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Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism.

Dear those who are concerned with the Asian Regional Institute of the Juche Idea  
(ARIJI) that is hosting this online seminar,

Dear Juche idea researchers from Asian countries who are taking part in this seminar,

Allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for all your effort to make this  
seminar possible.

I am also honored to be able to join this seminar.

What is more, I would like to express my utmost respect and heartfelt admiration  
for His Excellency Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea,  
who are developing and enriching the Juche idea, Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism at the  
vanguard, devoting himself to guiding the Korean revolution day and night.

Looking at the world, the coronavirus pandemic has exposed the contradiction  
existing in capitalism and imperialism, and then in the circumstances that the United  
States and other countries in the West have got weakened, they have strengthened  
their pressure on such countries as aspiring after independence through imposing  
economic sanctions on the latter and conducting war maneuvers.

Under these circumstances, the DPRK with the Juche idea as her guiding  
principle, under the leadership of General Secretary Kim Jong Un, has energetically  
promoted her economic activities remarkably since the Eighth Congress of the  
Workers' Party of Korea. The DPRK has been very active not only in defending herself  
from the coronavirus pandemic but also developing her military forces for self-defence.

Nowadays, the DPRK, not from the viewpoint of anti-United States but from the  
viewpoint of being against any kinds of wars, has been promoting her revolution by  
regarding peace as basics.

This fact itself clearly shows that how important role the Juche idea has been  
playing.

In this regard, I believe that it is important for us, Asian Juche idea researchers,  
to get united firmly, and conduct our study and dissemination of the Juche idea and  
try to apply this idea in life creatively for making our own countries, Asia and the rest  
of the world as a whole independent.

In concluding my speech, I would like to wish His Excellency Kim Jong Un more  
and more successes in his work, and so also do Juche idea researchers from  
individual Asian countries.

Thank you.