

By Dr. Dermot Hudson on Justness of KIMILSUNGISM-KIMGJONGILISM

Justness of KIMILSUNGISM-KIMGJONGILISM and its role in the contemporary world
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Today the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) is advancing under the banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is the guiding ideology of the DPRK which has the great Juche idea of President KIM IL SUNG and Chairman KIM JONG IL at its core. Dear respected Marshal KIM JONG UN defined Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as "***an integral system of the idea, theory and method of Juche, and a great revolutionary ideology representative of the Juche era. Guided by Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, we should conduct Party building and Party activities, so as to sustain the revolutionary character of our Party and advance the revolution and construction in line with the ideas and intentions of the President and the General.***"

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is fully consistent with the Juche idea. It is the ideology of the Juche era which is different to all previous eras and epochs. Before the Juche era history was dominated and made by the exploiters, the ruling class. However, the oppressed and exploited masses such as workers in capitalist countries and the peoples of colonial and semi-colonial emerged as the makers of history. Typical of this was the emergence of the first socialist state in the world in 1917 and the anti-imperialist national liberation struggles in the colonies such as the anti-Japanese armed struggle led by the great leader comrade KIM IL SUNG.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism which was formulated by the respected Marshal KIM JONG UN has ensured that the revolutionary ideology of the DPRK that was put forward by the great leaders comrades KIM IL SUNG and KIM JONG IL was continued and pushed forward. It maintained the revolutionary character of the DPRK and cemented Juche-oriented socialism. Socialism in the DPRK, Juche-orientated socialism was defended by Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism. When the great leader comrade KIM JONG IL passed away some enemies of Juche, capitalist and revisionist forces hoped that the DPRK would undergo a 'policy change' or even 'reform and opening up'. By defining Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism as the guiding ideology of the DPRK, Marshal KIM JONG UN put pay to those who hoped to derail the DPRK from the path of Juche socialism and ensured the DPRK stuck to the road of socialism and independence, holding high the red flag of revolution.

Indeed when I visited the DPRK in April 2012 one of my memories is of seeing schoolchildren marching proudly to school in their young pioneers uniforms carrying a Red flag and singing the song 'Footsteps ', this was very symbolic of the DPRK's determination to hold high the Red flag of socialism, the red flag of socialism and follow the path of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism fully incorporates the people-first doctrine and policy. As respected Marshal KIM JONG UN said at the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea ***"Applying the people-first principle is the intrinsic demand of our Party, which is struggling for the sake of the masses of the people and conducting its activities by relying on them."***

All the work and activities of the Party should be conducted with the masses of the people at the centre. The climate of believing in the strength of the people and depending on them should pervade the whole Party, and the main thrust of Party work should be directed at promoting the people's well-being.

"Let the whole Party make selfless, devoted efforts for the good of the great people!"—this is the fighting slogan our Party should be holding high at present. We should regard it as an iron rule to respect the people, defend their destiny and give the highest and absolute priority to their interests and comfort".

Thus Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is full consistent with the people-first policy and line. Applying Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism in practice Marshal KIM JONG UN has always attacked bureaucracy and inefficiency. He does not believe in inefficiency, incompetence and backsliding under socialism. He believes that the interests of the people should come first and that officials must always work for the people. 'Inefficient ' and 'incompetent' socialism is actually a very dangerous phenomenon. In the past revisionist-led socialist countries such as the Soviet Union and the eastern European socialist countries became associated with bureaucracy and stagnation, although the people of these countries enjoyed advantages such as full employment there were some shortcomings in people's lives. These were exaggerated and used by the enemies of socialism. Here in the UK there never was socialism however the social democratic policies of post-war Labour governments were often described as "socialist " or "socialism" by the Tories and even by some on the Left. The 'reforms' of the Labour governments became quickly associated with inefficiency and incompetence (queues for hospital treatment, poor quality education with working class children just given colouring pencils and not educated, bureaucrats at dole offices and long waits for council housing). Thus, socialism had a bad name with the British people.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism also stresses the principle of self-reliance which is the treasured sword of the Korean people for total national prosperity. Self-reliance is also the secret weapon of the DPRK against the sanctions and blockades of the imperialists. Thus Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is leading the Korean people to work miracles in socialist construction. In the past few years the heroic Korean people under the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN have constructed Mirae Scientists Street, Ryomyong Street, Samjyon City and the Yangdok Cultural Recreation Centre. In the capitalist countries of the West, such projects would cost billions and billions and years to build (for example in the UK the Crossrail project or Elizabeth line is 2 years behind schedule and so far has 10 years have been spent constructing it) but the DPRK despite the most intense and harsh sanctions have completed enormous construction projects in a short space of time. This shows the correctness, vitality and truth of self-reliance, of Juche and Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

In today's world, the DPRK under the banner of Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism and the leadership of respected Marshal KIM JONG UN stands out as a great example of self-reliance and inspires the peoples of the world to fight to achieve self-reliance and prosperity. This is why the imperialists hate the DPRK so much and want to destroy it.

Today the revolution is carried out independently in each country according to the will of the people in each individual country. There is no need for an "international centre" to guide the revolution in each country. This is what Juche teaches us. Moreover, the revolution cannot be advanced and socialism defended simply by repeating ideas and theories from the past classics which stressed the material and economic factor.

Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is the great revolutionary idea of the era as it stresses that the popular masses are the subject of the revolution, the masters revolution. To reiterate the Juche-orientated theory of revolution sees the outbreak of revolution not being caused by material-economic contradictions (these can be very severe indeed as in the case of the developed capitalist countries but still no revolution) but by the infringement of the independence of the popular masses and their consciousness of being the masters of the revolution.

Thus Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism is an entirely just idea and is showing its vitality in the contemporary world.