

Report of the Joint Africa-Arab Regional E-Seminar on the Occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Demise of the Great Leader, Comrade **Kim Il Sung**, Founder and Eternal President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Conveners:

- African Committee for Friendship & Solidarity with the Korean People
- Arab Committee for Friendship & Solidarity with the Korean People

Theme:

Kim Il Sung - "The history of the Sun is eternal"

Dear friends,

Today, we have opened the E-seminar on the immortal exploits that the great leaders of the DPRK performed before the times and history, under the joint auspices of the African Regional Committee and Arab Regional Committee of Friendship and Solidarity with the Korean People on the occasion of 30th anniversary of the demise of the great President **Kim Il Sung**.

First of all, I would like to pay highest tribute to President **Kim Il Sung**, the extraordinary leader and veteran statesman of the world who left unprecedented marks in the world history and opened a new era of the cause of global independence, reflecting the boundless admiration of the participants and all the progressive people of the world.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to extend gratitude to all participants and our dear friends and comrades, such as Dr. Yahya, the Chairman of the Arab Regional Committee of Friendship and Solidarity with Korean People, and his colleagues, for their devoted efforts on successful implementation of this seminar.

The exploits, achieved by President **Kim Il Sung**, are miracles that no one in the world can make. We couldn't find such a great leader who made such remarkable exploits in any other period of history.

His most distinguished merit is the Juche idea, the great immortal idea.

The Juche idea, the guideline of socialist Korea and the global independence, is exerting great influence on the developing era and the shaping of the destiny of human beings beyond the limits of times and space.

The Juche idea, on the basis of a scientific elucidation that man is the master of the world and plays the decisive role in transforming the world; shows the way for the masses of the people, the motive force of history, to shape their own destiny by their own efforts.

Juche idea has had a great and decisive influence on shaping the destiny of the Korean people by its revolutionary spirit and scientific accuracy.

On the basis of the Juche idea, Korean revolutionaries liberated the country through an anti-Japanese armed struggle in the first half of the previous century.

During the period of the Fatherland Liberation War, they, with unusual readiness as masters of their destiny, waged heroic all-out resistance and repulsed the aggression of the imperialist alliances and gained victory.

After war, upholding the banner of self-reliance, they completed 3-year-long postwar reconstruction and realized socialist industrialization in only 14 years, thus, they turned the country into the developed socialist state, that is an envy of the world.

Through those experiences of long period, they deeply understood that the Juche idea is, indeed, the banner of their victory and glory. For that reason, they have been vigorously pushing forward the socialist power construed by upholding Juche idea, as clarified by the President, as the eternal guideline to this day.

By brilliantly applying the philosophical principle of the Juche idea, authored by the President, to the national liberation struggle.

President **Kim Il Sung** put forward the guidelines for a national liberation movement that the oppressed peoples of the world can achieve their genuine freedom and independence by their own efforts and struggle.

He provided the peoples of many countries in Africa and Arab with valuable experiences and important instructions and assisted them with everything they requested when they were waging a struggle for independence against imperialism and colonialism.

President **Kim Il Sung** gave encouragement and confidence to the progressive peoples struggling for independence and made an outstanding contribution to the cause of independence of mankind.

In his speech, titled, *“For a Free and Peaceful New World”*, delivered at the opening ceremony of the 85th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Pyongyang in April 1991, he emphasized that all the countries and nations, as equal members of the international community, should maintain independence, oppose power policy and vigorously wage a world-wide joint struggle to prevent aggression and war.

The President made his long journey to many countries in Asia, Africa and Europe to crush aggression and domination of the imperialists and thereby establishing a new world order by getting firmly united with oppressed peoples all over the world.

The President met over 70,000 foreigners including the heads of parties, states and governments, individuals from various political movements, public and press circles in 136 countries.

In those days, his ideas on realizing the independence of the popular masses aroused a great sensation and awareness of the world.

When he met Francois Mitterrand, the leader of the Socialist Party of France, on his visit to the DPRK in February 1981, President **Kim Il Sung** said to him that the European countries, in order to prevent a new world war, should not join any bloc, but make their countries independent and neutral and help the developing countries so that they could firmly maintain independence, realize peace and build independent sovereign states.

Mitterrand told **Kim Il Sung** that he had never heard from anybody such valuable remarks based on clear analysis and estimation of many problems. He was elected the president of France in May that year and at the G7 summit he said that President **Kim Il Sung** was an outstanding leader of the era.

The President's devotion for building a new independent world continued to the last days of his great life.

His noble personality was formed through his noble life and everlasting merits for freedom and happiness of the people and for implementing the cause of humanity for independence against imperialism.

The image of President **Kim Il Sung**, impressed in minds of the world progressive peoples, was always bright and warm like the sun.

In Nigeria, special ceremony was held on the occasion of 83rd anniversary of his birthday. In this ceremony, they elected the President as the Chief of tribe "Sun" and presented a gift to him. While presenting a throne, a baton, clothes and other gifts and conferring the title of the Chief of tribe "Sun" to President **Kim Il Sung**, the king of a community said that the President always lights up their way like the Sun.

Indeed, President **Kim Il Sung**, achieved great exploits throughout his life that can never be gained by mankind in many centuries to come. He was a great person amongst the greatest. We would fail to highly praise him without the word "extraordinary leader". Indeed, he was an extraordinary leader. Uniquely extraordinary.

The ideology and the cause of President **Kim Il Sung** were successfully inherited by the great Leader **Kim Jong Il**.

Leader **Kim Jong Il** enriched and developed the Juche idea, created by the President, and provided powerful ideological and theoretical weapons for the global independence. He energetically led the joint struggle against interference and aggression of imperialists and their domineering forces by firmly uniting the nations and peoples of all countries in the world who advocate independence.

All anti-imperialist forces firmly united and fought against imperialism and domination under the banner of independence; a key strategy set by Leader **Kim Jong Il** for building a new independent world.

One of the greatest achievements of Leader **Kim Jong Il** that deserve special attention, for victoriously advancing the cause of global independence, is that he resolutely smashed the imperialists' attempt to stifle the DPRK and staunchly defended socialist Korea by strengthening self-defensive capabilities, with the Korean People's Army, as its core in the whole period of his revolutionary leadership.

Thanks to his leadership, national defense capabilities of the DPRK has been strengthened and the reckless anti-DPRK stifling maneuvers of the imperialists have been frustrated. As a result, not only security and sovereignty of socialist Korea, but also stability and peace of Korean peninsula and the world have been firmly and reliably ensured.

Leader **Kim Jong Il** paid attention to the development of the friendship relations with the countries aspiring after independence, thus rendering great contributions to accomplishing the cause of global independence.

Today, thanks to H.E. **Kim Jong Un**, president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, who carries forward the great leaders' intention, the DPRK is demonstrating its prestige and dignity as a super power leading the era of independence, and as a military giant guaranteeing peace and security that no one dare approach.

H.E. **Kim Jong Un** has made the everlasting feats for prosperity of the DPRK and for a new international order and international justice by adhering to the anti-imperialist independence, which is truth and justice, as an immutable and consistent policy.

Because they are led by the iron-willed brilliant commander, H.E. **Kim Jong Un**, Korean people do not flinch, even though the US is shipping its huge strategic nuclear assets for constant deployment around the territory of the DPRK and fanning up war fever by instigating its vassal states on a regular, deliberate and systematic basis, showcasing its power.

Thanks to H.E. **Kim Jong Un**, peerlessly great leader who is safeguarding the peace of the country and contributing to defending the peace in Asia and the world with the outstanding political ability, Korean people have become the most dignified and happiest people in the world.

In today's world, ruled by law of jungle, it is an essential option to possess powerful military forces for protecting the destiny of the country and the nation. It's all the more so for the DPRK, which is located in the hottest spot with the danger of war for decades.

With firm conviction that military power is the immediate security and dignity of the state and people, H.E. **Kim Jong Un** is building up self-defense capability to the highest level for the peace of the country and the people and for posterity.

Thanks to his leadership, the future of Korean people will be brighter and the DPRK will always adorn victory in its history.

In conclusion, I 'd like to call upon the Friendship and Solidarity Associations all over the world to highly appreciate the exploits of the great leaders and to vigorously conduct friendship and solidarity activities in support of the Korean people's just cause.

Thank you.

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