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Today the Korean people are displaying an indomitable mental strength in the general onward march to build a great, prosperous and powerful socialist country. The indomitable mental strength of the Korean people serves as a powerful driving force that brings about a revolutionary great upsurge in building a great, prosperous and powerful country.

Political and ideological strength and military and economic strength are main factors of national strength deciding destiny of a country and nation. The most important one of them is political and ideological strength, that is, mental strength of popular masses. Huge economic potentialities can be a treasured sword that reliably guarantees independence and dignity of country and nation and a foundation for its prosperity only when they are combined with mental strength of the popular masses.

Chairman Kim Jong Il said.

“The Juche idea is exerting a great influence on the ideological life of humanity and on the revolutionary changes of the world.” So, the Korean people possess powerful mental strength and a great, prosperous and powerful socialist country is the powerful socialist country of Juche that is built by dint of their inexhaustible ideological strength, the great mental strength.

The Juche idea is the ideological basis that enables the Korean people to be indomitable fighters with the strong mentality of national-self-existence. The Juche idea is the thorough-going ideology of independence. Independence is, in essence, the idea that reflects the essential demand of man, country and nation not to be subordinated by anything. The mentality of national self-existence comes from independence.

Without national pride that we are better than others and without the pride and dignity of being the revolutionary people, we can neither lead an independent life in our own spirit nor build socialism properly.

The Korean people have built socialism in keeping with the specific conditions of Korea with the mentality of national self-existence with the Juche idea as the guideline.

The source of self-development is the trust and love of our own things and pride and dignity of our own things. As history tells, dependency on foreign forces leads to subordination and national ruin and self-development only leads to defending the independence of the country and bringing about national prosperity. With the progress of the era and history, the circumstances and conditions may change, but the revolutionary principle that we must solve all problems with our own efforts cannot change.

The Korean people have acquired it as their faith and will through the revolutionary practice that the idea and lines put forward by leader Kim Jong Il are the most correct guiding principle for independence of the popular masses and they would surely win victory if they are led by him.

That is why the Korean people regard the slogan “When the Party is determined, we can do anything!” as the motto of their life and struggle and play the role of vanguard fighters who defend the leader at the cost of their lives and move mountains and dam the sea when leader Kim Jong Il determines.

Finally, the Korean people’s aim of building a great, prosperous and powerful socialist country is high and they have still many ordeals and difficulties in realizing the aim. But the Korean people with the indomitable mental strength would surely build a great, prosperous and powerful socialist country by their own efforts.