

Report on the Work of 2000

The 8th Executive Committee Meeting of the IJJI Board of Directors is being held at a time when the progressive peoples over the world celebrate the Sun's Day, the common holiday of humanity.

This meeting will review the last year's work of the IJJI and discuss its work plan of this year.

We now recall the exploits made by President Kim Il Sung in the development of human history, as this meeting takes place on the occasion of the first Sun's Day in the 21st century, a new century.

The turbulent 20th century that had witnessed turns and twists as well as successes was a proud century full of victory and glory in which the cause of independence of the progressive peoples started and along the path of independence brilliant successes were scored under the banner of the Juche idea created by President Kim Il Sung.

This meeting will be a gathering of great importance in our noble work to study and disseminate the Juche idea and apply it to the actual life

of the people in each country in the new century.

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The 15th IJJI Board Meeting which took place on the occasion of the Sun's Day last year was an epoch-making and important occasion in the study and dissemination of the Juche idea and in the cause of global independence.

The 15th IJJI Board Meeting clearly set the direction and methods, the ultimate goal and immediate tasks for the study and dissemination of the Juche idea, defined the duties and roles of the IJJI, the Regional Institutes, and Juche idea national organizations of each country and thus enabled them to work in conformity with the requirement of the 21st century, the new times.

In particular, reflecting the desire of the progressive peoples over the world, the meeting declared that the exploits made by President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il are the main summing up of the struggles of the humanity in the 20th century and that the

leader of the world politics in the 21st century is General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

Now we proudly review that the decisions and work plan adopted in the 15th IJJI Board Meeting have been fulfilled with the efforts of the directors of the IJJI Board and Juche idea researchers throughout the world.

1. Study and Dissemination of the Juche Idea

The IJJI has piled up many successes in its activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea in the period under review.

Study and Dissemination of the Juche Idea through Treatises, a Must

In some 30 countries including Sweden, Poland, Democratic Congo and Nigeria, seminars on the works of General Secretary Kim Jong Il, a must such as "On the Juche Idea" and "On Preserving the Juche Character and National Character of the Revolution and Construction" were con-

ducted on some 80 occasions in various forms and methods.

National seminars on those works were conducted in Romania; joint seminars in Tanzania and Guyana, which proved the scientific accuracy and vitality of the Juche idea.

Study and Dissemination of the Juche Idea through Regional, National and Joint Seminars

Last year activities for the study and dissemination of the Juche idea were conducted through regional and national seminars in more positive manners than ever before.

The Asian Regional "Seminar on the Juche Idea for the Independent Development of Asia in the 21st Century" took place in Bangladesh in September 2000, with some 200 participants including the delegates from 8 countries amidst great concern of the government and social circles.

Various activities were conducted on more than 1,400 occasions in all in some 80 countries, which comprised some 30 national and joint seminars including some 20 national seminars in 15 countries including India, Costa Rica, Lebanon and Ukraine.

Study and Dissemination of the Juche Idea through Publications

Regarding it as their important work to issue periodi-

icals, the works of President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il, and bulletins in conducting activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea, the Regional Institutes, national committees and the like scored many successes in this field.

The Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea (ARIJI), the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea (LAIJI) and the African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea (ARCSJI) issued biannually some 1,500 copies of bulletins on many commemoration occasions and distributed them to study organizations and researchers of the Juche idea in their regions.

Many study organizations such as those in Bangladesh, Germany, Uganda and so on printed thousands of copies of the works of General Secretary Kim Jong Il, such as "On Preserving the Juche Character and National Character of the Revolution and Construction", "On the Juche Idea" and "The Workers' Party of Korea Is the Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung" by themselves to utilize them in their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea.

Nowadays, those regional institutes and study organizations have come to almost regularize the issue and distribution of their bulletins on important commemoration occasions.

2. The Work to Strengthen the Functions and Roles of Study Organizations

Last year the work to enhance the functions and roles of the IJJI, the Regional Institutes and study organizations of each country was conducted, making achievements in this work.

The Work to Enhance the Function and Role of the IJJI

The leadership system of the IJJI has been strengthened and its function and role enhanced.

The 15th Meeting of the IJJI Board that was held in Pyongyang in April 2000 became an occasion to have built the ranks of its directors, defined their duties corresponding to the demand arising in the new century and thus laid basis on which the directors can work adhering to the principles of activities.

By dint of the new leadership system as such, the IJJI has satisfactorily fulfilled its leadership role.

Strengthened in particular have been the ties between the IJJI and the Regional Institutes. Such feelings of the people as to conduct their world-wide activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea in a unified way has been heightened.

Now the system of setting a detailed annual work plan of the IJI and on the basis of which, of cooperating with the Regional Institutes is being established.

Last year, the IJI sent a delegation to Europe to consult with the chairman and secretary general of the Council of members of the European Regional Society for the Study of the Juche Idea (ERSSJI) about their forward work plan in Europe while sharing the recognition of the then onward situation of the European activities of the Juche idea.

The delegates of the IJI also participated in the Asian regional seminar and had some opportunities to consult with the executive director-general and secretary general of the ARIJI about their activities. Likely, the IJI exerted its effort to make closer contacts with some of the regional directors-general and secretaries-general.

The IJI issued the "Study of the Juche Idea" No.71 and No.72 and distributed them to the Regional Institutes, national committees and the Juche idea researchers of each country, contributing to the promotion in the study and dissemination of the Juche idea on a worldwide scale.

Further, the IJI dealt with some problems arising in the activities of the Regional Institutes and researchers of the Juche idea in different countries in time.

Regional Institutes That Strengthened Their Activities

Last year the Regional Institutes strengthened their work system.

They activated their work for studying and disseminating the Juche idea in their respective regions in a responsible manner.

The African Regional Committee (ARCSJI) has enhanced its leadership system by electing its new council members.

The Latin American Institute (LAIJI) and the Asian Regional Institute (ARIJI) made a lot of efforts to resume issuing their bulletins and now have come to regularize them.

The Regional Institutes have taken responsibility for holding regional and joint seminars and dealt in time with some problems arising in their respective regions, while keeping close ties with the national committees in the respective regions.

Now, the Regional Institutes are positively conducting their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea, keeping continual touch with the IJI.

The Work to Strengthen Study Organizations at All Levels Including National Committees

Since the 15th IJI Board Meeting in April 2000, the

Juche idea study organizations of each country have become active, conducted their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea vigorously on a worldwide scale, which has resulted in laying the basis for an epochal change in the study and dissemination of this idea.

Consequently, the roles of the national committees of each country have been enhanced and their work plans of the Juche idea be mapped out.

Last year, national committees were newly organized in 5 countries and in some study organizations their heads were replaced by their younger and more active members.

Last year, 31 study organizations were formed within political parties and social organizations or on their own basis in 20 countries such as Lebanon, Egypt, Australia, Morocco and Romania.

Now, the Regional Institutes, national committees and other study organizations have come to conduct their activities based on their own work plan and on this basis, doubled their efforts to be more independent and conducted their own work in new ways.

The Juche Idea Researchers Who Enhanced Their Responsibility and Role

The Juche idea researchers throughout the world have now been aware of their his-

torical mission before the times and history turned their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea into their own concern.

Many of the Juche idea researchers including directors of the IIJI Board, scholars and heads of study organizations have deepened their study of the Juche idea and contributed their articles to the publications for the study of the Juche idea.

The activities of the Juche idea that were constrained to the limited framework as to being conducted only among those who had friendship with the DPRK, have now been under way to turn into the ones being conducted among the broad masses in various walks of life.

In Tanzania a meeting was held to inform some 800 persons from different political parties, social and youth organizations of what about the 15th IIJI Board Meeting in Pyongyang in April 2000. Now in Japan, India, Peru, Madagascar and Guinea activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea have been being conducted on a masses basis.

Solidarity Movements for Global Independence and Peace That Have Been Strengthened

Last year, the Juche idea study organizations conducted solidarity campaigns mainly

for global independence and peace against the imperialists' dominationist tricks of "globalization" that had been exposed as days go by under the cooperation of the progressive political parties and social organizations.

Juche idea study organizations took up the issue of independence and peace on various occasions such as in the seminars and the like, encouraged the broad masses of the people to participate in them, thus contributing to bringing about favorable conditions for the solidarity campaign for independence and peace.

In particular, the researchers of the Juche idea demonstrated their might by conducting more actively the friendship and solidarity movements with socialist Korea, the fatherland of Juche, that victoriously advances against the imperialists' vicious tricks more positively than ever before.

Now it can be said that last year when the 20th century gave way to the 21st century, the IIJI proudly reviewed the 20th century and satisfactorily fulfilled its role in carrying out the cause of independence in the 21st century.

The successes made in the activities of last year have proved the correctness of our assessment that the 20th century was the century of President Kim Il Sung who had made special contribution to the people's cause of inde-

pendence by founding the Juche idea and that the 21st century will surely witness the victory in the cause of global independence under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

National and joint seminars and other social, political and cultural functions that took place last year in some countries including the Asian regional seminar on the Juche idea in Bangladesh declared, reflecting the minds of all people in the world, that the 21st century, the new century, will be the Kim Jong Il century, expecting General Secretary Kim Jong Il to lead the cause of global independence to victory.

General Secretary Kim Jong Il who has developed the cause of socialism onto a higher stage in Korea with his outstanding political ability, has opened wide vistas for the cause of global independence with his outstanding diplomacy. The fact that General Secretary Kim Jong Il is the leader who guides the 21st century has been proved as days go by.

We who advance with faith in the Juche idea are full of pride in and conviction of victory in our work.

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Thus we have attained many achievements in our activities under review. However, there have emerged some shortcom-

ings in our activities to be overcome in the future.

One of the shortcomings arising in our activities of last year is that our efforts to encourage the people in each country to conduct their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea for the purpose of achieving the independent development of their nation and people with their own conviction have not been made enough. As a result, their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea have not turned into their own concern on a high level yet.

Also, in spite of that various efforts to enhance the ties between the IJJI and the Regional Institutes and among the study organizations in each country that have been made to an extent last year, such efforts should be made more from now on as in the past.

Further, the financial and material conditions for studying and disseminating the Juche idea to expand our activities on a worldwide scale in as many countries as possible have not been fully improved yet.

This is also the point that we should pay attention to from now on.

We who are in the 21st century, a century that will be crowned with victory and glory, are faced with weighty

yet honourable task to advance the cause of global independence by developing our activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea onto a higher stage in conformity with the requirements of this century.

Full of conviction and optimism, we must advance the new historic forward movement in the 21st century, upholding aloft the banner of the Juche idea.

Today, the imperialists that dream of global hegemony are resorting to dominationist tricks, spreading reactionary and anti-popular ideological trends, to check the cause of independence taking place on a worldwide scale.

Therefore, it is irresistible that our work accompanies the challenges of imperialists at every step.

This situation urgently demands that the driving forces in each country with hard cores with firm faith in the Juche idea at the centre, while keeping the purity of the Juche idea, be formed so that this makes it possible for the people in each country to conduct their activities for studying and disseminating the Juche idea and global independence.

On the basis of the formation and enhancement of the driving forces in each country, their unity with the progres-

sive forces including the progressive political parties and social organizations should be enhanced, and the humanity's cause of independence be advanced.

By preserving and applying the Juche character and national character of the revolution and construction in each region and country, maintaining the stand of loving one's own nation and country, we must conduct our struggle for independence by ourselves in conformity with the interests of one's own nation and to the specific reality of one's own.

This year, too, we must more vigorously conduct our activities to support by all means the Korean people's struggle to defend socialist Korea, the fatherland of Juche and the fortress of the cause of independence and build a powerful nation.

Although our tasks are heavy and arduous, we are sure that we can fulfil them if all the researchers of the Juche idea are united and go among the masses to awake and inspire them.

With pride, we will make the first year of the new century mark the historic year that specially serves the humanity's cause of independence, by fulfilling the tasks of the IJJI of this year in a vigorous manner.