

SELF-RELIANCE GUARANTEES NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND WORLD PEACE

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Peace and war are the two most prevalent antonyms which have been on our planet since time immemorial. The world community fully realises the importance of Peace against the evils of war and it realised all the more after suffering the most unfortunate and highly destructive two world wars in the beginning of 20th century. The blood-soaked shreds of humanity that lay scattered in hundreds of battlefields cried for peace, peace and peace on earth. The most pathetic is the emotional trauma and physical pain and sorrow and grief of mankind. On national level it was setback to national economy, threat to national sovereignty to some nations and overall national disintegration.

At this crucial juncture in 1945 an international organisation "The Charter Of United Nations" was founded, which declared "we the people of United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our life has brought untold sorrow to humankind --- and unite our strength to maintain international peace and security -- have resolved our efforts to accomplish these aims".

To achieve and accomplish world peace several organisations economists, social scientists, eminent politicians, intellectuals i.e. to say people from all walks of life suggested various strategies. Hence a meeting of such effect was held at Cocoyon in Mexico in 1974. This is known as "Cocoyon Declaration" of non-aligned countries emphasized "reliance primarily on one's own resources, human and natural and the capacity of autonomous goal setting and decision making".

Much before the "Cocoyon Declaration" Great leader Kim Il Sung referred to the importance of Self Reliance in his famous JUCHE ideology. In 1933, during his liberation struggle against Japan, when Soviet Union unheeded the request of Korean soldiers to help build a hand grenade factory in guerrilla zone, this experience was taken by great leader as a challenge. The outcome was the Yongil Bomb made from their own natural resources. This Yongil Bomb Spirit is the spirit of Self -Reliance. The first documented reference appeared in 1955 in his speech entitled "On Eliminating Dogmatism and Formalism and Establishing JUCHE in Ideological Work" Great Leader Kim Il Sung outlined the three fundamental principles of JUCHE:

1. Political independence
2. Economic self-sustenance
3. Self-reliance in defence.

Great Leader determined to solve all problems through self-reliance. The participation of workers, peasants, youth, students, women and others is essential. He strengthened the Party by involving the masses. Agrarian Reform is one such example wherein peasant 's century long desire to become masters of the land was fulfilled.

People are my god, motto by President Kim Il Sung and General Secretary Kim Jong Il and their idea of respecting is further developed into the people's first doctrine by Chairman Kim Jong Un.

The D P R K has maintained three revolutions of ideological, technological and cultural and advanced them on the basis of JUCHE idea. JUCHE idea clearly states that Self-Reliance is a revolutionary spirit, fighting trait and mode of struggle to solve all problems in carving out the destiny of nation with one's own efforts and responsibility without any dependence on others.

Supreme Leader Kim Jung Un said "the history of Korean revolution is one of self-development, the revolution was pioneered and has developed by means of it".

The ardent spirit of self-reliance of Koreans is visible in its overall advancement is seen in field of technology, science, sports and cultural activities.

I had the privilege to visit Pyongyang twice, first in September 2018 and again in April 2019.

I am impressed by the achievements by Koreans in all fields of life under the dynamic and wise leadership of Marshal Kim Jung Un. Koreans are leading a dignified and decent life. The spirit of Self-Reliance is visible in Korea. People are getting free education, free medical facilities and houses which have been built on state expenses. There is no unemployment problem. Law and order are at its best, there being no crime like murder, dacoity, theft, and no rape cases. Above all there is no terrorism, biggest problem other countries are facing.

Marshal Kim Jong Un emphasised that it is necessary to carry out technological revolution and put the production lines and management and administration on a modern and information basis in conformity with actual Korean condition with science and technology as it's life line.

An independent national economy is one which is free from any outside help and which is capable of using its own resources with the skills of one's own countrymen. An example of this is found in their handling of catastrophic calamity in the northern of Hamgyong province in DPRK in september2016. Hostile forces made great fuss about it and said that "North Korea is at the psychological shock". Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un took it as a challenge. Under the wise leadership of WPK 119900 dwelling houses, more than 100 public buildings including nurseries, kindergartens, schools, hospitals and clinics were built in about 60 days.

At cultural level sports and art are popularized in conformity with Korean culture you can see the whole country is seethed with songs, dances, and various kinds of sports.

I was very much impressed by my visit to Children Palace. I saw very young children being taught music, dance, painting, embroidery, calligraphy, computer and sports and so on. An independent sovereign state must have self-reliant defence power. Self-reliant defence alone makes it possible to maintain national independence and defend the gains of the revolution and the security of people. Great leader Kim Jong Il advocated songun politics which is based on self-reliance. It in most concrete terms says that to maintain and enjoy independence, one must be strong and, in the world, today, it is the military might which can safeguard your liberty. Today, by following songun politics, the DPRK demonstrates its dignity as a powerful military power in the international arena and is capable of repulsing nuclear threats and blackmail, high handedness and arbitrariness of foreign aggressive forces.

In the end I quote Albert Einstein "Self-reliance is based on the fundamental belief that you can and should change and control your circumstances. I have so you can". This is exactly

what JUCHE Ideology endorses. To this I add what Ralph Waldo Emerson has said “self-sufficiency gives one the freedom to discover one's true self and attain true independence”. Let us all unite under the flag of JUCHE to achieve national sovereignty and global peace by becoming self-sufficient and self-reliant.

Long live the spirit of self-reliance.
Long live Marshall Kim Jong Un.