

# **How I Came Across with the Juche Idea**

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**It is an honour of me to be able to study the Juche idea founded by President Kim Il Sung with you by joining this significant seminar being held in Tokyo on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the publication of General Secretary Kim Jong Il entitled The Juche Philosophy Is an Original Revolutionary Philosophy (made public on July 26, 1996).**

**I would like to tell you with a few words as to how I came to be a disciple of President Kim Il Sung.**

## **A Korean Diplomat at the Consulate in Delhi Who Introduced the Juche Idea to Me**

**It was the year 1965 that the DPRK opened its consulate in Delhi. I was invited to one or two functions at the Consulate. I had looked for some materials that I could get. There were some books on the great leader and the Juche idea. I picked up some materials, studied one or two books and came to know a bit about what the Juche idea is.**

**There was a young Korean diplomat who speaks Urdu. He came up to me and asked, Could I help you if I get some books in Urdu? So, we became very close to each other. We were meeting each other very frequently and discussed the Juche idea, the life in Korea and the way of their living. He told me seeing is believing. It was seven years since I became very close to the Korean friend in Delhi. Thus, I became a student of the Juche idea.**

## **My First Audience with President Kim Il Sung**

**I had a desire to meet the great leader who, as I studied, at the age of 13, left home with determination to liberate the country from the Japanese rule, and with his contribution; sacrifices he made for some 20 years finally liberated his country in the year 1945.**

**It was the year 1974 that I was invited to Korea. Since we did not have any direct flights from Delhi to Beijing or other places, I had to go to Korea through Tokyo, Japan from Tokyo to Niigata, Khabarovsk on to Pyongyang.**

**It was my first visit to Tokyo and our Korean friends took care of me during my stay in Tokyo. I was invited to visit the Headquarters of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryun). I visited Korean schools, Korea University, a Korean bank and others and met many Korean businessmen. I was surprised at that even those Koreans who had migrated to Japan a hundred years back maintained their traditions and culture. They did not forget their culture. I also was surprised at the gifts presented by the great leader to the Chongryun and Korea University in**

Japan. I was convinced that President Kim Il Sung was a great man. I was traveling from Khabarovsk to Pyongyang by the Korean Airlines, and playing on board were the Song of General Kim Il Sung and other songs that I had not known. Only two passengers were on the craft. One was me. Being a journalist as profession, I put some questions about a song that was listened to to a few members of the crew. And they told me that that song was written by their aboji. I said, Who is your aboji? They said, Aboji means her father. So I asked this girl if it was her father who wrote this song. She said that their aboji means the aboji of 17 million people.

When I reached Pyongyang, I asked again my host if I could have a happy opportunity to have an audience with the great leader. I was told that he was not in Pyongyang but he was in Anju which was some distance away from Pyongyang, and he would not be available to meet me during my a-week stay in Pyongyang.

It was the very next morning, about five, when somebody knocked on the door. I opened the door and was told to get ready quickly. He said, Give me your jacket and suit. I asked, What for? He said, Now, you will have to meet the great leader. Get ready, you must leave here in two hours. So, I got up.

We reached Anju at about ten in the morning. To my surprise I found at a glance many people in the lawn perhaps waiting for us, I thought, or maybe some others. There were many people, cameramen and others.

When we were stopped by a guard, somebody opened the door of our car. To my utmost surprise he was the great leader himself. I was completely lost, completely shocked at such a great man.

I am an ordinary citizen in India, a very ordinary person. And the president of the country opened the door of our car. I even forgot to thank him.

He took me in his arms and said, You must be very tired. Take your rest. But I said, For me it is something unusual. So that was my first meeting with the great leader.

We sat and talked about two hours. He told me about his country, people, difficulties they had passed through. But he wanted to know more about what was happening in other countries including India, my country.

Great people are born once in centuries. Lord Krishna, a god in the myth of Hinduism, said that whenever the days of anarchy, lawlessness, slavery and cruelty come, he shall appear on this earth time and again to save mankind.

And I realized that it was in such circumstances that Kim Il Sung appeared on this earth. He did so to save the Koreans from the significant circumstances where there were lawlessness, poverty, and illiteracy all around. So he was sent on this earth to save mankind.

Millions of people appear and disappear on this earth every day. People do not even remember the name of their grandfathers and their great-grandfathers, their family history. Actually, few people leave their names behind for centuries to come.

I have been told that most of you have been to Korea and seen with your own eyes how the people live and what the great leader has done for the people.

But still, seeing is believing. In this respect, what I am going to say is my personal experience based on my knowledge, my meetings with the people and my 22 times meetings with the great leader. I had opportunities to meet General Secretary Kim

**Jong Il two or three times.**

### **Building a Paradise on This Earth**

**As you know, Korea was liberated in 1945. It was news that the great leader was building both industry and agriculture to provide the shelter and food to the people, but another war was imposed upon Korea by American imperialism.**

**The war went on almost three years. The war was between the small country and the mighty powers. But where there is a will, there is a way. The unity is strength. Under the able leadership of the great leader Kim Il Sung the Koreans finally defeated the great American imperialist power.**

**Millions of lives were lost and the country was completely demolished. And I was told that it was just one chimney of textile mill that was left. Only one chimney of textile mill was left to be destroyed. So it was a great task ahead. But with the efforts of the great Korean people they started rebuilding their nation. And today, Korea has become a paradise on this earth. And you can not find any country of that standard.**

**Korea has achieved one hundred percent of literacy. It is a crime-free society. It is a lockless society where people do not lock their homes because there are no terrors.**

**It is a tax-free society where every person has a job to do, work to do and a house to live in, food to eat. So, compared to other countries in the world where crimes are on the increase, the people in Korea do not know what crime is.**

**Following the footsteps of his father, General Secretary Kim Jong Il also started taking premier interest in an even society. He built new streets, many more new houses, culture centres, schoolchildren's palaces, and the West Sea Barrage, with which the country could even lock the 8 kilometre-long sea. It is because the water from the sea can spoil the crops. It is one of the wonders of the world.**

**You can fight with your enemy but you can not fight with nature. As you are aware during the past five or six years, the Koreans were passing through great difficulties because of floods and droughts.**

**The Koreans tightened their belts, thus overcoming their difficulties. To some extent, they were even living on some 100 grams or 200 grams of rice per day. But they do not go to beg others for help with a bowl. They have self-respect.**

**Now, I am coming to note Juche.**

### **The Juche Idea That Teaches Us to Rely on Ourselves**

**Juche is an ocean. It needs years to understand what Juche is. But the great leader locked the Juche in a cup of tea in a sense that man is the master of his own destiny.**

**Take roses, for instance. Out of twenty kilograms of rose of flowers you can get a**

few drops of essence. Similarly, regard Juche as an ocean.

When you study Juche, you realize you have to stand on your own self. If you are dependent on somebody, what happens in the world? When fathers are rich, their children have any money to spend. Not being independent in their lives, they rather idle about, dependent on their parents. Then they become addicted to drugs. They miss the classes and then the schools. Ultimately they become criminals. Criminals are not born but a product of such idle lives.

Most of you here may have seen Korea for yourselves how children are taken care of. The great leader said that children are kings there. It is true. Mothers leave their six-month old children at nurseries where they are taken care of, and go to work. They say reap what you have sown. Similarly, if you take care of your children in a proper manner they will be brought up in a proper shape.

It is President Kim Il Sung who planted a seedling. And it has turned into a tree. That is Juche. They have planted it in a small way because there was no way out. Juche was introduced into Korea. And today it has become a tree. And it has its branches not only in Korea but also in most of the countries of the world.

Juche says that make yourself light; rely on yourself; do not depend upon anybody else. Of course, Buddha's teachings are very similar. But when you study Juche, you will realize that depending on others is a sin at least, if not a crime. For if you are depending on others for help, you can repeat the same process. Why to depend on others? There are some countries that are completely dependent. For instance, there are some 40,000 American troops in South Korea, today. Since the Americans wanted a foothold of aggression in Asia, they have founded their base in South Korea.

The reunification of Korea has been a dream. There was the time when the DPRK was not recognized even as a country, a nation. There were countries that did not recognize North Korea as an independent nation. They called it a rogue country. What is rogue? Rogues are those who isolated Korea, just to finish this small country.

Today, the entire world has recognized Korea as a nation except two countries, unfortunately Japan and America. All other countries themselves normalized their relations with the DPRK with no preconditions. It is a great achievement made by General Secretary Kim Jong Il.

The latest summit was held on Juche 15, 2000, between General Secretary Kim Jong Il and President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea. It was a landmark in history. And there are hopes now that the country will be reunified soon. But the enemies are playing their own role.

I do not discuss politics here. I just want to mention that the country that has been isolated today has gained momentum because of the role it has played under the banner of Juche. I put light on the problems for human beings as to how to lead a happy life honestly and sincerely and how to grow their own children.

Young people are supposed to build up their careers. They have to be a part of their own nation, country. Meanwhile, to pick up bad habits is very easy. As you are aware, the millions of people die every year because of drugs and AIDS. How has AIDS come in this world, how are the addicts produced every day? It is because of the society and the companies.

If it is not mistaken, there is a matter of a real plight that there is not a single addict

**who takes drugs nor a single patient with AIDS in the DPRK. My information is that Korea is the only country where the people lead a simple life and follow the leader, the Juche idea truly. They do so by themselves. They benefit from themselves.**

**It is important to practice Juche at home with your parents, with your children, and with your brothers and sisters. To study Juche costs you nothing but pays you in plenty.**

### **Juche Idea Study Groups Formed in the US and Canada**

**Today, we have the Juche societies and institutes all over the world. We have regional Juche idea organizations: the African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea, the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea, the European Regional Society for the Study of the Juche Idea, and the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea.**

**We have recently established a Juche idea study group in Bangladesh. In the country there had been a few study societies on self-reliance. But they wanted to add Juche researchers to them. Similarly in Russia, there is not one but several study groups. We formed the first ever Juche institute in England last year. We have started working on it and are glad to know that today there is a registered body in England with several members of the parliament as full members and office builders.**

**We are glad to know that Juche study societies have been also established in America and Canada respectively. And they will soon start working, following the Juche idea, truly to this idea. Hopefully, the people will be deeply involved or interested in learning Juche and I am quite sure that also in these two countries we shall have many Juche researchers in times to come.**

**In India we have 120 Juche study groups, in almost every important city and town. And more and more groups are being formed. Their job is only to teach people how they benefit from Juche.**

**People go to churches, temples and mosques to get peace, mental peace. But Juche equally helps you to get your own self, build up your own careers, and bring about unity, international brotherhood, turning all universe into one large family.**

**Although Juche was born in Korea, Japan is the second home of Juche. There are dear friends, many Japanese researchers of the Juche idea. And there are some 700,000 Korean residents in this country. Because of this Japan is the second home of Juche. But we will light every house, every home, every human heart with the Juche idea.**

**My appeal to you all is: learn Juche, practice Juche; and if you feel you are benefited, continue it; if you think it does not serve your purpose, you are at liberty to part with it. But I hope you will put it in your minds that Juche is a philosophy that builds up the strength of the people, and brings honesty and sincerity among them.**

**Juche is an ocean. I have tried to learn Juche at my best, the maximum that I can, I could. I will contribute to Juche but there will be no end to it. In the sense, the more you learn Juche, the more you benefit from this great idea.**

**Bring more and more friends to the Juche society, and tell them about what you**

**have gained by the study of the Juche idea.**

**Many isms came and disappeared. Many political parties come and go. I am not talking what I have said again but Juche is one idea that is going to live for hundreds or thousands of years to come.**

**Now, it is the time to maintain the principles of Juche that bring progress and prosperity, not only to the Korean people but also down to the people all over the world.**

**Some people do not even know the names of their own leader or their own heads of state.**

**However, after the summit and several visits of South Korean President Kim Dae Jung, Russian President V.V. Putin, US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and others to the North, General Secretary Kim Jong Il established his name in all parts of the world.**

**I wish General Secretary Kim Jong Il a long life in good health so that he can continue to give guidance to all of us.**

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