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Abstract

In order to contribute a high and sincere respect towards the great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il**, on the very occasion of his eightieth birth anniversary, he is remembered through the presentation of this paper for his innumerable contribution towards the nation and its people for the establishment of social liberation and bring transformation in the society with comprehension of Juche philosophy among the people in the nation. The Juche philosophy or the ideology known to be a distinct and scientific theory focuses on man with the immense potentiality to present the ability, consciousness and experiment for the achievement of social liberation through the revolution in the society. The philosophy not only heads towards the achievement of liberation on the internal issues instead deals with the international issues defending against the imperialists in the world. The pragmatic theory of Juche is beyond the 'Communist Manifesto' of Marx and theory of Lenin as this theory meets with the present era or the context of the society. The study frames under the economic, social and political context of DPR of Korea under the perspective of Juche Theory. In addition, the practical implication of the theory has become the essence in Nepalese context too, for there are the followers of communism with the establishment of various political parties in Nepal that lack the real application of socialism in both economic and social context of Nepal. The political leaders of Nepal need to learn from the theory of Juche in order to bring social, political and economic transformation in the society.

Key Words: Kim Jong Il, Juche theory, social liberation, revolution, social transformation

Ideological and Theoretical Exploration on Juche Theory

It is an immense pleasure to pay a highest tribute to the great leader **Comrade Kim Jong Il** for his upcoming eightieth birth anniversary on February 16, 2022, and pay heartfelt respect for his innumerable contribution for the establishment and advancement of a new perspective on socialism as Juche theory propounded by the great leader President **Kim Il Sung** for the transformation of the nature and the contributing to the society and its people. The systematic comprehension on the Juche idea has been the requirement of the present era that indeed presents the prospect and revolutionary practice among the people in the society for social transformation and head towards class liberation.

We should hold the slogan 'Let us learn better our things and exalt their brilliance!' and strive to establish the Juche orientation in studying" (Il, 2015, p. 13) With the simplification and synthesis of the Juche idea originated by President **Kim Il Sung**, Comrade **Kim Jong Il** suggests the society to incline towards the initiation of Juche theory that confines the society under the notion of man as a central figure of the society that bears the ability to transform the nature and the society through their ability and revolution in the society in order to gain the class liberation in the society.

Comrade **Kim Jong Il** provided the perspective of creative nature of an individual to unmask the intellectual ability for the establishment of Juche principle in the course.

Kim Jong Il led the students to defend Kim Il Sung's revolutionary ideology and its embodiment, the lines and policies of the Workers' Party of Korea (WPK). In May 1956 a public lecture on the ... Kim Jong Il refuted the lecturer's argument there and then, defending the WPK's line. When factionalists were opposed to the education in the WPK's policies and fanning up regionalism, stressing the importance of the studying of the history of one's own region, he smashed their sophistry and encouraged students to study the history of the revolutionary activities of Kim Il Sung and his achievements (Il, 2015, p. 10).

Comrade **Kim Jong Il** being focused on a new generation always tempted to work under Juche perspective through the revision of history of own inspiring the students to follow the revolutionary ideology of **Kim Il Sung** and his achievements for further positive transformation, power and liberation in the country. **Kim Il Sung** focused on the Korean nationalism, self-reliance and socialism in the society and the nation and headed towards the liberation of the working class people in the DPR of Korea.

"To train all the Democratic Youth League (DYL) members to be revolutionaries boundlessly loyal to the WPK and the leader and to be reliable builders of socialism, knowledgeable and competent-this can be called the duty of the school's DYL committee." (Il, 2015, p. 13) In addition, Democratic Youth League in Korea are supposed to be revolutionary for the achievement of socialism through intelligence and capable in the nation, The relation of DYL members with the Worker's Party Korea is to be sound and loyal for the achievement of liberation in the society. The major aim of Juche Theory is to introduce a man as the master of his own destiny as a person bears the ability to think , change and achieve sovereignty in the nation through revolution against the exploiting classes.

Hence, this paper is oriented on the Juche theory propounded by **Kim Il Sung** while synthesized and comprehended by his successor **Kim Jong Il** for the identification of real socialism in the society with a mass revolution possible through the conscience and realization of man in the society with the practical implication not only for the internal transformation indeed for the global economic transition of individuals.

Statement of Problem

i. DPR of Korea is in lack of the experts in the nation that is drawing back the nation from the achievement of true socialism.

As Juche philosophy focuses on the power of man to take action in the society through revolution of intelligence and responsibility in order to live a liberal life and enjoy every facility in the nation, there still exists an absence of true socialism in the nation. Pursuing Juche theory by each and every member of a society is the only means to achieve true socialism in the nation.

Our revolution has not yet been completed, and we still have a long rugged revolutionary path to tread. But our revolutionary veterans have gradually been decreasing in number , while a great many

younger people who have not been trained during an arduous revolutionary struggle are joining the ranks of our revolution. (Il, 1997, p. 45)

ii. Lack of self-realization of class, position and interest among the people.

As Marx and Angles extracted that change is impossible without the revolution in the society. In order to end the class struggle and achieve a classless society, the ruled ones need to revolt against the autocratic rulers so that they gain their right in the society where classless society leads to the socialism in the society. With the postulation of theory of Kim Il Sung as Juche theory, centers a man as the major subject in the society for the equality in the society into social liberalism. And for that self realization is most among the people in the nation; only in the case people realize their own class, position and interest can achieve the goal of true socialism in the society

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has said that people cannot be considered to have established a revolutionary outlook on the world until they realize their class positions and interests, feel hatred for the exploiting classes, are ready to champion their class interests, and then embark upon the path of the revolution with a firm determination and will to fight to destroy the society of exploiters and build a new society for the working masses. This is an outstanding idea, the first of its kind in history to explain scientifically the process of the formation of the revolutionary outlook on the world. (Il, 1997)

Hence, the ideology of Juche as "self-reliance" needs to be more precise to make the nation independent in real sense and develop the notion of real socialism in the country. Until and unless each and every individual realize the need of revolution against the exploiters in the society with their sense, the real socialism is rare to achieve. So, there is a need of complete application of Juche theory and pay immense respect to the leader Kim Il Sung and Comrade Kim Jong Il for their ideological notion of Juche Theory.

Aims and Objectives

The main and objective of this study are:

i. To motivate the people for the active participation in the activities of revolution for the achievement of true socialism.

ii. To bring people in the stage of self-realization of the position, class and interest for the class liberation for the achievement of real socialism in the nation.

Theoretical Framework

"The Juche idea raised the fundamental question of philosophy by regarding man as the main factor, and elucidated the philosophical principle that man is the master of everything and decides everything" (Il, 2015, p. 139). **Kim Il Sung** with the development of Juche philosophy holds the perspective of man as the central force to bring the social transition for the equal position of people and development of classless society not just in the national level but international level too. A man bears the greatest potentiality to think analytically, make decision so is master of everything and can fight for the freedom in life. The creativity, consciousness and the independent quality of people make them different from other being in the society. They possess their own position to proof themselves as

the most capable social being in the world. So, a person possess the main responsibility in Juche for the political, social and economic impartiality and stability. In this way **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il** focus on the capability of individual's understanding verdict for the positive transformation in the society and the nation moreover, in the international level too.

"He made clear that the major socio- historical principles of the Juche idea are that the masses of the people are the driving force of social history, that the history of mankind is that of struggle for independence of the masses of the people that the socio-historical movement is the creative one of the masses of the people, and that their independent ideological consciousness plays a decisive part in the revolutionary struggle , and substantiated their concrete contents and requirements, truthfulness and originality (Il, 2015, p. 139).

Here, Juche idea presents the viewpoint of uplifting the status and lifestyle of mass through revolutionary struggle that is only gained through the consciousness of people. The intellectuality that people bear in their mind is to be flourished in order to achieve the objective of social equality and end of economic and social disparity. The destiny of the mass or the individual depends on the witty or the witless decision that people make from their understanding. So, for the achievement of real socialism, people's right and wise decision counts a lot in the nation.

Our task does not come to an end with national liberation. We should build a people's state in our liberated homeland and make it rich, mighty and independent. If we are ignorant of the revolutionary theories and the practical problems of state building, we shall never carry out this honorable[sic] task successfully. So the members of the Korean People's Revolutionary Army (KPRA) should study more than ever before to raise their political and theoretical level. (Sung, 2011, p. 521)

Kilmilsungism and Kimjonglism theory does not end to the national liberation instead heads towards the international achievement of socialism. In order to achieve the social liberation it is essential to take into account the revolutionary theory and notice the practical problems in the society. Until and unless the state fails to realize the practical problem of people the state liberation, economic prosperity and the independence of the nation remains breaks down. So, for this intellectual development of each and every member in the society is indispensable as the theory assumes a man as the real power that bears the potentiality to meet the right destination of social liberation through which social transition is possible.

By the idea, we mean the idea which truly defends the interests and rights of the masses of the working people and which has already proved its truth through the victorious revolution in Russia, which accounts for one sixth of the world (Sung, 2011, p. 21)

Kim Il Sung stood for the right of the working people for the independence, liberty and authority in the nation that is only possible through the revolution against the autocratic rule that always suppress the lower class people in the society. The victory is possible with the interest of people to defend against such rule in the society as that of Russia. Russia established itself as an economically independent nation through the revolution of the hezimonized group of people in the nation.

"I put forward the Juche idea, which reflects the requirement of our revolution and the aspirations of the people in the new age of independence, and have led the revolution and construction, guided by this idea" (Il, 2015, p. 138) It is true according to the communist manifesto, a need of revolution is essential in the country for the freedom of the low class labor group in the society that soars the economic factor of the nation. However, there is also a need of sovereignty as per the era developed. The new age needs generation of new idea, new facilities and innovations that could provide total independency of individual in the society. So, a need of alert individual in the society or the nation can lead to a new age of independence in the nation.

In totality, Juche theory counts the perspectives of ideological autonomy, economic self-sufficiency and military independence from imperial influence through the self-realization and utilization of individual creativity, decision and consciousness that heads towards the revolutionary activities for the class liberation or the independence and freedom of individual both nationally and internationally.

Limitation

The Study limits to the theory of Juche in Korea for the socio-economic and political national and international liberation of the nation and its people. The study is based on the qualitative research method so tends to reprove the theory of Juche as a distinct ideology under communism on the auspicious occasion of eightieth birth anniversary of **Comrade Kim Jong Il**. For the support and reliability, the study has extracted the references from the secondary sources from various texts of **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il**. Also, the study compares the political situation in Nepal with the Korean Socialist paradigm for the need of change of system in Nepal through the application of knowledge of Juche Philosophy in Nepal.

Methodology

The study takes the base of qualitative method in order to analyze and reproof the theory based on the secondary sources of texts on the related subject matter. The study as is based on the theoretical perspective of Kim Il Sung, goes with the similar backup for the completion and validity of the paper.

Conceptual Framework

The paper focuses on various paradigms of individual and society of Korea in order to crystallize the dimension of Juche Theory authored by leader **Kim Il Sung** that is developed and enriched by his successor **Kim Jong Il** for scientific presentation and application of the theory in the nation. The concepts for the study is built under three perspectives; social perspective, economic anatomy and political apparatus.

Social Perspective

The great Juche idea, the first of its kind in the history of human thought, constitutes the essence of Kimilsungism and, on the basis of it, the revolutionary theories and the method of leadership are integrally systematized. Herein lies its characteristic feature which makes it different from the preceding revolutionary theories of the working class, Kimilsungism is the genuinely right system of

ideology, theory and method which serve as guidelines in making the revolution in our era, Juche era. (Il, 2015, p. 81)

It is true that the theory is built from the life of people and reality of the society under the communism viewpoint that elucidate that classless sovereign society is achieved only through class struggle. The struggle begins in the society; people live and work due to domination and subjugation of the tyrannical rulers in the society. According to Kimilsungism or Juche ideology, the working class individual is the one who has the potentiality to transcend the nature or the paradigm of the society through the consciousness and realization within oneself aiming to the destiny of socialization or liberation. This opinion is the scientific prospective of Kim Il Sung for a real emancipation of the people in the society.

Economic Anatomy

The eight hour day is a labor[sic] discipline stipulated by law. A sufficient amount of materials must be supplied and work organized rationally so that the workers can work eight hours precisely and then go home. In this way the workers will adhere to the principle of an eight hour day, eight - hour study and eight- hour rest" (Sung, 1988, p. 159)

The major issue of development initiates with the issue of economic factor in the nation that is controlled through the labor and wage in the society. The more the earning of people, the more economic freedom they celebrate in the society that leads to economic prosperity in the nation which leads to extension of potentiality of the nation to be independent internationally too.

Under Juche theory, people within twenty-four hours get equal interval of time of eight hours to work, study and spend leisure time. This too means that the state provides employment facility according to the ability, qualification and experience of people in the society. Therefore, the state is responsible for supplement of sufficient goods to the workers in order to create working environment of eight hours a day. So, the prosperity and independency of an individual and the nation depends upon the production in the nation that makes people and its country free from economic disparity that leads to a classless liberal society where none suffer in the nation. Each and every individual enjoy economic stability in the nation where poverty shrink or terminate.

Political Apparatus

The basic principle to be maintained in the modelling[sic] the entire WPK in Kimilsungism is to establish the monolithic ideological and leadership systems thoroughly within the WPK and the fundamental way for it is to develop the WPK into a party of cadres and bring about a new turn in the system and methods of the WPK's work (Il, 2015, p. 83).

The communists believe in a single party system so does **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il** who established WPK (The Worker's Party Korea) in a new systematic paradigm in politics of Korea. The monolithic political system of WPK with the provision of ideological education improvised the technical and cultural level of the nation. **Kim Il Sung** suggests a need for the loyalty in the party and recruitment of high rank officials for the promotion of the political and economic circumstance of the

nation. So, the Juche idea emphasizes an ideological education and loyalty towards the party for the development of organizational ability in the nation.

International Approach" DPR of Korea through the theory of Kimilsungism and Kimjongilism tends to head towards the international independency with national liberation. **Kim Il Sung** through his Juche theory presents the idea of making the people not only free within the nation instead freeing the nation from international interference and international economy.

Improving work with the newly-emergent nations is an important foreign policy of our party at the present moment. Our country has not advanced much so far beyond the range of socialist countries in its foreign relations. From now on it must direct lots of effort to the development of its relations with the newly-emerged nations." (Il, 2015, p. 77)

Kim Jong Il through the foreign policy desires to establish relation with other newly emerged non-imperialist countries while defends against the imperialism and subjugation of the imperialist nations. The Juche theory states an expansion of foreign relation with various nations working for common aspiration and desire of public for achievement of national independence. Such a job is considered to be progressive movement according to the Juche philosophy.

" Modern imperialism is not only the enemy of socialism but also the common enemy of all the progressive people of the world who advocate peace and independence. It is only when the people of socialist countries and all the other progressive people of the world who advocate peace and independence against imperialism. The progressive people of the world must smash every manoeuvre[sic] of the imperialists for division and alienation and unite firmly under the banner of independence against imperialism, firmly under the banner of independence against imperialism, regardless of ideology, system and religion" (Il, 1997, p. 42)

The Juche theory contrasts the imperialism for imperialists subjugate the powerless people or the nation in the world. The theory goes against harsh ideology and the system of controlling people and is beyond the religion that is meant to be opium in the society. The progressive people who stand for peace and independence of self and the nation should decline the operation of imperialism for peace and independence in the country has been one of the principles of Juche theory.

To tie in a nutshell, **Kim Jong Il** with his comprehensive presentation of Juche theory of **Kim Il Sung**, tempts to achieve national liberation within the varieties of criterion or the indicators of development like social, economy and politics defensive of imperialistic notion throughout the world. The major objective of Juche theory is to eradicate and fight against the imperialists for the liberation and equality of people and the nations throughout the world for the progressive development of the individual and nations as well.

Analysis

The Juche theory unlike Marx and Lenin seek for the principle that approaches the need of new era and new generation for the social transformation through technical reinforcement in ranges of sectors. Juche, the theory developed by **Kim Il Sung** while introduced comprehensively by **Kim Jong Il** is meant to be a scientific theory that pursue ideological autonomy, economic self-

sufficiency and military independence from imperial influence in order to achieve the goal of national liberation.

At Kim Il Sung University on May 4, 1962, he explained that the WPK's policy of cooperativizing[sic] agricultural was based on a new theory of social transformation and that the line reforming the economic forms of agriculture along the socialist line prior to technical transformation was Kim Il Sung's historic and unique discovery which has brought about a great change in the development of the theory on social transformation. (Il, 2015, p. 21)

Kim Il Sung's technical transformation in the production sector like agriculture based under the socialist movement brought the transformation in society with the economic development in the nation that was a scientific invention of the theory of Juche by **Kim Il Sung**. **Kim Il Sung's** Juche theory of social revolution turned out to be scientific in the sense that it brought the revolution through actual achievement and transformation of economic crisis through the pragmatic enactment of labor in the nation.

" Taaen[sic] work system, the theory of the nature of labour[sic] in socialist society, the theory on combining the political and moral incentives with material one and the theory on simultaneously building up the economy and defences.[sic] " (Il, 2015, p. 21). In addition, **Kim Il Sung** tend to combine the political and moral provocation with the material content that assisted in the escalation in the sector of economy making the country independent and liberal. The possibility of strength of country relied on the materialization of the notion in the society through the effort of individuals in the nation.

It is obvious that, the socialist nations promise to make people liberal in the society that is isolated from class, caste and religion precisely providing all the fundamental necessities to the people in the society like food, shelter, education, and health owning the whole property by state for individual properties does not exist in such system. There is actually no need for the property as state handles the life of each individual in the nation as in DPR of Korea.

Despite the fact that communist believe in the property owned by the state and do not have access to individual property, the communist leaders in Nepal are not pragmatic to the notion. Here, Nepal's communist parties ; UML(Communist Parties of Nepal), Maoist Centre (Communist Party of Nepal), Rastriya Janamorcha, Nepal Majdoor Kisan Party and Communist Party of Nepal (Marxist- Leninist) 's leaders K.P. Oli, Pushpa Kamal Dahal(Prachanda), Chitra Bahadur KC, Narayan Man Bijukchhe , and Chandra Prakash Mainali respectively own the personal properties in the country Nepal being the followers of communism. Being the followers of communism, they are in fact inclined to the capitalism therefore, there is a need of lesson in Nepal from DPR of Korea for the inclination of political leaders towards the notion of communism and socialism. In fact communist believe that the property is owned by the state despite individual person and the state bears the responsibility of every basic needs of the people in the country from food, shelter, education to health. So, the state has total right to grasp the property of individual people while embraces the responsibility to deliver every prerequisite of individual in the nation.

In totality, Juche theory is a distinct theory that **Kim Il Sung** modeled for economic independency of the state with an imagination of national liberation of the nation as a scientific and distinct theory beyond the theory of Marxism and Leninism perhaps heading towards the establishment of real socialism in DPR of Korea.

Finding

With the analysis of various prospects of knowledge and development like social, economy and politics through the lens of Juche theory developed and introduced by **Kim Il Sung** and **Kim Jong Il** respectively, the analysis brought to the point that the Juche theory is a distinct ideology beside Marxism and Leninism. The theory holding the pragmatic nature builds itself as a scientific based theory leading towards the social transformation through various techniques of economic growth.

The theory not only seeks for the termination of class within the nation instead goes beyond that, longing for liberation of whole nation from the imperialists' domination of the whole world. So, for the scissoring of imperialist rule, the great Juche theory implies the principle of implanting knowledge among the society. With the matter of fact that the theory emphasizes an individual as a major part of the nation that bears the potentiality to transcend the society and the nation through self consciousness and realization, the theory of Juche is confirmed to be a man oriented theory.

To tie in a nutshell, Juche theory of **Kim Il Sung** explored and developed and enriched by Comrade **Kim Jong Il** heeds for the social transformation with respect to the time or era as it is proved to be the scientific theory for it has experimented in the society for the social transformation through the self-realization and consciousness of people .

Conclusion

To conclude, the aspiration of real socialism is tasted through the distinctive contribution and introduction of Juche Theory by Comrade **Kim Jong Il** for his ideological theory in favor of the progressive mankind in order to achieve the banner of victory through the social transformation is peeped through on the promising day of his eightieth birth anniversary. The theory of Juche explored as the theory of scientific era counts the pragmatic execution in the society of DPR of Korea bearing the potentiality of heading the nation towards national liberation.

The theory considered to be the " The Communist Manifesto" of our era is a great gift from the great leader **Kim Il Sung** and his successor **Kim Jong Il** as a profound and unique theory, presents the scientific way of transforming to a classless, economically stable and powerful nation among the world through individual consciousness and realization. As man is the master, holds the ability to put the world under self control with the ability to shape own destination, must be conscious and alert while performing certain activities in the society.

Hence, the destiny of an individual is the result of their presentation through their intellectuality and consciousness for the transformation of nature and society to meet social liberation that is only possible through the social revolution is the main gist of the theory of Juche by President **Kim Il Sung** followed by Comrade **Kim Jong Il**.

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