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As the DPRK and the socialist world join to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Workers’ Party of Korea, allow me to express my sincere gratitude and thanks for participating in this online discussion of the victorious DPRK, Juche idea and independence.

The matter of independence is a serious one. For instance, countries in Africa, save for Western Sahara have gained ‘independence’ from the former colonial masters, however, the facts on the ground show that actually no African country is truly independent. Why? The economic models, socio-political and religious systems in modern Africa are all foreign and imposed. These for long they have failed to work, and for decades we have continued to try out several development ideas and economic models in an attempt to get a fit all solution to unending socio-economic and political problems intentionally created by the former masters to keep a grip on their lost colonies as the face stiff competition from new comers like China, India, Japan, etc.

The reason all these economic models and political systems have failed is because they are not intended to make an African a master of his destiny but a source of cheap labor and the continent a source of cheap or free raw materials, and also to act as guinea pigs in clinical tests for pharmaceuticals to try their drugs, and make a killing by selling the same drugs to us, of course this is after creating the same viruses they are treating.

However, the DPRK concept of Juche, if benchmarked and adopted can fit our social structure, environment, and cultural structures and ensure that our people harness their potential, become masters of their own destinies because it puts man at the center of everything. Juche ideology has been produced wonders in transforming and sustaining DPRK, even under the immense and radical pressure and blockade from the western countries to the point of being a superpower in its own right.

Juche roughly translates to *“self-reliance”* or *“self-mastery”*, is a doctrine which teaches that things should be independent and able to shape their own destiny. The ideology believes that

man is an “agent” with the ability to act. As an agent, he must act to shape and carve out his own destiny and “*must not be subject to the world around him*”.

Juche is a “man-centered ideology” in which the “man is the master of everything and decides everything”. It is the official ideology in the DPR of Korea, which literally means “self-reliance”, and it implies an active subject who turns against its submission to destiny, thereby becoming the architect of its own history.

The experience of the past foreign domination and of today’s actual neo-colonialism by the developed nations has deeply influenced our people’s mentality, and these two elements have contributed to the development of a sense of “wounded ultra-nationalism”. However, with *Juche* ideology, we can motivate our people to change the direction of their destiny, believe in themselves and drop self-pity and inferiority complex suffered by our people for generations.

Juche as an ideology is premised on three key points namely; Political independence, Economic self-sustenance, Self-reliance in defense — this is what Africa needs. With *Juche*, people’s idea of self-reliance in defense and economy will bear fruits.

When it comes to deciding global issues, our leaders are treated like school prefects that just attending UN (school) meetings with school directors and head teacher (real world leaders “USA, UK, France, Germany” etc.) for a photo opportunity and just to pick instructions for fellow students (citizens) to follow and failure to adhere to this may result into (punishment) sanctions and other punitive measures to the prefect (presidents) and the entire student body (citizens). It is very embarrassing when a particular country can veto decisions taken by more than 100 countries, simply because it’s a permanent member of security council created decades ago and yet it has rejected all calls to admit new members into their league especially from African, a continent of more than 50 countries, but has no single member on that council, meanwhile the same council decides security issues of all countries.

Juche stresses that the nation should be ideologically “exclusive” from the rest of the world and that the inhabitants of a nation should formulate an independent “ideological consciousness” accordingly. What this means is that any country should shield itself from the influence of foreign cultures, ideologies and philosophies. To have an “independent ideological consciousness” thus means to think separately from the rest of the world and reject all other ideas, again on the premise that the regime cannot be dominated.

Accordingly, the application of *Juche* idea in state policy entails the following:

1. The people must have independence in thought and politics, economic self-sufficiency, and self-reliance in defense;

2. Policy must reflect the will and aspirations of the masses and employ them fully in revolution and construction
3. Methods of revolution and construction must be suitable to the situation of the country
4. The most important work of revolution and construction is molding people ideologically and mobilizing them toward constructive action, and this is why the early movement system that Uganda's liberators had established in Uganda would have solved its problems, because it was a homegrown system that was responsive to the real local problems, but unfortunately it couldn't be allowed, since it wasn't a patented system by a prominent author from Harvard or Oxford University, and in that way Uganda lost its opportunity for a homegrown solution to local problems.

The Juche outlook also requires absolute loyalty to the party and leader and this should be encouraged by all Africans despite the negative propaganda about it from the foreign forces, who prefer short term periods, or term limits for leaders, they have de-campaigned and name-called countries that have scrapped term limits from their law books, and they are the same people that preach democracy, rights and freedoms.

Therefore, we can go Juche idea and awaken our people's consciousness or perish in our misery yet we are a resource-rich continent with powerless citizens.

Long Live Workers' Party of Korea Solidarity
Long Live DPRK Solidarity.

Thank you.

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