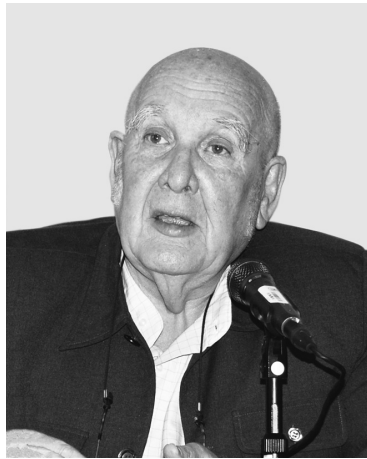


Building Independent and Peaceful Latin America Based on Principles of Juche



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Friends studying the Juche idea,

It is indeed a pleasure of mine to be able to see you on this occasion when the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea (LAIJI) is meeting its 35th founding anniversary.

It was in 1978 when the historic inaugural congress of the LAIJI was held at San Jose, the capital of Costa Rica where many Juche idea researchers got together. It might be a good opportunity today to remember those founders of the LAIJI, genuine Juche idea researchers.

Dr. Manuel Agustin Aguirre, economist, philosopher, rector of the Central University of Quito, who was one of the most respected intellectuals in Ecuador, who wrote many books and one of the founders of the Socialist Party of Ecuador.

Dr. Jose Rafael Nunez Tenorio, worldly well-known philosopher and university professor who wrote many books, a person full of memories. His thoughts exerted influence on progressive important politicians in Venezuela.

The person from Peru who took part in the inaugural congress of the LAIJI was Mr. Genaro Carnero Checa, a well-known journalist. He was internationally renowned as a journalist who wrote many books including the "Rice and Steel," the first book written about the DPRK in Latin America. He was the first secretary general of the Latin American Federation of Journalists.

From Colombia, Senator Gilberto Zapata Isaza, who was a distinguished politician, an author of many books, a dear friend of the Korean people, and a person full of memories,

took part there.

From Panama, Dr. Tomas Herrera Calix, university professor who enjoyed respect from other Panamanian scholars and intellectuals, joined there.

From Costa Rica, I myself took part in the congress. And I was honoured to be elected director general of the LAIJI Board.

Since the inauguration of the LAIJI, we have studied the teachings of President Kim Il Sung and the great contribution made by General Secretary Kim Jong Il so as not to tarnish the reputation of those Latin American Juche idea researchers who dedicated to their study and dissemination of this idea till their last moment. What we have done till now are to disseminate the thoughts of the two leaders in almost all the countries of Latin America.

Allow me to express my thanks to the current directors on the LAIJI Board, including Prof. Ramon Jimenez Lopez, Prof. Omar Tarcisio Lopez, Dr. Milton Burbano Bohorquez, Prof. Francisco Davila Valle, Dr. Roberto Carbonel Pezo, and for their excellent activities. Similarly, I would like to express my thanks to their co-workers who have been conducting their activities in their respective countries earnestly and devotedly.

Now, I would like to introduce some of Juche idea researchers who have played important roles in the work of the LAIJI by succeeding the founding members on this occasion of the 35th founding anniversary of the LAIJI. There are many names on the list concerned. However, I hope I am allowed to raise some particular names of those who

contributed most to the enhancement of the LAIJI from my memory in my advanced age.

In Ecuador, Dr. Milton Burbano Bohorquez and Dr. Osvaldo Larriva, economist;

In Peru, Dr. Jorge Lazo Arasco who was rector at the University of Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, Dr. Angel Castro Lavarello, Prof. Wilfredo Saenz Vigo, and Prof. Wilfredo Chino Villegas;

In Mexico, Mr. Miguel Alba Vega;

In Argentina, Dr. Jose Felix Ferreyra;

In Colombia, Dr. Jose Raul Jaramillo Restrepo who was vice-rector at the Latin American University of Autonomy;

In Nicaragua, Dr. Humberto Lopez, rector at the University of Managua;

In Venezuela, Prof. Marisol Ruiz and Dr. Alexander Moreno, philosopher;

In Panama, Mr. Miguel Angel Candanedo;

In Honduras, Mr. Alejandro Paz Barnica;

In Guatemala, Mr. Roberto Morales;

In Brazil, Mr. Candido Mendes;

In Bolivia, Mr. Carlos Guzman;

In Guyana, Mr. Robert Williams;

In Surinam, Mr. Perk Humphrey;

In Chile, Ms. Morelia Martinez;

In Costa Rica, Mr. Ernesto Rodriguez and Mr. Guillermo Arguedas.

The LAIJI used to have systematic links to Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay, Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Panama, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Surinam, and Brazil. In those countries national committees for the study of the Juche idea had been formed and there had been some hundreds of Juche idea study groups.

We published magazines and newspapers on the Juche idea including the "Banner of Independence" that continued to be issued for a long time. We published the works of President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il. Similarly, we held lecture meetings at universities and educational institutions along with national and regional seminars and symposiums. There were also held some events on a world scale in Latin America.

We are greatly satisfied with the study and dissemination of the Juche idea we have conducted by ourselves. Several hundreds of university professors came to be interested in the Juche idea, studied it, conveyed their knowledge concerned to several thousands of students, and made achievements in disseminating the Juche idea among the political parties and social bodies in Latin America.

However, there is an aspect of stagnation in our work due to the lack of contact with Juche idea researchers in some countries that has emerged afterwards. Further, there are some countries where the study and dissemination of the Juche idea has been neglected, as more attention has been paid to the movement of strengthening solidarity with the Korean people and supporting their struggles than the former.

Truly, we all admire the heroic and wonderful Korean people, loving and respecting them. We know of the Korean people's struggles and their achievements in the Juche-oriented socialist construction. We are sharing their desire to accomplish the national reunification.

We also eulogize, love and respect the great leaders of the Korean people, President

Kim Il Sung, General Secretary Kim Jong Il, and First Secretary Kim Jong Un.

This applause and respect to them is attributable to the fact that the Korean leaders built an astonishing country on the earth where the people are implementing principles of equality, fraternity and brotherly love, so to say a genuine paradise.

To Establish Independence of Latin America in Politics, Economy and Culture

There are a few things we should not forget and give consideration to.

Firstly, Korea has embodied the principles of the Juche idea by applying it to life. Secondly, the achievements of the unity and cohesion of the whole people by dint of the efforts of the Korean leaders under the banner of the Juche idea made it possible for Korea to attain its independence. Thirdly, like the fact that the Korean leaders established Korea's independence, they have left us of the Latin American people their very precious teachings of sowing the seeds of the Juche idea on our continent.

The main aim of the LAIJI is to study and disseminate the Juche idea.

In addition to the activities conducted in the individual countries that have sent their delegations to this seminar, it is necessary for us to reform the previous ones and form more new ones in the rest of the Latin American countries. It is necessary for us to let the Juche idea, our own idea, understood among universities, political parties and social bodies. In this way we should disseminate the Juche idea and

make it contributed to the social transformation in individual countries.

It is indispensable for us to find the Juche of our own and attain our genuine independence and sovereignty.

I would like to propose that we should go back to our original intention to learn from the Juche idea.

What does it mean that man is the master of everything concerning the country and society and decides everything? What is the role of man in the society and history? Let us study the three attributes of man, social being, that is, independence, creativity and consciousness.

Let us not forget that the popular masses are the masters of the social transformation in line with their own benefit and that they are the masters of safeguarding the independence and sovereignty of the country and nation and building their independent economy. In order to safeguard the position of the masters of the society, it is necessary to intensify their level of ideology. This is what we should do. Herein lies the essence of the study and dissemination of the Juche idea.

We should teach the popular masses to think and act as Juche idea researchers. This is a hard work to do. We should start our work by forming afresh smaller units of Juche idea study group. By doing so, it will be possible to enlarge the ranks of Juche idea study groups and to exert our influence on the broad masses of the

people and social bodies.

The subject of this seminar, "Building Independent and Peaceful Latin America," shows us what is our work to be done in the future. And I would like you to add to this subject a few words of "Based on the Principles of Juche."

To begin with along the path of Juche, we should seek after our own independence in politics, the economy and culture. To this end, we should make the Juche idea as our own faith, and educate the people to be those of Juche type who can convey this message to others. In other words, we should find our own Juche, the Juche of Latin America that is not the Juche of Korea. It is because we are living in a society different from that where the Korean people live.

For the independence of Latin America, it is necessary for each individual country to have its own work plan to apply the Juche idea. Let us meet together again at the next Board meeting of the LAIJI with achievements so as to make ourselves be proud of them. This is our task to be done and we should fulfill our mission.

Long live the Juche idea!

Long live great President Kim Il Sung!

Long live dear General Secretary Kim Jong Il!

Long live First Secretary Kim Jong Un!

Long live the heroic Korean People!

Long live the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea!