

Declaration of Asian Seminar on Juche Idea for Independent Development of Asia in the 21st Century

Juche Idea, Guiding ideology for Achieving Independence of Mankind

The Asian Seminar on Juche Idea for the Independent Development of Asia in the 21st Century was successfully held in Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh, on September 1-2, 2000 on the occasion of the 55th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea, the glorious Juche Party, founded by President Kim Il Sung and now being brilliantly led by General Secretary Kim Jong Il, and also to mark the 20th anniversary of the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea (ARIJI).

Acknowledging that this seminar which was a gathering of distinguished political figures, learned scholars, famous academic and prominent public personalities was an event of great significance in studying and disseminating the Juche idea in conformity with the requirement of the present age, we, the participants in this seminar, declare as follows:

The present era is an era of independence, an era in which the vast masses of till-recently subjugated, people in all the continents of the world have risen up to assert their rights as masters of their destiny.

The Juche idea founded by President Kim Il Sung to suit this age and continuously developed and enriched by General Secretary Kim Jong Il is a bright beacon of light that illumines the road of the struggle of the masses of people in their fight to win independence.

The Juche idea is a revolutionary thought which suits the demand of the new age, and this idea which is being enriched by General Secretary Kim Jong Il, an outstanding thinker and leader of revolution, has placed at the hands of all the progressive people a guiding principle of struggle which helps them to break through all the trials in their onward movement towards their final victory.

The forthcoming 21st century will be the century in which a more vigorous struggle will take place to achieve global victory of the just cause of human

emancipation.

This sacred cause, however, will not be achieved on its own; it will be realized only through unyielding struggle of the masses of people to realize independence.

The imperialists and all reactionaries are in worldwide alliance in opposing the people's cause of independence.

To meet this situation General Secretary Kim Jong Il gives special emphasis on the need of worldwide unity of the masses of people. Evidently the ARIJI is confronted with the heavy responsibility of working for forging firm unity of all the forces for independence in our region and extending support to the struggle for independence of the people all over the world.

President Kim Il Sung worked till the last days of his life for the worldwide unity of the masses of people and for promoting the cause of independence of mankind.

In the present situation when the cause of independence of world's people is confronted with grave trials, General Secretary Kim Jong Il, inheriting President Kim Il Sung's cause, worked relentlessly to show a correct way for people's struggle for independence.

In the difficult situation when socialism collapsed in a number of the former socialist countries and the imperialists, encouraged by it, frenziedly worked to stifle the remaining socialist countries, General Secretary Kim Jong Il, with his sagacious guidance, further consolidated the people-centred socialism in Korea and built the Democratic People's Republic of Korea into a strong bastion of anti-imperialism, a fortress of revolution and the lifeline of the cause of independence of the people.

It is the duty of all the progressive people to defend this fortress of socialism.

We, the researchers of the Juche idea, are confronted with the honorable task of defending Juche Korea and mobilizing all the progressive peoples to extend a firm solidarity with the struggle of the Korean people guided by General Secretary Kim Jong Il, the sagacious leader, a struggle for achieving the final victory of Juche and for living happily in a reunified motherland.

The North-South Joint Declaration arrived at the historic Pyongyang meeting, reiterated the principles agreed in 1972 North-South Joint statement, and it is the vindication of the three principles of national reunification charted by President Kim Il Sung.

The historic Pyongyang meeting and its fruition is the shining victory of General

Secretary Kim Jong Il's idea of national reunification.

An acute confrontation still continues between socialism and imperialism, between the forces of independence and the forces of dominationism.

Such a situation demands united efforts and vigorous struggle by all independence-seeking people guided by a correct ideology.

As such it is the task of the ARIJI, of all national Juche organizations of Asia and of local Juche bodies affiliated to them to go among the broad masses of people, widely propagate the Juche idea among them and turn the masses of people into fighters for the victory of Juche cause.

This Asian Seminar on Juche Idea for the Independent Development of Asia in the 21st Century marked a mile-stone in deeply studying and disseminating the Juche idea and making vast masses of the Asian people apply the Juche idea to their struggle for independence.

Firmly adhering to the Juche idea, the idea of independence, we shall fight against and frustrate all maneuvers of the imperialists and reactionaries which are aimed at subjugating the people of different countries.

We shall intensify our efforts to unite all the Asian people for the promotion of their struggle of building anew independent society with their creative wisdom and talents and to strengthen solidarity with the progressive peoples of the world who are struggling to build independent societies in their respective countries.

Let us fight vigorously to achieve genuinely the independent development of Asia!

Nothing but victory is in store for the people fighting for the cause of independence along the road of Juche!

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