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Report on IIJI's Activities in 2001

We are holding this 9th Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Institute of the Juche Idea (IIJI) at a time when the Juche idea researchers and the progressive peoples throughout the world are commemorating the 90th birth anniversary of President Kim II Sung in the most significant manner.

Last year, the first year of the new century, the IIJI fulfilled with credit its working plan and the special resolution that were adopted by its 8th Executive Committee meeting held in April.

Convinced that this meeting held on this significant occasion will help further develop the activities of the world's people for studying and disseminating the Juche idea and for bringing about their cause for global independence in the new century, presenting now is a report on the IIJIs activities in the year 2001.

The IIJI launched its activities in the year 2001 on a new basis.

The IIJI developed its work system in close links with all the regional institutes and the Juche idea study organizations in every continent.

It actively arranged its activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea on a worldwide scale in combination with practical matters.

General Secretary Kim Jong II, the outstanding leader of the independent movement in the 21st century, clarified the idea and theory of defending independence and keeping world peace and security, while performing energetic diplomatic activities including his visit to Russia. His energetic ideo-theoretical activities have increased our confidence in the justice of our cause of Juche and victory of the cause of independence.

1. On the Activities for Studying and Disseminating the Juche Idea

Last year, a variety of activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea took place in many countries.

Such activities reflect the aspirations of the world s people for their independent and creative lives.

Last year, the substance of the Juche idea and its scientific accuracy and validity were introduced in some 100 countries including Russia and Italy by newspapers, magazines, TVs and radios.

What is worth mentioning here is the fact that Juche idea study organizations and researchers played important roles in disseminating this idea on a worldwide scale.

In the academic circles, in-depth studies and discussions were made on the philosophical and socio-historical principles of the Juche idea, and a lot of treatises were published, which proved the revolutionary character and originality of the Juche idea. The Juche idea study organizations and the Juche idea researchers studied and disseminated in various ways works of General Secretary Kim Jong II, with the Juche Philosophy Is an Original and Revolutionary Philosophy and Socialism Is a Science as must books.

Last year, the Juche study organizations and the Juche idea researchers in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe unfolded their activities for studying and disseminating this idea on 715 occasions in various ways and forms such as regional, national and joint seminars, group study meetings, university lectures and workshops.

They carried on these activities so as to apply this idea to life in such a way as to fit the concrete reality in their own countries. They timely informed the IIJI s Secretariat of the results of their local activities, respectively.

Two regional conferences held last year drew international attention The African Conference on the Juche Idea for the Independent Development of Africa in the 21st Century held in Uganda in February; and the Latin American Seminar on the Juche Idea in the 21st Century which was held in Caracas in March on the subject of The Juche Idea Is the Fighting Banner for the Independent Development of Latin America in the 21st Century. These events were of weighty importance in that they discussed the fundamental issues arising in achieving regional independence and adopted important resolutions and appeals in this regard.

In accordance with the requirement of the era of information, the IIJI and 33 Juche idea study organizations in 21 countries introduced their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea through the Internet, and their Websites have been visited by more than 1 million people in all.

Last year, the study and dissemination of the Juche idea through publications were considerably strengthened.

The IIJI issued its journal the Study of the Juche Idea (Nos. 73 and 74) and the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea issued its journal Age of Juche. In many countries including Guyana, and the U.K., periodicals and bulletins were printed and distributed on 22 occasions among Juche idea researchers, political parties and social organizations.

The African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea issued the first number of its bulletin Age of Independence, on the occasion of the Day of the Sun in 2002.

The Nepal Institute of Juche Studies and the Juche Idea Study Group under the Communist Party of Germany printed and distributed respectively one thousand copies of the works of General Secretary Kim Jong II. National committees for the study of the Juche idea in Costa Rica, Venezuela and Colombia printed and distributed 500 copies respectively.

2. On the Activities of Juche Idea Study Organizations

Last year, the Juche idea study organizations in the world developed their functions and roles in their activities.

First of all, the IIJI further strengthened its functions and roles.

The Secretariat of the IIJI improved its work system by introducing a deputy secretary-general office in it according to a decision made at its 8th Executive Committee meeting.

The IIJI strengthened its ties with the regional institutes so that their activities for the study and dissemination of the Juche idea might be unrolled in a unified way on a worldwide scale.

The responsible persons of the IIJI, in particular, actively helped invigorate the study and dissemination of the Juche idea among peoples in various parts of the world.

The director general of the IIJI Board consulted with and helped its directors in Europe in their activities by visiting them several times. All his activities resulted in the birth of new study groups in Canada and the U.S.

The regional institutes also strengthened their activities.

The responsible persons of the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea developed their activities through their visits to Latin American countries including Panama, Ecuador, and Chile. On those occasions, they helped the Juche idea researchers there increase their understanding of this thought, assisting them with the forming of study groups among themselves.

The responsible persons of the European Society for the Study of the Juche Idea and the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea helped hold national seminars on the Juche idea successfully in each country of the regions.

The African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea set up its Home Page on the Internet for the dissemination of the Juche idea in an effort to strengthen its work.

The Juche idea national committees and other study groups in the world strengthened their activities, while a number of study groups were newly born in different countries.

The Juche idea national committees in the world exerted their efforts to carry on their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea based on their concrete working plans in accordance with their own situations.

National Juche idea study committees were formed in Nigeria and Peru; and 26 Juche idea study groups were formed in 22 countries such as the U.K., Portugal, Venezuela, Italy, the U.S., etc. And two groups were reorganized in one country to resume their activities.

Lectures on the Juche idea were given at universities in Guinea and Nigeria, and Juche idea study groups were formed among students and youth in Mongolia and Japan.

Last year, solidarity among Juche idea study organizations and Juche idea researchers was strengthened.

When the IIJI and other Juche idea study organizations in Japan faced unprecedented repression by the Japanese authorities in October last year, Juche idea study organizations and individual students of this idea in some 30 countries issued talks and statements accusing them of their action and sent letters of protest to the Japanese government and its embassies more than 60 in all which demonstrated the strength of solidarity and unity among them. Subsequently, the Japanese police authorities had to apologize for their misconduct and returned to our colleaguesin Japan all that the investigation authorities had seized from them.

Moreover, we thoroughly exposed the U.S. and Japanese hostile policy toward the DPRK and launched various campaigns in support of the independent reunification of Korea.

3. The Work to Commemorate the 90th Birth Anniversary of President Kim Il Sung and the Preparation of a World Congress on the Juche Idea

After the 8th Executive Committee meeting of the IIJI Board, Juche idea study organizations in many countries formed preparatory committees for celebrating the 60th birth anniversary of General Secretary Kim Jong II and the Day of the Sun in 2002 to organize a variety of functions and events according to their action plans.

On the occasion of the 90th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, Juche idea researchers from different parts of the world visited the Kumsusan Memorial Palace in Pyongyang to pay homage to the President, remembering his revolutionary feats.

At present, preparations for a world congress on the Juche idea are being successfully made on a worldwide scale.

The Sri Lanka Organizing Committee for the World Congress has started its activities to fulfill its mission.

The Juche idea study organizations in the world are now selecting their representatives to attend the congress. And the work of invitation of delegations and delegates is at its final stage.

The drafting of basic documents to be made public at the event is also under way.

All the successes scored in the struggle of the world people for global independence last year prove that the Juche idea founded by President Kim II Sung and his exploits are a powerful driving force in consummating the people s cause for independence in the 21st century.

We are convinced that the cause of the world's people for global independence will surely win a victory in the 21st century under the wise leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong II.

Reviewing the IIJI s activities in the year 2001, we hope and believe that the Juche idea study organizations and the Juche study researchers throughout the world will keep standing in the vanguard of the struggle for world peace, progress and independence through their active study and dissemination of the Juche idea in this significant year, too, on the basis of the successes and experience gained during the last year.