Justness of KIMILSUNGISM-KIMJONGILISM

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It is always a challenge to write about an ideology which is as vast and as deep and 'fathomless as an ocean with very many currents, cross currents and under currents. But still as I have been called upon to write something about it, I will put in my feeble effort to broach this subject, asserting that mine is just an effort to collect the pebbles on the sea shore whereas the deep ocean lies ahead.

In all humility I would seek your indulgence to permit me to begin with the most familiar word INDEPENENCE. We all know that independence is the elixir of our existence. The great Indian freedom fighter Bal Gangadhar Tilak said that freedom is my birthright and I would have it, Roussseau the great French scholar says "Man is born free------"Abraham Lincoln says that as he will not be a slave so he will not be a master. It is said that it is better to rule in hell than to serve in heaven My mind goes to a beautiful story which runs like this. A wild famished dog happens to come to a locality where he finds another dog - very healthy, very robust very well fed. The wild dog talks to this dog and asks him as to what he has worn in his neck pointing out to a collar. This dog says it is the symbol of my identity and my master recognizes me by this collar and I have to obey every instruction given by him with no ifs and buts. The wild dog took leave of this dog saying that his liberty in the h jungle was much better than this slavery indicated by the collar. It may therefore be said without any fear of contradiction that FREEDOM or LIBERTY is the very life blood of our existence.

With this preface I would like to start with Juche an ideology propagated by great Kim II Sung. This great visionary and seer fought relentlessly for the freedom of Korea enslaved by unscrupulous Japanese with a will of steel and firm determination he infused life, hope and zeal in his people mobilized them and after a long and continuous struggle drove the Japanese out of the Fatherland. In order to inspire his people and to

sustain their will to fight for independence and preserve it he gave them Juche ideology whose first tenet was Independence. He very emphatically and rightly underscored the proven truth that independence is the attribute of man, as earlier Great scholars and thinkers had also underlined it. By saying that Man is born free (Rousseau). In this way the great seer infused life, vigor and self confidence in the people of Korea.

But a nation or a country does not and cannot keep its freedom intact by sheer slogans. Great Leader Kim Jong II the great son of great Kim II Sung was a great statesman, a visionary with a keen foresight. He knew fully well that unless his fatherland is equipped well to defend itself from the voluptuous and unscrupulous Imperialists whose article of faith is to enslave the weak and fleece them financially it is essential to develop one's own power to defend the fatherland He believed, rightly too what Plato, the greatest of the great philosophers said that the best way to discourage a threatening invader is to wield before his eyes the counter threat of an invincible sword. And very rightly the great seer propounded his Songun Politics, (Army First) giving priority to defence preparation. As a result, today Korea ranks amongst the most powerful nations of the world and is keeping its Head high though being threatened by the unscrupulous Imperialists To cut short let me say that the combined ideologies of the Great Leaders Kim II Sung and Kim Jong II are known KIMILSUNGISM-KIMJONGILISM.

In the end let me say with full force that this ideology is based only for self-improvement, self-progress, self defence and not remotely concerned with any aggressive or offensive design Naturally for world peace and human happiness all over the world cutting across all the differences of caste ,creed, sex or nationality it is the flagbearer of peace and hence it is not only Just but is absolutely just.