
Let Us Build a World of Independence and Peace under the Banner of Juche



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Dear comrades and friends joining this European regional seminar on the Juche idea,

Today, the broad masses of people throughout the world have risen up to make their own countries independent and build a peaceful world.

The Juche idea has been drawing attention

of people around the world as the banner of independence and peace in the new era, and there has been an active study and dissemination of this idea in individual countries.

Now with Europe shaken by the issue of Greece and others, it is of great significance for a seminar on the Juche idea to be held in Rome.

1. Opposing Globalism and Building the World of Independence and Peace Are Our Common Duty

Europe has developed by playing a leading role in the world in all fields such as politics, economy, culture and others from the early period of time, and been respected by the people worldwide.

On the other hand, it is also a matter of fact that such a development in Europe is a result of its plundering resources of Asia, Africa and Latin America and exploiting labor force there.

After the collapse of the East-West Cold War system, as competition among imperialist countries had intensified, European countries have put their energies into protection of their region by establishing a regional community, European Union (EU) and introducing a common currency of the EU, the euro, in an effort to oppose the unilateral control of U.S. imperialism.

After the collapse of the Cold War system, imperialist countries embarked on reinforcement of blatantly exploiting and plundering the developing countries. Consequently, it caused the so-called Asian Financial Crisis, a slump in the value of currencies of Asian countries, including Thailand, in the 1990s. Argentina sank into default on its debts and countries in Latin America also faced their economic crises. Domination and interference of the imperialist countries in Africa drew the frequent disputes in the region.

When entering the 21st century, in the

imperialist countries, the real economy has become hollowed out and finance has become dominant in the market. The market economy has taken on the semblance of money games like derivative and hedge fund and thus the economy of the imperialist countries has come to head toward gambling.

Originating from the bubble economy of the U.S., "Lehman Brothers" became bankrupt in 2008, which caused the global financial crisis.

Imperialist countries that allocated the greater part of their budgets to military spending solely with an aim of profit-seeking while calling themselves small government have no choice but to make change in their economic policies due to the global financial crisis.

Likely, the imperialist countries have come to pump huge amounts of money into the market at almost zero-interest rate in an effort to bail out failed banks and securities companies. The more the real economy has grown stagnant and the economy has become speculative, the more banks and securities companies have come to dominate the world market with money, which in turn have come to hold the fate of some nations.

Entering in 2010, the monetary economy directly hit European countries that are, comparatively speaking, weak among imperialist countries.

In Ireland and Greece, for instance, the growing budget deficit brought about a plunge in government bond prices and a rapid rise in interest rates, which affected other countries

like Portugal and Spain.

Out of fear that the financial crises in European countries might lead to collapse of the euro, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and others offered their financial aid to those countries concerned on conditions that they raise taxes and cut wages sizably.

The major nations in the EU like Germany and France are also in trouble about their financial deficits. In other words, Europe comes to a dead end where greater powers having red ink have to bail out those lesser countries suffering financial deficits.

The U.S. and Japan that are trying to help Europe are also in the red, which are at the most severe level in history.

It is the market fundamentalism that is sweeping across the world that aims at bringing about highest profits and guarantees boundless economic development by the method of free competition based on the logic of the law of the jungle.

A series of moves concerned show clearly that how the market fundamentalism makes the people's lives fall into the abyss of despair and creates confusion in the world by leading nations to collapse.

The U.S. imperialism confronted with the economic crisis is recently finding its way into war and munitions industry. Since the collapse of the Cold War system, the U.S. has intensively strengthened the unilateral domination over the world with armed forces. U.S. imperialism started the Iraq war in 2003 without any valid reason, and then it is now spreading war to

Afghanistan and massacring hundreds of thousands of innocent people there.

Iraq and Afghanistan have not been "democratized" but been laid in ashes.

U.S. imperialism has been maneuvering to impose economic blockades and give an armed blow to such countries as that are not subordinate to it but advance along the path of independence.

It was in Prague in April 2009 when President Barak Obama made a speech in such a way of saying "To build a world of free from nuclear weapons."

The "world without nuclear weapons" President Obama mentioned is the world where the U.S. monopolizes the major number of the total nuclear weapons in the world on one hand, and on the other, by abandoning old nuclear warheads and means of nuclear delivery vehicle it reduces its management cost of nuclear weapons and instead builds up its arsenal of modern nuclear weapons. It is no other than a camouflage of its double standard on the nuclear issue: whereas they admit the increase in the nuclear capability of nuclear great powers themselves, they try to prevent such nations aspiring after advancing along the path of independence from possessing nuclear weapons.

In fact, when looking at the draft budget of the U.S. government of the 2010 fiscal year, it can be seen that while the size of its general budget has been reduced, there is only an increase in the appropriation for nuclear weapons among it.

Moreover, it has now come to speak openly

of the possibility of using nuclear weapons that no other former political leaders of the U.S. could ever do so in the past, while naming specifically Iran and the DPRK to be targeted at its pre-emptive attack of nuclear weapons.

The money game and nuclear war are the ones that destroy the world. The world is now confronted with a big ordeal caused by imperialistic terminal phenomena and inhuman measures.

Imperialist politics has become rotten; the economy has fallen in a crisis; imperialist culture has reached the height of decadence. It is clear that imperialism has been weakened and come nearer to its end.

In this regard, if the world people are awoken politically and wage struggles with concerted efforts, they shall put an end to the era of imperialism and be able to build a new world of independence and peace.

2. Juche Idea Is a Guiding Principle to Make Europe and the Whole World Independent

Under the present circumstances on the world where imperialist domination and war maneuvers have been intensified, the people in individual countries opposing to imperialism are seeking after advancing along the path of independence.

For the people in individual countries, the destiny of their own countries should be shaped by the people themselves with attitude as

masters, and peace of the world should be achieved by dint of their own strenuous efforts.

Advancing along the path of independence means to wage struggles for making their own countries independent, making the European region independent and thus making the whole world independent.

According to the Juche idea, it is the people in individual countries that are masters of their own countries and that they are also capable of carving out the destiny of their own countries.

World peace can be fully realized only when it is connected with the struggle of the people in individual countries for making their own countries independent, along with their struggle for making the world independent.

Imperialism only allows the existence of the people in individual countries under the condition that those countries are subordinate to imperialism. The meaning of maintaining the existence of the people under the domination of imperialism is in essence the same as the narrowly survival in the grip of fear of gunpoint.

In this context, it is very important for individual countries and nations not only just to maintain their physical existence but also to lead their lives independently.

For the people to make their own country independent means that they become masters of their own country, conduct politics, promote the self-supporting economy and protect their national culture.

Similarly, for the people to make their own country independent means neither to be subordinate to others nor dominate other nations

under them but to be bounded with others on an equal term.

When individual countries achieve independence and those independent nations are bounded with one another on an equal term of mutual respects, it can be said that the world will be democratized.

Only when individual countries achieve independence and the world achieve democratization, can it be said that the world will achieve global independence.

The world that has achieved independence guarantees bringing about eternal peace.

Independence and peace cannot be given by somebody. They can be attained by dint of the will of the people and with their efforts.

It is imperialism that attempts to deprive peoples and nations of their economic interests and annihilate their national culture through ruling them with armed forces.

Therefore, having an expectation for and illusion of imperialism leads to abandonment of independence in politics, self-supporting in the economy, and cultural prosperity.

Japan has been under the military domination of U.S. imperialism for 65 years since it was defeated in 1945 in the war between imperialist countries. The U.S. forces deployed its military forces in the third largest of the world in number next to Afghanistan and Iraq.

The U.S. military occupation in Japan has been disguised as being justified by the Japan-U.S. Security Treaty and other laws and regulations.

With its military domination of Japan, the U.S. has continued to carry through its politics of making the given country subordinate to it by threatening the Japanese ruling classes, while replacing the top of them freely.

Further, by occupying Japan militarily, the U.S. economic interests in Japan has reached one third of the total.

Similarly, the U.S. wanted the Japanese culture to be Americanized, however, it would not be possible to convert culture of the given country and the minds of the people there with armed forces.

These days, it has become more conspicuous that the demand and movement to remove the U.S. base from Japan is on the rise.

The thing is that the Japanese and the U.S. governments agreed on the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps Futenma Air Station within Okinawa, in which more than 70 percent U.S. forces in Japan are concentrated. Under this situation, the Okinawans held a mass rally with the attendance of some 90,000 in last April, this year, in an effort to appeal their wish to relocate it either outside the Okinawa prefecture or somewhere overseas.

Meanwhile, the people in Tokunoshima, an island belonging to the Kagoshima prefecture rose up to oppose to accepting their place to be the new location. They made a success in a mass rally with the attendance of the inhabitants, 15,000 in all, out of all the population of 25,000.

Hatoyama administration released a joint statement between Japan and the U.S. in accordance with the intention of the latter in

disregard of the demand of the people in Japan including Okinawa, and finally the Hatoyama cabinet resigned en masse on June 4, 2010.

Looking at other examples, the U.S. military bases have already been taken away from the Philippines; so also did from Ecuador in 2009.

Likewise, the people's struggle for independence and peace have been pushed forward steadily throughout the world.

The Juche idea is the banner for making one's own country independent and achieving global independence.

The Korean people, who are struggling under the banner of the Juche idea, have become the model of the world people in the struggle of anti-imperialism and independence.

Upholding the banner of independence, the Korean people are brilliantly promoting their socialist construction, while resolutely fighting against the U.S. imperialism.

The primary factor for the victory of the Korean people in their anti-imperialist and independence struggle is Songun politics that places its army to the fore. In the DPRK the People's Army plays a leading role both in the struggles against imperialism and the economic construction.

That there has occurred no big war in Eastern Asia for the last half a century is attributable only to the Korean people's brave struggle of anti-imperialism and independence.

Likely, the correctness and might of the Juche idea has been proved.

Juche idea researchers of the world are vigorously endeavoring to wage their struggles

for making their own countries independent and bringing about peace under the banner of the Juche idea.

For Juche idea researchers in the world to contribute to making their own countries independent and bringing about peace, it is indispensable to give precedence to the study and dissemination of the Juche idea.

In this context, what is important is firstly that Juche idea researchers themselves should study the Juche idea in depth, recognize the validity and vitality of this idea, and make it a belief as the guiding principle in the new era. Then, it is important for them to disseminate the Juche idea among the broad masses of the people so as to make this idea their own belief.

Furthermore, it is important for them to cooperate with their regional institute of the Juche idea concerned, along with the International Institute of the Juche Idea, while advancing the study and dissemination of this idea by themselves.

In order for Juche idea researchers to conduct their activities on their own, they need to achieve self-supporting finance. Juche idea study groups in some countries have been making various efforts concerned such as to undertake their own enterprises or rely on progressive people of the business world in studying and disseminating the Juche idea, which resulted in certain achievements.

About the work of the European Society for the Study of the Juche Idea, it has been undertaken by distinguished scholars, refined activists, active youth and students and others.



European researchers attending a regional seminar on the Juche idea (in Rome in June 2010)

I do believe that Juche idea researchers in Europe shall continue to make a deeper study of the Juche idea, disseminate it in conformity with the realities of Europe and thus greatly contribute to achieving regional independence and peace of Europe.

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