence.

Because of the time, today, I would like to focus on the characteristics and historical significance of the Juche-oriented nuclear power.

In his report to the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK), Chairman Kim Jong Un said as follows:

"Based on its unfathomable national strength, and the hydrogen bomb, in particular, our Republic is demonstrating its prestige as the responsible nuclear power of Juche that contributes to establishing a just world order by frustrating the imperialists' nuclear threat, blackmail, and high-handed and arbitrary behaviour in the international arena."

As he mentioned, nowadays, the DPRK has become not a just simple nuclear power but a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, a Juche-oriented nuclear power.

Then, why is the DPRK called as a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, a Juche-oriented nuclear power?

To start with, I would like to look at the grounding for it and its characteristics.

## **1. Characteristics of Juche-oriented Nuclear-armed State, Juche-oriented nuclear Power**

The DPRK became a nuclear power on the success in its first nuclear-test on October 9, 2006.

From a global perspective, there are nine nuclear powers in the world by now,

so that the DPRK is the ninth one.

However, it is wrong to simply regard the DPRK as the ninth nuclear power.

It can be said that the DPRK is a nuclear-armed state, a nuclear power, that combines the following three things: nuclear weapons, means of their transportation, and nuclear defense capability.

Herein lies the characteristics of the DPRK as a nuclear-armed state, a nuclear power.

Let us look at things in the following three points in more details:

### **1) Characteristics of the DPRK as Nuclear-armed State, Nuclear Power**

Firstly, the DPRK is characterized by being a nuclear-armed state possessing nuclear weapons that are made smaller, lighter, more diversified, standardized, and normalized.

The Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) released a report that the DPRK conducted the third underground nuclear test at the site for underground nuclear test in the northern part of the DPRK on February 12, 2013 to confirm the performance of smaller, lighter, and diversified nuclear warheads.

Similarly, the KCNA released a report that the success in the DPRK's first hydrogen bomb test on January 12, 2016, resulting into a fact that the DPRK came to equip itself with miniaturized, lightweight, diversified, standardized hydrogen warheads.

This means that the DPRK announced the fact that she has come to possess and deploy smaller, lighter, diversified, standardized, and normalized nuclear weapons, for war.

Recent nuclear tests and missile launch experiments have demonstrated this fact.

Nuclear weapons include nuclear warheads for missile loading, nuclear bombs for aerial attack, nuclear torpedoes, nuclear mines, and nuclear cannons.

- Miniaturization and weight reduction are to design and manufacture nuclear warheads by adjusting the weight and size of them, so that they can be mounted on missiles.

Generally, the weight of nuclear warheads is less than 1,000 kg and the diameter is less than 90 cm.

- Diversification here is to diversify the type of nuclear material and the detonator.

Nuclear weapons are classified into atomic bombs (nuclear fission), hydrogen bombs, neutron bombs (nuclear fusion) depending on the reaction method, and classified as tactical nuclear weapons or strategic nuclear weapons by their destructive power and range to reach.

- Standardization and normalization are to enable nuclear warheads to be worn on various transportation means for the purpose and to enable them to be mass-produced.

Secondly, the DPRK is characterized by being a nuclear-armed state that fully possesses offensive means or missiles that can hit enemies' military facilities precisely.

Basing herself on the missile development project from the end of the 1960s promoted under the guidance of President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il, the DPRK has come to develop new missiles by their own technology and deploy them since the mid-1970s.

Then, the DPRK has released a new missile based on state-of-the-art technology every opportunity such as military parades including that on April 15, 2012.

A long-distance intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) entitled "Hwasong-13" was made public suddenly and unexpectedly on that occasion. So also, was done the same kind entitled "Hwasong-14" on the military parade in October 2015.

Recently, the DPRK made a test-launch of a medium long-range intercontinental ballistic missile entitled "Hwasong-10" in June 2016 and a test-lunch of a strategic submarine ballistic missile entitled "Pukguksong-1" in June 2016. Turning into this year, the DPRK made successfully test launches: a medium long-range ballistic missile "Pukguksong-2" on February 12, a medium long-range ballistic missile entitled "Hwasong-12" on May 14, and then a precision guided ballistic missile on May 29.

Missiles with a "mold" attached to be known as "Juche bullets, Juche weapons"

developed with 100% of our own wisdom, strength, and technology based on the weapon system of "Uri mode" or our own style.

This means that the DPRK's missile industry switched from a liquid missile engine to a high-power solid missile engine, and has made a dramatic development from a type of imitating samples to a type of development and creation.

It can be said that by developing and deploying a state-of-the-art ballistic missile with its own wisdom, strength, and technology under the slogan of self-reliance and self-development, the DPRK has developed into a world's strongest missile power.

Thirdly, the DPRK is characterized by being a nuclear power with strong defense measures that can neutralize enemies' nuclear attacks.

Strong defense measures that can neutralize nuclear attacks imply a Juche-oriented missile interception system, air defense measures, and underground nuclear shelters.

First, the DPRK combines a Juche-oriented missile interception system with air defense measures.

The Juche-oriented missile interception system was released for the first time at the military parade in April 2012.

A ground-to-air missile shooting training was carried out in March 2013, and its image was released.

On May 27 this year, the DPRK made

a successful test-launch of a new interceptor-guided missile. It is said that this new interceptor-guided missile is not inferior to the Russian S-400 interceptor missile which is said to be the strongest in the world.

The DPRK has not only an interceptor-guided missile but also a strong air defense capability.

The DPRK's air defense system is a comprehensive one that combines portable interceptor missiles, interceptor planes, anti-aircraft artilleries, and anti-aircraft guns much less to interceptor-guided missiles. It is only the DPRK in the world that has built such a comprehensive air defense system.

Next, the DPRK is a country with the whole nation underground tunnelled much less to being an attacking base and a rear base.

This has been realized by the policy of national fortifications put forward by President Kim Il Sung based on the experience in the Korean War.

Since then, in the 1980s, the position underground has been reinforced by the instruction of General Secretary Kim Jong Il to cope with the nuclear attacks of the US.

Thanks to the realization of the underground-tunnelled policy, the DPRK has been equipped with a system to minimize the damage of enemies' attacks, nuclear attacks, and to carry out an immediate anti-offense, a reprisal nuclear attack with the stored armed forces as such.

As mentioned above, it can be said that the DPRK is a nuclear-armed state, a nuclear power being equipped with to say nothing of nuclear weapons, its means of transport, and nuclear defense capability.

Chairman Kim Jong Un said on May 29, 2017 when the DPRK made a test-launch of a ballistic missile with a precision guidance system to the effect: The US has cried out the pressure loudly and threatened us with a large amount of nuclear strategy equipment around the Korean Peninsula. But such a dirty and false show of power as it only selectively attacked non-nuclear powers, weaker nations that do not effect on the US, it is a pitiful indeed. We are ready to respond to its imprudent, military challenge if it makes a choice of it.

His confidence and his words of full of confidence as such can be said as a "declaration of victory" based on a guarantee for the DPRK being a nuclear-armed state, a nuclear power, a scientific analysis on the vulnerability of the US policy towards her on the one hand, and the great swell of global independence on the other, and his unshakable trust in the Korean people.

Next, let us see the characteristics of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, a Juche-oriented nuclear power.

The point here is why the DPRK is regarded as a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, a Juche-oriented nuclear power, by attaching a word of "Juche-oriented" to it.

This is not a simple matter like it is because the DPRK is a country of Juche, or because it sounds nice.

The term of a “Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state”, a “Juche-oriented nuclear power,” integrates the fundamental characteristics of the DPRK in such a way as it essentially distinguishes itself from other conventional nuclear powers.

## **2) Characteristics of Juche-oriented Nuclear-armed State, Juche-oriented Nuclear Power**

From a historical point of view, originally, the discovery of nuclear energy is the outcome of scientific researches for the civilization and development of human beings and it is a historical discovery to open the bright future of humanity.

In this context, I would like to refer to a one story that a SF animation entitled “Astro Boy” drawn by a Japanese cartoonist Tezuka Osamu that started its serial stories from April 1952. It was indeed a wonderful work depicting the future of peaceful use of nuclear energy.

However, the US Manhattan Project realized military use of nuclear energy, and “nuclear” became a “world-dominated versatile weapon” after it was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945.

Then, afterwards, nuclear weapons became the exclusive property of the great powers including the US, turning into a means of domination, hegemony, power,

and pressure.

While having contradictive national interests and purposes of their own one another, those nuclear powers represented by the permanent members of the UN Security Council in an unprincipled coalition, have never allowed other nations to become a nuclear power with an aim of keeping the current position as the permanent members and holding the current “international political order” centered on the UN Security Council.

Thus, the unjust and inequitable “international political order” in which important international problems are determined by the interest of the nuclear powers, so that justice and truth is made to be unjustified and false at the discretion of those nuclear powers, has been rampant for a long time throughout the world just like a “malignant Trauma.”

Further, due to the actions of the US raising nuclear arsenal and its allied, the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) which bans the nuclear threat and use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states has gone blank, and the United Nations that originally is obliged to safeguard the sovereignty of its member nations as its own mission has turned to be little more than a name, a tool of the US for its hegemony.

The reality that the UN Security Council not only tacitly acknowledged the forcible invasion of Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Syria by the US that had

violated the international law on the pretext of forged information, but it could not raise even a chorus of criticism on those incidents bespeaks this present state of the situation.

So, it can be said that all the conventional nuclear powers have used the “nukes” as a means of maintaining and expanding a hegemonic status and setting in motion the power of the state and pressure against other countries.

On the contrary, it can be said that the DPRK is a nuclear power which is essentially distinct from those conventional nuclear powers.

The DPRK is an independent nuclear power that has emerged for the first time in the history of the world, reflecting the world progressive peoples’ demand and aspiration for independence and peace.

Herein lie the fundamental characteristics of the DPRK as a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, a Juche-oriented nuclear power.

Now, let us take a closer look at the characteristics of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, a Juche-oriented nuclear power in more details.

The characteristics of the DPRK as a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, a Juche-oriented nuclear power, are clearly stipulated in the “Law on Consolidating the Position of Nuclear Weapons State for Self-defence” adopted at the DPRK Supreme People’s Assembly on April 1, 2013.

## “Law on Consolidating the Position of Nuclear Weapons State for Self-defence”

The DPRK is a full-fledged nuclear weapons state capable of beating back any aggressor troops at one strike, firmly defending the socialist system and providing a sure guarantee for the happy life of the people.

Having an independent and just nuclear force, the DPRK put an end to the distress-torn history in which it was subject to outside forces’ aggression and interference and could emerge a socialist power of Juche which no one dares provoke.

The Supreme People’s Assembly of the DPRK decides to consolidate the position of the nuclear weapons state as follows:

1. The nuclear weapons of the DPRK are just means for defence as it was compelled to have access to them to cope with the ever-escalating hostile policy of the US and nuclear threat.
2. They serve the purpose of deterring and repelling the aggression and attack of the enemy against the DPRK and dealing deadly retaliatory blows at the strongholds of aggression until the world is denuclearized.
3. The DPRK shall take practical steps to bolster up the nuclear deterrence and nuclear retaliatory strike power both in quality and quantity to cope with the gravity of the escalating

- danger of the hostile forces' aggression and attack.
4. The nuclear weapons of the DPRK can be used only by a final order of the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army to repel invasion or attack from a hostile nuclear weapons state and make retaliatory strikes.
  5. The DPRK shall neither use nukes against the non-nuclear states nor threaten them with those weapons unless they join a hostile nuclear weapons state in its invasion and attack on the DPRK.
  6. The DPRK shall strictly observe the rules on safekeeping and management of nukes and ensuring the stability of nuclear tests.
  7. The DPRK shall establish a mechanism and order for their safekeeping and management so that nukes and their technology, weapon-grade nuclear substance may not leak out illegally.
  8. The DPRK shall cooperate in the international efforts for nuclear non-proliferation and safe management of nuclear substance on the principle of mutual respect and equality, depending on the improvement of relations with hostile nuclear weapons states.
  9. The DPRK shall strive hard to defuse the danger of a nuclear war and finally build a world without nukes and fully

support the international efforts for nuclear disarmament against nuclear arms race.

10. The related institutions shall take thorough practical steps for implementing this ordinance.

Paragraphs 1 to 4 are provisions for the characters of nuclear weapons as of independence and justice owned by the DPRK. Paragraphs 5 to 10 prescribe obligations and order as a nuclear power.

If we arrange things based on that law, we can summarize the features of the DPRK as a new Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, a new Juche-oriented nuclear power, in the following three points:

- 1) the DPRK is a nuclear power that uses nuclear weapons for a means of safeguarding genuine peace and security of the world, not for a means of maintaining and expanding a hegemonic status and setting in motion the power of the state and pressure against other countries.
- 2) the DPRK is a nuclear power that sets it as the ultimate aim to realize a world without nuclear weapons, not in view of “nuclear non-proliferation”
- 3) the DPRK is a nuclear power with a solid will and strength to fundamentally transform the absurd US-centered “international political order” and build a world of independence.



What matters here is whether or not a nuclear power has a firm will of anti-imperialism.

It is because any nuclear powers without a firm will of anti-imperialism and independence cannot play any role in the struggle of the world progressive people for bringing about their independent demand and aspiration for peace.

Since its foundation, the DPRK has not spared any effort to support those countries who uphold aloft anti-imperialism and anti-US, not just consistently waging its struggle on the front line of anti-imperialism and anti-US.

There are no other nuclear powers than the DPRK, not retiring from the US one step, but declaring a pre-emptive nuclear strike on the US, while releasing an operational map for the US mainland.

This is because the DPRK is a Juche-oriented nuclear power or a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state that has a firm will and strength to build a world of independence.

Next, I would like to see how to appreciate the historic significance of the emergence of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state.

## **2. Historical Significance of Emergence of Juche-oriented Nuclear-armed State**

To begin with, I would like to mention that so-called historians make it a habit to try to give meanings to things one way or

another. This may be a kind of occupational illness.

So, it is not important in a way of saying that there are some significant things of one, two, three from a practical point of view. But what is important is to have a correct recognition of historical lessons and the trend, predict the future with scientific accuracy and decide our forward work plan, and then wage our struggles bravely to win a victory.

So, from this point of view, I would like to give an analysis on the historical significance of the emergence of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state.

The historical significance of the emergence of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state lies firstly in that a firm prospect for the final victory in the showdown between the DPRK and the US and accomplishing the cause of socialism by the fundamental change in the global balance of forces on the Korean Peninsula has opened up.

Chairman Kim Jong Un said as follows: “Gone forever is the era when the United States blackmailed us with nuclear weapons; now the United States is no longer a source of threats and fear for us and we are the very source of the greatest threat and fear for it. This is the current reality.” (“War Veterans Are Our Precious Revolutionary Forerunners Who Created the Indomitable Spirit of Defending the Country,” a congratulatory speech delivered at the Fourth National Conference of War Veterans, July 25, 2015)

As Chairman Kim Jong Un pointed out, the emergence of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state implies that there has been a fundamental change in the strategic position on the Korean Peninsula and a fundamental shift in the global balance of forces, and that the US' hostile policy against the DPRK, the former's supremacy and its hegemonic nuclear strategy have completely collapsed.

This also means that such an environment has been prepared by now in which the DPRK could put all its energy to the accomplishment of the cause of socialism in line with its own development strategy, while solid peace and security not only for the Korean Peninsula but also for the rest of the northeast Asian region and the whole world could be safeguarded.

As you know, recently, the US Trump administration recklessly confirmed its policy of "maximum pressure and involvement" against the DPRK, by turning away from the warning and proposal by the DPRK and the reality, and then made a noise of the "April crisis." However, it ended up a complete failure.

They used up all international pressure cards worn out and no effect by now, such as military pressure card, economic sanctioning card, human rights card, Chinese card, and so forth.

As a result, it was found out that the US has no way but to switch from its present hostile policy with the DPRK to a policy

of sincere dialogue with the latter, which is the conclusion of the confrontation between the DPRK and the US.

About the Trump administration, the name is a card of trump but there is no card left behind. It is a game over by now.

The DPRK will continue to apply pressure to the US until the latter looks at the reality and makes a right choice.

The final victory in the confrontation between the DPRK and the US is a matter of time by now and it has entered the final stage. This is the current situation of the Korean Peninsula.

Similarly, the historical significance of the emergence of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state lies in that it shows a bright prospect for fundamentally changing the absurd US-centered "international political order", and opening a new stage in the struggle for building a world of independence, a new age.

It is a matter of fact that after the end of the Cold War, when the international political order centered on the US, i.e., "unipolar dominance," was established, resulting into a situation when all the humanity was caught up in such an era of the worst disaster in history that aggression and slaughter, the toppling down of the incumbent governments, numbers of refugees were on the rapid increase, the age of darkness so to speak, those "great powers" that had professed to be the representatives of the progress people by adopting a platform of socialism

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could neither change the absurd international political order nor put on the brakes to the US' runaway.

In such a time as those countries in Latin America and African countries that had advocated the banner of anti-imperialism and independence were holding their breath and simply praying for huge hurricane to go away, it was the DPRK that stood at the front of the struggle bravely, while upholding aloft the banner of anti-imperialism and independence.

Promptly seeing through to the heart of things that the essence of today's imperialism is militarized one, and that the basic front of anti-imperialism had changed from the political and economic front to the military front, General Secretary Kim Jong Il transformed the DPRK into a politico-ideological power, a military power, and a nuclear power through overcoming the most difficulties and hardships they faced since the foundation of the DPRK, while holding aloft the banner of Songun politics.

Carrying forward the achievements attained in the building a nuclear power, Chairman Kim Jong Un has reinforced and developed the DPRK into a nuclear power with a firm will and strength to build a world of independence, a Juche-oriented nuclear power, under the slogan of self-reliance and self-development with one's own effort.

With the advent of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state, humanity has come to

reach a historical turning point to put an end to the capitalist society where the law of the jungle is overwhelming, through having attained the mighty power to safeguard and realize independence, justice, and peace.

This year that marks the 100th anniversary of the Russian Revolution which became a historical opportunity for the history of human beings to shift from "prelude" to its "main part," it can be said that the times has moved on to a new developing phase to earnestly build a world free from domination and subordination, aggression and intervention, and a world of independence where all the countries and nations are guaranteed their sovereignty and equality.

Herein lies the historical significance of the emergence of a Juche-oriented nuclear-armed state.

In his report to the 7th Congress of the WPK, Chairman Kim Jong Un said as follows:

"The prevailing international situation is characterized by the ever-worsening contradictions and confrontations among the world powers in their pursuit of a greater sphere of influence, and the gradual decline of the US-led imperialist reactionary forces in the showdown between the forces of independence and those of domination.

"The present situation demands that all countries and nations join the struggle to frustrate the imperialist reactionary forces'

high-handed, arbitrary and aggressive actions and their violations of sovereignty, and to defend their own sovereign rights and achieve global independence.”

As the strategic position and the global balance of forces on the Korean Peninsula have been fundamentally changed today, the independent forces, which have taken the initiative on a worldwide scale, are driving to draw near to the end of the imperialist forces.

With desperate struggles of imperialism are to be smashed, a world where people live independently, equality and peacefully

is near at hand.

In the context of our fierce struggle to force out imperialism from the stage of history, the goddess of victory will surely smile at us who are energetically active with a sense of mission to learn from the Juche idea and put it into practice, with full of hopes and confidence.

Let us wage struggles together with a faith in victory and our concerted efforts to meet a day as such as early as possible. (Speech at a National Seminar on the Juche Idea for Independence and Peace held in Tokyo, on July 22, 2017)