

For Independence of One's Own Country and World with Faith in Kimilsung-Kimjongilism



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Dear comrades and friends.

First, I would to express my sincere
congratulations on the 105th birth
anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, the
Great Sun of mankind.

I am greatly pleased to be able to
celebrate this historical auspicious
occasion together with you.

From now on I am going to talk about
the things as follows.

Firstly, it is about the era of
independence that was carved out by
President Kim Il Sung in such a way as
the DPRK advances along the road of
independence and socialism upholding the
banner of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism.

Secondly, in relation to the occasion of
100th anniversary of the October
Revolution, it is about the key to the
revival of socialism in such a way as it lies
in Kimilsung-Kimjongilism.

Thirdly, it is about Kimilsung-Kimjongilism
in such a way as it is vital for the
economically developed capitalist
countries in advancing along the road of
independence.

1. President Kim Il Sung Who Carved Out the Era of Independence

People's history has been incessantly
developing by their leader who backs up
the popular masses as masters, brings out
their ability and makes them be united.

The present era is an era of
independence era in which the popular
masses emerge as the masters. This era of
independence was carved out by President
Kim Il Sung who founded the Juche idea.

The Juche idea is a revolutionary idea
of the current times that was founded and
developed by President Kim Il Sung. He
pointed out the two starting points that
urged him to originate this idea as follows:

With a thought that we should go among the masses, make them awakened, and encourage them to carry out the revolutionary struggle on their initiative as masters, I have come to put an emphasis on that the popular masses hold the key to the solution of all the problems. I have come to stress that whether someone approve it or not, if only revolutionaries are carrying out the revolution of their own country with responsibility for it, they will be supported and admitted by other countries in due course. (“Talk to the Editor-in-chief of a socio-political journal ‘The World’” by Kim Il Sung on October 6, 1972)

President Kim Il Sung defeated the Japanese imperialists and liberated Korea from their colony in 1945.

Several years later the US imperialists provoked war against the young DPRK trying to destroy it, employing its satellite countries. The President smashed the US imperialists and safeguarded socialist Korea by rallying all the people.

The President showed us an example of anti-imperialist struggle for independence by achieving victories in the struggle against two imperialists.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il succeeded to and developed the revolutionary cause of Juche. In February 1974, he formulated the Juche idea founded by the President as Kimilsungism by systematizing it into an integrated system of the idea, theory, and method of Juche.

President Kim Il Sung once said it is himself who seeded the Juche idea and brought it up but it was General Secretary Kim Jong Il who had made it a deep forest.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il also stipulated that man is a social being whose essential qualities are independence, creativity and consciousness and gave a scientific explanation about the essential qualities of man for the first time.

In 1991 the USSR collapsed. General Secretary Kim Jong Il analyzed the cause of the frustration of socialism and clarified the theory of the revival of socialism.

Taking advantage of the demise of President Kim Il Sung, the US imperialists strengthened the plots to isolate and stifle the DPRK seeking to collapse it. Coping with the plots of the US that gaggled about pre-emptive strike by nuclear weapons General Secretary Kim Jong Il enforced Songun politics. Songun politics is a politics for the Korean People’s Army (KPA) to defend the country and take responsibility of the most arduous sector in socialist construction and improve the people’s livelihood. And it can be said that it is a politics to defend the sovereignty and right to survival and realize the durable peace.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il achieved a brilliant exploit of a successful nuclear-test to provide a sure guarantee to prevent the aggression of the US imperialists in October 2006. He also

provided a politico-military guarantee for countries to make themselves and the world independent.

To our regret, General Secretary Kim Jong Il passed away in December 2011 on the way of his field guidance. We can say General Secretary Kim Jong Il devoted his whole life to the goodness of the people until his last moment.

Respected Chairman Kim Jong Un pushes on for the completion of the cause of independence without an inch of deflection after the demise of General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

In his talk to some officials of the WPK, Chairman Kim Jong Un said as follows:

“Today our Party and revolution demand that Kimilsung-Kimjongilism be held fast to as their permanent guiding ideology. Kimilsung-Kimjongilism is an integral system of the idea, theory and method of Juche, and a revolutionary ideology representative of the Juche era.” (“Let Us Brilliantly Accomplish the Revolutionary Cause of Juche, Holding Comrade Kim Jong Il in High Esteem” by Kim Jong Un on April 6, 2012)

Chairman Kim Jong Un formulated the idea and theory of the President and those of General Secretary Kim Jong Il as Kimilsung-Kimjongilism, saying the idea and exploits of President Kim Il Sung and those of General Secretary Kim Jong Il cannot be separated.

Chairman Kim Jong Un held the 7th Congress of the WPK in a big concern of

the world in May 2016.

He declared a victory of the Juche idea and Songun politics in the 7th Congress of the WPK. The victory of the Juche idea and Songun politics is the victory of the struggles waged by President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il, and is the victory of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism.

Upholding aloft the people-first principle, he eliminated the future of people-centered socialism to which all officials devote themselves, and the people carry on the cause of independence by themselves.

He also advanced making the world independent as well as the DPRK and the Korean Peninsula as a goal in the Congress. It is an illumination of the bright future for the world people.

Chairman Kim Jong Un saw to the test-firing of missiles, never falling back even a step and led the H-bomb test to a success in January 2016 in the face of the US imperialists that are becoming more weakened in the economy and more arbitrary to other countries.

After the Trump Administration was formed, the US' military provocation against the DPRK got more naked. Coping with it, the DPRK succeeded in the development of intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) whose range reaches the American Continent and developed socialist Korea with solid national defense capability.

Chairman Kim Jong Un demonstrated

his firm conviction and will to build a powerful socialist country where the independence of the masses' is fully realized under the banner of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism.

2. Lessons from the 100th Anniversary of the October Revolution

This year falls on the centenary of the birth of socialism in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) for the first time in human history.

The October Revolution was led to victory by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin.

In October 1917 Lenin led the Bolshevik to knock down the reactionary government and built the world first socialist country—the USSR. The victory of the October Revolution delighted the world people and gave them hope and joy and made them aspire after socialism.

In his lifetime, Lenin made efforts to enforce several policies for the realization of socialism in the USSR. However, he passed away in the early period of socialist construction. Owing to it, the original guiding theory could not develop to fit together with the situation at that time.

The establishment of a socialist system is a start of socialist construction. The history of socialism begins with the establishment of the socialist system and how to defend revolutionary achievements and develop arises as an important task.

What is the most important in continuously developing socialism is to educate the masses with a socialist idea and remould them to exert creative efforts by setting them as masters of the society. But in the USSR, ideological education of the masses was not done properly after the establishment of the socialist system.

One factor for the failure in putting importance to the ideological education in the USSR goes to the fact that the imperialist countries strengthened their maneuvers to collapse the USSR with armed forces. To face with the challenges of those imperialists who struck at the newly born socialism the USSR could not help but put a priority to the economic construction with the munitions industry at the centre. The huge expenditure on the munitions industry prevented the people's economy from its proper development, straining the people's livelihood.

Worse still, the bureaucratic leadership got isolated from the masses and the socialist unity became weakened as the masses were influenced by capitalist ideology.

Without a right guiding idea and the unity of the leadership and the masses, the USSR collapsed by itself without any struggle against imperialism.

The world people who had a great impact on the collapse of the USSR earnestly desired a new way wondering whether socialism was a mistaken choice and if it was possible for socialism to revive.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il showed explicitly the answer to the world people and said:

“Socialism is the ideal and the revolutionary banner of the popular masses who are fighting for independence. The masses achieve their independence by means of socialism and communism.” (“Socialism Is a Science” published on November 1, 1994)

“The cause of socialism is a just cause for realizing the independence of the popular masses; it is an inexorable law of historical development that mankind advances toward socialism.” (“The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party” published on January 3, 1992)

General Secretary Kim Jong Il elucidated socialism in the essence as a society which bases on the essential qualities of the masses who are desirous of living and developing as masters of the world and their own destiny. He said that the masses' essential qualities would be realized only in the socialist society.

The fundamental superiority of socialism that is built based on the essential qualities of the masses lies in that the masses exert their boundless creativity as masters of the country and society and that the leader and the masses are trusted in each other and have equal relationship of helping each other forward.

The current struggle of the people that desire socialism is being carried out in

severe confrontation with imperialism. In the DPRK the people's happiness blooms thanks to the three resolutions — ideological, technical and cultural, frustrating the imperialists' stifling maneuvers by dint of single-hearted unity of the leader and the masses.

The mind of the people who have realized the advantage of socialism will not be shaken at all by any plot of imperialism.

Today in the DPRK the struggle for the completion of socialism, the new stage that the world had never reached is being wisely led by Chairman Kim Jong Un.

In the 7th Congress of the WPK Chairman Kim Jong Un said:

“In order to accomplish the socialist cause and realize the full independence of the masses of the people, the whole society should be modelled on Kimilsung-Kimjongilism.” (“Report to the Seventh Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea on the Work of the Central Committee” published on May 6-7, 2016)

Kimilsung-Kimjongilism scientifically illuminates the true feature of the society where the masses' independence is fully realized and the lawful process of socialist construction, the tactics and policies that should be maintained in the whole procedure of the cause of socialism. It can be said that Kimilsung-Kimjongilism is the only guiding ideology that the world people should uphold in the era of independence.

The feature of the DPRK that makes rapid development under the banner of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism gives hope to the world people.

3. Kimilsung-Kimjongilism: Ideology to Lead Cause of Independence in Economically Developed Capitalist Countries to Victory

About the decisive role played by people's ideological consciousness of independence in their revolutionary struggle, General Secretary Kim Jong Il said as follows:

“Our Party separated ideology from culture and advanced the theory on ideology that ideological consciousness decides everything, which means that ideological consciousness is a decisive factor in determining the actions of people.” (“The Historical Lesson in Building Socialism and the General Line of Our Party” published January 3, 1992)

Moreover, about the advantage of socialist society over capitalist society, General Secretary Kim Jong Il said:

“The main advantage of socialist society over capitalist society is that of ideology and the might of socialism is also that of ideology.” (Ibid.)

How can we build a society of independence where the masses' independence is realized?

First, it requires the masses to have an independent ideo-consciousness above all.

Independent ideo-consciousness gives a rise to the independent struggle and make the society independent.

The era of independence shall be carved out by the activities of the masses who have accepted a new idea of independence.

In economically developed capitalist countries such as the US, Japan, the UK, etc., the society is becoming unstable as exclusionism, my country first foreign policy, mammonism, etc. prevail there and the gap between rich and poor is expanding.

Seeing that capitalism has been lasting for a long time in combination of the fact that the USSR collapsed, even those who studied the preceding doctrine tend to consider that it would be difficult to transform the capitalist society into an independent society, and then a communist society.

The materialistic conception of history insists on that capitalism switches over to socialism when it develops to a high degree. But in fact, the developed countries like Germany and the UK did not transit to socialism but continues capitalism. It is clear that the materialistic conception of history has the limitation of the period.

One of the reasons why those who studied the precedent theory lost confidence in the realization of socialism is that they absolutized the materialistic conception of history not considering its

limitation of the period.

It is only an objective condition that it switches over to socialism when the economy develops.

The subjective factor of development of society is the political consciousness of the masses and the strengthening of their own force. It urgently requires the masses to heighten their ideo- consciousness and establish their political forces.

The key to the reformation of capitalism and building a new society is the independent ideology, not economic development.

The main thing in the independent consciousness is Kimilsung-Kimjongilism.

The study and dissemination of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism arises as primary task for the establishment of political force.

The mass media that have been reduced to the mouthpiece of reactionary forces slander the DPRK now. But their purpose is not slander itself.

They slander the DPRK because it successfully builds people-centered socialism—as an only one in the world. The reactionary forces are driving hard to make the people, not to know the superiority of Juche-oriented socialism.

Learning from the DPRK and strengthening solidarity with the Korean people is nothing less than making their own country and the world independent.

Now, there is a statistic about the imperialist countries: the number of the middle class that enjoys a satisfactory

living standard to some extent occupies a proportion of around 70 percent of the total in comparison with the rest of the rich and the poor.

It is related to the domestic policy taken by those imperialist countries for their own people to distribute to them wealth attained through the exploitation and plunder of other countries to a certain extent so that their own people do not oppose their nations' aggression on and usurpation of other countries.

The US has controlled Japan militarily since the end of World War II.

Particularly in 1945 the US imperialists committed indiscriminate massacre of the people in Japan.

One hundred thousand people were killed and one million people became homeless in one day, March 10 of the year, by the air raid on Tokyo.

In Okinawa two hundred thousand people were killed by landing operation of the US army during 3 months from April. Despite the certain defeat of Japan, the US dropped two A-bombs in August. During 5 months from August to the end of the year, 140,000 were killed in Hiroshima and almost one hundred thousand people were killed in Nagasaki.

After the War, Japan suffered from great damage but the campaign against US imperialism has been prohibited by the reactionary policies.

The Japanese government officials were taught by American-style ideology and

were influenced to have an illusion about the US, while studying abroad in the US. The mass media, too, propagated for the US under its control.

It is a conventional conduct of the Japanese prime ministers as a starter to visit the US after their inaugurations and yet Japan is subordinated to the US. We can say that Japan's relations with the US is mainly subordinate one and secondly allied one. Namely, Japan is an allied subordinated country to the US.

During the Korean and Vietnamese Wars, the US fighter-planes flew from the military bases in Japan. Japan supported the US to slaughter the Koreans and Vietnamese and the munitions industry took advantage of it during the wars. During the Korean War, Japan raked in huge profits and made a high economic development.

Now Japan is seeking to realize its aggressive ambition with the backing of the weakened US imperialism.

Even though ours is an era of independence, there still exist the US imperialists that seek after a means of escape in an aggressive war, whereas Japan and the UK are involved in the rule of the US imperialists. Also, there are some countries like the Republic of Korea that are running about for the interests of the US imperialists, while being inserted into their plots.

We should uphold the banner of independence against imperialism to make

our countries and the world independent.

Without the need for looking at the outrageous attacks of US imperialism against Iraq and Afghanistan, the historical facts show that without correct political ideological education national independence is not safeguarded, but rather being trifled with only slavery and death.

Now, it is the most important and urgent period for making Kimilsung-Kimjongilism our faith and widely disseminate it among the people and for the struggle to make our countries and the world independent.

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An unexpected auspicious event came to us who have continued to wage struggles for making our own nations independent along with achieving global independence by upholding aloft the banner of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism with reverence embraced to the great leaders.

I as Secretary General of the IJJI had the honor to be awarded the International Kim Jong Il Prize in February 2017 on the occasion of 75th birth anniversary of General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

The International Kim Jong Il Prize is the noblest and most glorious prize in the world that memorizes the greatness of General Secretary Kim Jong Il who succeeded to and realized the cause of President Kim Il Sung.

Awarding the International Kim Jong Il Prize was substantially attested by Chairman Kim Jong Un, who has been

carrying forward the cause of General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

It is not a prize that is awarded to a specific person but is a present full of



With those who attended the ceremony of awarding International Kim Jong Il Prize (Pyongyang in February 2017)

warm affection and benevolence of Chairman Kim Jong Un to the researchers of the Juche idea in the world.

We pledge to struggle with a whole heart for the development of the cause of independence together with our people, giving sincere thanks to Chairman Kim Jong Un.

It will be the noblest and most victorious way to wage struggles upholding the banner of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism.

Let all researchers of the Juche idea in the world march forward along the idea hands in hands.

(Lecture at a “Course on the Juche Idea” held in Pyongyang on April 14, 2017)