

Songun Politics Rooted in Juche Idea; It's Importance in Maintaining Cause of World Independence and Transformation



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Before I make my presentation on Songun politics, let me also pay tribute to Dr. Vishwanath, our former Director General, who passed away in last February. We shall always remember his untiring efforts in dissemination of the Juche idea and his great love for the leader and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

I also, on behalf of Uganda and Africa, bring you the sad news of the departure of comrade Chango Machyo who passed in October 2013. He, too, was a great progressive person who loved and cherished the Juche

philosophy. However, I am happy to inform the Seminar that his departure has strengthened the resolve of the Juche idea researchers in Uganda to disseminate the Juche philosophy to the young people as a lasting tribute to him.

Comrades,

Organisers from the IIIJ,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The world today recognizes the great exploits and achievements registered by the people of the DPRK, who have defeated all the aggressive and provocative machinations of United States (US)-led imperialism. It is very

clear that, as we assemble here in Pyongyang for this auspicious international seminar of the IIII, the Korean people have proved that the Juche idea and Songun politics are tested on their revolutionary theories that have not only guided the liberation of the Korean people but also guaranteed the revolutionary cause of independence, sovereignty and socio-economic transformation of the country.

At various stages of the revolutionary process, Songun politics, as an idea of carrying on the revolution and construction with Army as the main force, has been necessitated by the objective conditions of the time.

We remember that in the anti-Japanese struggle (1905-1945), the President Kim Il Sung inevitably applied Songun to defeat the Japanese imperialist occupation forces by means of armed struggle.

In the 1990s, the General Kim Jong Il administered Songun as the basic political mode in order to steer the DPRK through the arduous march, when the nation faced the most difficult economic setbacks, amidst the hostile

manoeuvres of the US who had vowed to usurp the sovereignty and independence of the DPRK. Songun politics which is rooted in the Juche idea has proved that once an independent people pay sufficient attention to their defense capability, they can decisively advance and outcompete the cowardly acts of the aggressors. It is a fact that Songun politics has firmly placed the DPRK among the sovereign nations, and made it fully respected as a country that cannot be bulldozed by the US and her puppets. Indeed the arduous march has yielded tremendous achievements with the Korean People's Army fully leading and supporting the party and the masses of the people.

The DPRK is experiencing unprecedented economic transformation, leading to the increased prosperity and happy lives of the masses.

The world recognizes that with Songun politics, the DPRK has maintained a steadfast stable continuity and unity within the party and state under the dynamic leadership of respected First Secretary Kim Jong Un.

As the world ponders on the cause of



A view of Kampala, the capital of Uganda



People coming and going in the city

independence and peaceful development, it is a fact that Songun idea provides practical lessons that should be emulated by all those struggling for a peaceful world, devoid of domination and exploitation.

Africa stands out, uniquely to appraise the relevance of Songun politics which is akin to the nationalist independence struggles of 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s in Africa that opened the gateway to political independence.

With the collapse of apartheid in South Africa as a climax of Africa's liberation in 1994, the whole of Africa is free from colonialism and is entering the decisive phase of economic transformation and political integration.

Africa recognizes that the path to total emancipation is not easy because the imperialists are relentlessly opposing the peaceful realization of Africa's aspiration to develop her infrastructure, natural resources and even human resources. Imperialists are increasingly interfering and disrupting the independent development efforts in many

African countries.

The continued neo-colonial machinations in Africa, not only call for the Juche idea as the guiding principle for those in search of a solution for Africa's problems, but indeed Songun idea must be internalized by many African revolutionaries with a view to adopting its principles to strengthen Africa's capacity to defend her sovereignty and peaceful development.

The African Union has been strongly advocating for the policy of African solutions to African problems, by Africans themselves. The above approach has worked to some satisfactory levels in Somalia and it is being applied in the Republic of South Sudan. In West Africa and Central Africa, there are efforts to apply the same policy of African solutions for African problems.

This IJI Seminar provides a good opportunity to Africa as it discusses Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and the cause of world independence. The above ideology that combines the Juche idea and Songun politics must be proclaimed as the only guarantee for a world free of any forms of neo-colonial designs like the case in the mid-90s in Korea, and the continued hostile interference in the developmental processes in many African countries.

Let all world revolutionaries proclaim the correctness of the Juche idea and Songun politics (Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism) as the eternal guiding philosophy that will rid the world of all forms of domination and exploitation.



Children being innocently at play in the city