

International Seminar on "Independence, Sovereignty and Social Development" Held

Pyongyang, September 7 (KCNA) -- An international seminar on "Independence, sovereignty and social development" took place in Rome on Sept. 3 to mark the 75th birthday of the DPRK, under the sponsorship of the International Institute of the Juche Idea (IIJI).

Present there were the vice-director general of the IIJI, the director general of the European Society for the Study of the Juche Idea and personages of political and social circles and members of Juche idea study organizations in different countries including Russia, Norway, Romania, Austria, Italy and Japan.

Attending it through video conferencing were the director general and the secretary general of the IIJI, the director generals and secretary generals of the Juche idea study institutes in Asian, African and Latin American regions, the vice-chairman of the Korean Association of Social Scientists and representatives of Juche idea study organizations and personages of various circles in 60-odd countries.

Matteo Carbonelli, vice-director general of the IIJI, made an opening address at the seminar. Then, read out were the congratulatory messages from the Korean Association of Social Scientists, the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea, the European Society for the Study of the Juche Idea, the African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea and the Latin American Institute of the Juche Idea.

Director General Ramon Jimenez Lopez and Secretary General Kenichi Ogami of the IIJI, and Pak Chol Jun, vice-chairman of the Korean Association of Social Scientists, made congratulatory speeches at the seminar.

Edmond Jouve, director general of the European Society for the Study of the Juche Idea, noted in his keynote report:

The DPRK is the only country on the earth that fully exercises its rights and dignity as a sovereign state and dynamically advances along its own correct path of development.

The DPRK, which declared its birth as the first people's democratic state in the East 75 years ago, has maintained the principle of Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-sufficiency in the economy and self-reliance in national defence in its course full of hardship and ordeals.

The exploits performed by President **Kim Il Sung** and Leader **Kim Jong Il** for the foundation and development of the DPRK and the cause of global independence will be immortal along with the strong aspiration of mankind toward independence and the future of prosperous socialist Korea.

The DPRK is demonstrating its might as an independent power to the whole world under the guidance of the respected His Excellency **Kim Jong Un**.

Then speeches were made by Francis F. Lyimo, deputy director general of the African Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea, Dmitri Kostenko, chairman of the Russian Association for the Study of the Juche Idea, and other personages.

Speakers said that the DPRK is a powerful country, which showed the whole world that only the people led by the outstanding leader can become the master of their destiny and emerge victorious in the revolution. And they expressed their desire to personally witness the reality of the DPRK making eye-opening development under the leadership of the respected General Secretary **Kim Jong Un** and learn from its experience.

A letter to **Kim Jong Un** was adopted at the seminar.

The participants in the seminar watched a video showing the proud appearance of socialist Korea undergoing a great transformation under the wise leadership of the Workers' Party of Korea.