# Let Us Push Forward Cause of Independence under Banner of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism



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Dear comrades and friends who came from different parts of the world to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK).

I am very pleased and deeply impressed to celebrate in Pyongyang this historic day with the Korean people who have emerged victorious in the struggle for independence.

Now, the Korean people who had emerged victorious in their Anti-Japanese Armed Struggle and Fatherland Liberation War are building the DPRK into a thriving socialist country and standing in the van of the mankind's cause of independence.

Before beginning my lecture, I'd like to

extend my respect to the brilliant contribution they made in the development of mankind's independent cause.

#### 1. The Juche Idea Is a Revolutionary Idea Which Propels the People's Cause of Independence

Every era witnessed mankind wondering how to live and how to shape its destiny.

The Juche idea, for the first time, gave a scientific explanation to the essential qualities of a man.

Man is a social being with independence, creativity and consciousness, herein lies his

essential feature. The independence is the life and soul of a man. This means a socio-political integrity.

The independence is life and soul for a man and at the same time for a country and nation.

That is why the people have struggled devoting their all for their countries' liberation and progress against colonialism and imperialism that infringe upon their independence.

The whole process of a revolutionary struggle is a process in which the people realize their independence.

Because the independence is the criterion of progress, it is the most progressive and revolutionary struggle to safeguard it.

This is the era of independence.

Today the international situation seems to be complicated and the power balance unstable. However, the people admiring independence are continuing to struggle against domination and subordination.

The imperialists and reactionaries are persistently maneuvering to check the independent aspiration and struggle of the world progressive people and to materialize their dominationist ambition. Their anachronistic attempts cannot check in hold the desire for independence.

The Juche idea serves as the most righteous guiding ideology in the struggle for independence.

The progressive figures around the world should stand in the van of the struggle for making their countries and the world independent. Only then, can we materialize the independence completely on a world-wide scale.

President Kim Il Sung said, concerning the global independence:

"Today the common task facing the progressive people of the world is to build an independent new world. By an independent world I mean a world which is free from domination and subjugation between countries and nations and from aggression and war, in other words, a new world where the international community has become democratic. ... the monopoly of capital has now extended on an international scale and the imperialists are allied in their opposition to the people's cause of independence. Under this condition, strengthening solidarity among the progressive people is the major strategic task of the present times."

The era of independence requires first that the people defend their independence and make their countries independent and secondly that the independent forces unite to fight against imperialism and dominationism, making the world independent.

Making each country independent, democratizing the international relations and materializing durable peace of the world are an important task faced by the struggle for global independence.

The imperialists are the international reactionaries trampling upon the people's independence and the major obstacle which destroys the world peace and security and checks the common progress of mankind.

Their arbitrariness and high-handedness

infringes upon the sovereignty of many countries and nations, causing social chaos and disorder.

The aggressive moves of the European and US imperialists murdered more than 200,000 people in Syria. The population of Syria is over 22 million, out of which over 12 million Syrian people, that is over the half of its population became refugees: 4.4 million overseas and 7.6 million at home.

The peoples of many countries like Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and so on immigrate into the economically rich European countries at the cost of danger because they had been deprived of their home and means of their livelihood.

And this year witnessed the rapid increase of the refugees who are going to immigrate to Europe avoiding war from the countries in the Middle East, North Africa and Southeast Asia.

The European countries are faced with difficulties in controlling the acceptance of the refugees, which is causing a new contradiction. And the chauvinist and right-wing activities take place, rejecting the acceptance of the refugees.

The ringleader of the refugee problem is dominationism and imperialism.

Without the fight against imperialism, we cannot safeguard the independence of our country and nation.

Global peace and the people's safety can be achieved only through the anti-imperialist struggles for independence.

It is the urgent task for the world people to vigorously push ahead with the cause of independence that enables them to unite for global independence against imperialism.

The imperialists deprived the world people of their sovereignty and right to live by dint of armed forces.

As long as the imperialists exist on the globe, the independence of a country and nation as well as the independence of the peoples in each country can be ensured only by Songun politics.

As First Secretary Kim Jong Un said that Songun politics is the independence, dignity and life.

It is the stark reality of today that if weak in military strength to defend the country from the imperialists' attack, we can never safeguard our sovereignty and right to existence, finally being ruined by them.

Aggression and plunder are the imperialists' inherent nature which will never change.

Iraq and Libya collapsed and now fell to an anarchy due to their state leaders who had illusion about and expectation for the imperialists.

For fear of being attacked by the US, Iraq accepted several times the UN inspection. And in 2003 the US attacked with armed forces Iraq already disarmed, killing more than 100,000 of innocent people.

The leader of Libya surrendered to the threat of the US to accept the disarmament, with the result that in 2003 France, the UK and the US started air raid on Libya weakened in military strength to make the Libyan government collapse.

Today the European and the US

imperialists are directing their spearhead of attack to Syria after Iraq and Libya.

They are training abroad anti-government armed groups to send them into Syria or supplying gangster groups in Syria with weapons and money, trying to collapse down the Syrian government.

Because the struggle for the people's cause of independence is accompanied by the confrontation of power with all the counterrevolutionary forces, it is key issue deciding victory and defeat of revolution and the rise and fall of the country and nation to prepare self-defensive military capability.

With the Songun politics the DPRK firmly maintains its sovereignty and right to existence, highly displaying the dignity and prestige of socialist Korea.

When the US fabricated "mine explosion" case on August 20 this year First Secretary Kim Jong Un declared a semi-war state in the frontline areas, with his resolute stance to counterattack their military provocation.

On August 22, the north-south high level talks opened to make agreements on the lift of the DPRK semi-war state and the halt of broadcasting by the south party on a loudspeaker and so on.

The tense situation aggravated on the Korean peninsula is eased and the atmosphere was created to open a dialogue of inter-Korean reconciliation in the future. This is a big success brought about by Songun politics.

The look of the DPRK with Songun politics greatly encourages the people around the world fighting against imperialism.

### 2. Juche-oriented Party Is a Guiding Force Which Propels the People's Cause of Independence

Independence is the life and soul of the people. But the struggle of safeguarding their independence does not take place of its own accord.

The people's cause of independence can be performed only under the leadership of the Party highly awakened and organized.

The WPK was founded on October 10, 1945.

The founding of the WPK is an epoch-making historic event in implementing the Korean revolution and the mankind's cause of independence.

The WPK is rooted out from the "DIU" (Down-with-Imperialism Union) formed on October 17, 1926.

Drawing lessons from the short history of the Korean Communist Party, President Kim Il Sung established the foundation of the Party-founding through the protracted and arduous struggle.

He set an original policy of Party-building by the method of building and further developing the basic Party organizations.

The anti-Japanese guerillas fought with the enemies several times a day overcoming hard winter and starvation in the deep forest of Mt. Paektu and marched into the northeastern region of China and different parts of the homeland to form the revolutionary organizations.

The anti-Japanese guerillas were trained in the extremely difficult struggle for over 20 years and become indomitable revolutionary fighters loyal to President Kim II Sung.

The core forces trained and the valuable revolutionary tradition created in the process of conducting the protracted and arduous anti-Japanese armed struggle unprecedented in the world history served the founding of the WPK in 1945.

The Communist Party was founded in Japan in 1922 under the influence of the Comintern but dissolved in 1924, failing to organize and lead the struggles against the rampant fascism. After that its activities were legalized in 1945 due to the US occupation policy, but even today it does not lead the struggle against the US subjugation.

The history of struggle for the founding of the WPK which teaches a lesson to the progressive people around the world that only the parties consistently struggling to champion the people's independence are qualified to lead the people.

The character of the WPK which led the protracted and arduous struggle to victory, first, is that it keeps the Juche idea, Kimilsung-Kimjongilism as its guiding ideology.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il said:

"Our Party has been guided consistently by the Juche idea in its building and activities. Therefore, it has become a powerful revolutionary party with a most durable foundation, a great, authoritative party capable of leading the revolution and construction triumphantly. The building of our Party is characterized basically by the fact that it has built itself and conducted its activities, guided by the Juche idea."

Revolution is the struggle for independence and Kimilsung-Kimjongilism is the revolutionary ideology which enables to realize the independence.

The latter is an integrated system of the idea, theory and method of Juche, and a revolutionary ideology representative of the era of independence.

It reflects most thoroughly the fundamental requirement of the people and scientifically explains the way of its realization.

Only when we build a revolutionary party guided by Kimilsung-Kimjongilism, can we build a party that can lead the people.

The character of the WPK, secondly, is that it is the leader's Party.

First Secretary Kim Jong Un said:

"The history of the WPK is the history of the great revolutionary activities of the President who founded it, as well as of the General who brilliantly carried forward the President's ideology and cause."

The leadership of the Party is the leadership of the leader so it is important to thoroughly establish the leader's monolithic leadership system in order to strengthen the Party.

The WPK is the Party maintained by the leader's ideology and leadership, the only ideology and leadership.

It is an important task to enhance its leadership role in conformity with the requirement of a new struggle of not only founding but also after founding the Party.

The correct leadership of the Party is the

lifeline of the cause of independence, the socialist cause.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il said:

"...it is particularly important for us to understand clearly why parties that had guided the socialist cause through arduous struggles for many decades collapsed so quickly. That is important because party leadership is vital to the socialist cause."

In 1917, the Soviet Union won in the socialist revolution led by Lenin and established socialist power for the first time in the world.

Lenin passed away on the way of leading the socialist construction after the establishment of socialist system.

After that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union failed to enhance its leadership role as required by the developing stage of the revolution and solidify its ideological and organizational unity. So it was isolated from the masses, becoming bureaucratic, eventually surrendering to the break-up moves of the imperialists and the class enemies.

The ideologically degenerated party cannot defend the successes of the revolution gained at the cost of the people's lives, resulting in the fall of the established socialist system. This is the bitter lesson learnt by the socialist ruling parties around the world.

The Party leads not only the class struggle but also the revolution for realizing the people's independence at its every stage.

The WPK has developed its leadership in conformity with each developing stage of the revolution accomplishing the socialist revolution, the socialist construction and the cause of independence.

Under the leadership of First Secretary Kim Jong Un, today the DPRK speeds up the building of a socialist thriving nation.

First Secretary Kim Jong Un said:

"The thriving socialist country we are building is a civilized socialist one where all its people are possessed of profound cultural knowledge, sound physique and noble moral virtues, enjoying a socialist life to their heart's content under the most cultured conditions and environment, and a beautiful and sound lifestyle pervades the whole society."

Ushering in a new era for accomplishing the cause of independence, the WPK is now waging a struggle on the highest level unrecorded in history.

The cause of independence cannot be accomplished through one generation but performed down through generations.

It is important to solve the problem of the continuity of leadership for the countries that have established the socialist power to win a complete victory of socialism.

Before and after the 1990s, socialism collapsed in the Soviet Union and the East European countries and the market economy was introduced in some socialist countries.

The countries on the transition to socialism went back to capitalism because the leadership was not properly inherited.

By safeguarding and faithfully inheriting the leader's ideology and exploits, the DPRK has emerged victorious in its revolution.

President Kim Il Sung said.

"... I have not given much thought to systematizing the principles of the Juche idea. This task has been carried out splendidly by Comrade Kim Jong II... he has cultivated the Juche idea, the seed which I had planted in the soil of our people and developed, into a thriving crop and has gathered a rich harvest, so to speak."

First Secretary Kim Jong Un said:

"Guided by Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, we should conduct Party building and Party activities in such a way as to sustain the revolutionary character of our Party and advance the revolution and construction in line with the ideas and intentions of the President and the General."

The ideology and exploits of President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il are integrated and inherited by First Secretary Kim Jong Un.

In the DPRK, the ideology and leadership of the leaders have been inherited down through generations, ensuring a victory in the cause of independence.

#### 3. Society for the Study of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism Is the First Process for Propelling the People's Cause

The revolution is for the people and by the people.

When the people are ideologically awaken and organizationally united, they can shape their destiny in accordance with their own demands as the motive force of history.

That is why the revolution begins with the work of ideologically awakening people and

organizationally uniting them.

The proper guiding ideology and revolutionary organizations are needed to do so.

Kimilsung-Kimjongilism, at present, serves to be the most powerful ideology that can give the people the awareness of being the masters of the cause of independence.

It is the ideology which thoroughly defends and materializes the independence to the end.

Its validity and vitality have been proved to the full by the history and reality of the DPRK.

Each country should disseminate the guiding ideology of the era of independence to its people in order to advance the struggle for the cause of independence.

So it is the foremost process to organize in each country a group for the study of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism.

It is important for a society for the study of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism to conduct its study activities on a normal and regular basis.

Study groups in each country should put the figures who have great social influence and solid mass foundation at the front and embrace the broad masses of the people in the study and dissemination of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism, thereby enabling all the people in each country to be well-versed on this ideology as their own.

I think that the study and dissemination of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism should not be confined to some people but should involve the broader masses.

It is important to conduct that work in

conformity with the specific situation of each country and as required by the demand and feeling of its people.

It is not good to blindly copy the experience attained in the Korean revolution ignoring the situation of each country, though it is a shining example.

Let us, the Juche idea researchers of each country, study Kimilsung-Kimjongilism in relation to the reality of their own and contribute to making each country independent and peaceful.

We in Japan systematically study, disseminate Kimilsung-Kimjongilism and are forming the groups for the study of this ideology in many parts of the country, making them work in close relations in a unified way.

The Japanese researchers of the Juch idea, after hearing the historic speech made by First Secretary Kim Jong Un on April 15, 2012, returned home to immediately begin to prepare and at last formed a Society for the Study of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism in Tokyo on May 3, 2012.

The formation of the Society for the Study of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism was an epochal event in dynamically studying and disseminating this ideology in all parts of Japan.

Since then the study and dissemination of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism has been conducted steadily and thus liaison councils have been formed in 6 local areas in a little more than 2 years.

Prominent figures with political influence are involved in each liaison council to make it possible to embrace the people in all walks of life.

On February 15, 2014, the National Liaison Council for the Study of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism was formed with the 6 areal liaison councils as the parental bodies.

On January 8 this year, a latest regional liaison council held a grand art performance celebrating the birthday of First Secretary Kim Jong Un. The Juche idea researchers across the country participated in the function.

The beautiful voice of a female singer who is a member of the regional liaison council and her appearance full of confidence, along with excellent dances and songs staged by some of song and dance groups of Korean Residents in Japan set the venue in a cordial atmosphere and, in particular, an image of First Secretary Kim Jong Un on the screen deeply impressed the audience.

On September 22 this year, a Seminar on the Juche Idea was held splendidly in Tokyo under the sponsorship of the National Liaison Council for the Study of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism and the International Institute of the Juche Idea to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the WPK.

A delegation of the Japanese National Liaison Council for the Study of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism is now visiting the DPRK to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the WPK, together with the progressive figures in the world.

The ideological and organizational ties

between the Juche idea researchers in Japan are being consolidated and they, in the future, too, will conduct diversified activities while strengthening the comradely relationship.

It is important for the world progressive people to strengthen their solidarity with the Korean people who are advancing holding aloft the banner of Kimilsung-Kimjongilism, while intensifying the study and dissemination of this ideology. Kimilsung-Kimjongilism is an only banner for the world people, and it will serve as a powerful politico-ideological weapon for hastening the human cause of independence.

Victory adorned with glory is in store for the researchers in each country who are active, keeping Kimilsung-Kimjongilism as their faith.

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