

**WELCOME SPEECH TO THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AFRICA REGIONAL SEMINAR  
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Members of the board of the Africa region,  
International institute of the Juche idea,  
Fellow delegates to this seminar,  
Friends, Ladies & Gentlemen.

Fellow participants it is a joyous moment for Uganda as a country. Let me therefore take this onerous opportunity to echo the warm greetings and welcome you to the Pearl of Africa. In the same breath we wish to salute and thank the members of the Board of Directors for the Africa Committee, and the International Institute on the Study of the Juche Idea for entrusting Uganda with the esteemed responsibility to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference and seminar on the Study of Juche Idea in Kampala. I wish to pledge that the confidence you have in Uganda and in the students of the Juche idea in the country will not be in vain. Together we shall strive to advance the revolutionary cause of Juche to the next stage of man's quest to advance a better future of human kind in shaping the world.

I would like to express my thanks to the NRM government and people of the Republic of Uganda for having enthusiastically welcomed the idea of hosting the African Regional Seminar of the

Juche Idea and for attending the seminar in solidarity with the Directors of the African Committee on Study of Juche Idea.

After having gone through twists and turns for a long time in the past, the Republic of Uganda has been pursuing the path of stability and transformation for nearly 20 years and winning trust and support not only from Africa but from the whole world.

This seminar on the Juche Idea which is being held amidst the great attention and expectation of the Ugandan and African people and the world progressive people will fortify further the people of the region in their struggle for independence and transformation of their societies giving fresh vigor to the study and dissemination of the Juche idea in many countries of the world.

Quoting the great works of J.B. MUKHERJEE, in his article "**The Social, Economic and Political Ideals of the Great President Kim Il Sung (1983)**", President Kim Il Sung was described as one of the great philosopher of the world, illuminating the road for millions of people in the world Independence, a messiah whom the world people held high and in high esteem ....."

For better appreciation of this point let us look at the world before the advance of progressive ideas when domination of mankind was the order of the day.

1. Before the British occupied India, India was contributing 20% of the world's GDP. This was reduced almost to zero at the time of independence in 1947. Since then India is advancing and will be the world leader in IT in 2025.
2. Chinese where reduced to a divided and suppressed people. Since the triumph of their revolution the triumph of the Chinese people is all to see. It will inevitably be the greatest of the world in 2025 with 45 trillion dollars outstripping the US which will be 35

trillion dollars. This will be possible without enslaving and subjugating other people into slavery or extracting wealth from dominated countries.

3. Back home in Africa, Congo (Democratic Republic of Congo) even up to now has not yet settled to attend to the advance of its people began its life as a personal property of King Leopold II with aim of amassing large fortunes for himself under ruthless means symbolized by "chi cotee". At independence the colonial establishment was controlled by 1400 Belgian officials and 3 Congolese. In the 1959/60 school intake, 136 children completed secondary education.
4. In Algeria the French colonial administration was manned by 864 French of whom no more than 8 were manned by the natives. In rural Algeria a thin layer of 250 French administrators exercised unlimited authority of 4,000,000 natives who were illiterate, poor and unemployed. By 1954 Algeria harbored 140 slums to house all the wretched natives with Casbah the hub of the Algeria revolution accommodating 80,000 natives.
5. Coming home in Uganda at the time of independence there were mere 500 (five hundred people) with O – Level and 103 Graduates in a population of 6.5 million. Out of the 103 graduates, there were a few revolutionaries led by the Late John Kakonge who was the only person with a Masters Degree in Economics, who committed intellectual suicide at that time without any provision to mobilize the masses for independence. The British establishment that manned all government and social structures was 19,800 right from the Governor to the lowest catholic parish priest who conducted masses at the village level.

After independence economic resources available for African governments for development was limited. Africa's share of the world's trade was 3%. The manufacturing sector contributed 5% of GDP with transplant of political and social structures.

Having withstood the pangs of human history, Africa now yawns for a new vision and the Juche idea is an appropriate philosophy to examine in detail in their inevitable goal of transforming their societies.

Today KIMILSUNGISM-KIMJONGILISM remains immortal and its guiding principles are what we as the new generation of African scholars strive to uphold and carry forward for a better future of human kind. Today, Uganda is assuming presidency of the Africa Committee on the Study of Juche Idea at the time when Africa more than ever before faces great pressure and challenges on its desire to maintain sovereignty and independence. It is befitting therefore that henceforth the committee embarks on a vigorous dissemination campaign to popularize the Study of Juche, being an idea that truly reflects the demands and aspirations of the African people in our times. This will be the main resolve during the tenure of Uganda's presidency.

The President Elect of the Africa region has visited the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the land of Juche five times. During his fourth visit, he had the greatest honour of being received by President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Juche Idea. Your visits to the DPRK must have helped you to get first hand impression of the reality and brilliant embodiment of the Juche Idea. My last visit in April 2012 was particularly of great revelation, because I got convinced that the Juche Idea is, indeed, the only correct compass to guide mankind in our times. Those of you who attended the World Congress on the Study of Juche Idea in Pyongyang will agree with me that it was indeed befitting to proclaim the Juche as a great scholarly revolutionary ideology henceforth to be studied as Kimilsungism – Kimjongilism. The glorious victories that have been scored by the people of DPRK guided by Juche and the innovative

Songun politics that have indeed kept the fangs of imperialism at bay are no mean achievements.

As we gather in Kampala at the time when Africa more than ever before ought to be concerned about the increasing threats to its independence and sovereignty. The question therefore is: *What should be our source of inspiration? Is there something we can learn from the Juche idea to re enforce our tested decades of resilience against natural and imperialist domination of our people?*

Indeed, the first essential feature of Juche philosophy is that it vehemently defends the independence of man, which it says can be realized only on the basis of cooperation and not domination among all men in society. According to President Kim Il Sung: *“Ignoring independence is tantamount to ignoring man himself..... the history of human civilization shows the struggle of man against slavery and subjugation. We may say that it is the inborn nature of man to live as an independent entity for the development and perfection of his personality. Man has always wanted to live as the master of nature and has always wanted to have a free society, free from subordination....”* (Kim Il Sung Secretary Work Vol. 6, page 258).

Suffice to note that the impact of colonialism and neo-colonial forces on the African mindset has been tremendous. Contrarily to the Juche assumptions on man's desire to live independently in Africa, colonialism and neo-colonialism have bred incredible dependency syndrome that may degenerate into the temptation by imperialists to re-colonize Africa.

Study and internalization of the Juche Idea on independence becomes an imperative liberating / emancipatory dose if Africa is to have renaissance and march on the path of transformation.

Let me use this onerous opportunity to reiterate the strategic distortions which the African renaissance ought to address.

1. The first is ideological disorientation characterized by a pitiful slave and colonial mindset;
2. incredible technological backwardness that leads to lack of innovation and very low productive capacity with pre-industrial mode of production;
3. balkanization of the continent;
4. Negligible and muzzled private sector; and
5. Poor governance.

Fellow delegates, the agent of the above distortion has been and still is imperialism that has refused to live the world stage despite failure to uplift the bulk of its people and guide a single country to transformation as we can point to India, China and Korea as we see them now. According to Chango Macho, a senior scholar of the Juche Idea, Africa's danger is summarized in the following categorical terms:

- a) **Africa condemned to fossilization**, this is according to U.S National Intelligence Council (NIC) which contends that the problems of underdevelopment facing Africa today indicate that it is a hopeless case and therefore be marginalized deliberately;
- b) **Globalisation as a monster; increased exploitation** through the so-called Aid". According to Chango Machyo, in one decade between 1980-90, Africa actually financed the West to the tune of US \$271 billion only in debt servicing while it only received US \$214 billion in loans aid grants, and
- c) **Education and ideological penetration**, which in his view has seen Africa's youths being prepared to despise productive labour and the masses, parents and teachers whom they brand illiterate; imperialist sponsored education promotes/

produces intellectually dysfunctional elite which is a big obstacle to mental liberation and hence socio-economic, political and cultural liberation.

The lessons we draw from the Juche philosophy are very instructive if we are to address the distortions outlined above. A philosophy which reinstates a sense of self-pride and independent identity is a powerful tool for reorienting the African mindset. Once the orientation is correct, the transformation process follows suit, for man then becomes the master of everything.

Indeed today the African people have liberated the whole continent from the crude colonial rule. Having achieved independence the next struggle is for pursuing transformation and creating a new life in order not to become slaves again and to defend our independent rights gained through our own efforts.

Pursuant to the spirit of complete decolonization, the new breed of African leaders has demonstrated that it is possible to independently get home grown solutions for African problems. This was ably demonstrated in the peace processes in:

- **South Sudan,**
- **Burundi,**
- **Liberia,** and now in
- **Somalia** through AMISOM

We as Uganda are proud to be closely associated with the above process.

The African countries are achieving successes in economic development holding aloft the banner of self-reliance. In recent years, H.E. President Museveni referred to the fact that Uganda's economy has been growing at the rate of 3.4% at the height of the

economic and financial collapse in the US and Europe, despite the difficulties caused by the **all to see tremors** of the economic and financial collapse in Europe and the US. Regional trade and the tasks of establishing the modern processing industries are on the increase. This is a clear demonstration that the African countries are capable of attaining a high rate of economic growth provided that they put their priorities right and pursue them independent and free from the meddling of the so called partners.

Many countries in the region are making efforts to transform the continent under the banner of regional blocks.

The 20<sup>th</sup> summit meeting of the states and governments of the AU held in January this year under the theme of Pan-Africanism and Revival of Africa discussed the ways to settle the regional disputes by the region itself and decrease the dependency upon the “aid” of the West in developing the continent. This is a proof of validity of the cause of independence chosen by the African people and the clear demonstration of their invariable will to bring about peace and prosperity by themselves.

Today, Africa is advancing with confidence along the road of regional peace and stability, unity and development with its own efforts.

Fellow delegates, we should hold high the banner of **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism** to guide us build an independent and peaceful new Africa at the earliest.

Respected **Kim Jong Un** said that **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism** is an integral system of the idea, theory and method of Juche, and a great revolutionary ideology that represents the Juche era.



In particular, the Songun idea that is to destroy the moves of all imperialist machinations by dint of arms is a guideline illuminating the ways to defend national independence, safeguard stability of Africa and peace of the world.

All the successes achieved by the Korean people in the efforts to defend national independence and dignity and build a thriving nation against the aggressive moves of the hostile forces including the US prove the validity and invincible vitality of **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism** and give great encouragement to the African people.

The struggle of the Korean people to defend independence and dignity of the country and nation tells how serious and dear price they pay for the struggle. This also tells that justice emerges victorious in their struggle and the fair international order free from imperialist domination and subordination is not only advanced but can be established.

At present, the most important task of the countries in the region in building a new Africa is to build independent Africa for the African people themselves.

It is the most important issue for stability and transformation of Africa at present to oppose and reject the imperialists' domination and interference.

We should resolve as Juche adherents that people thoroughly oppose and reject arbitrariness, interference and aggressive moves of the imperialists.

At present, unity and cooperation are the powerful weapon of the African people.

Let us support and uphold all the initiatives to develop and consolidate regional blocs especially the AU, the East African Community, the West African Community (ECOWAS), the Southern African Community and the common market of the eastern and southern Africa (SADDAC).

Great successes have been scored in the study and dissemination of the Juche idea in Africa since the first group for the study of the Juche idea was formed in Mali in the 1960s, though failure to grasp the essentials of the Juche idea has led to a humiliating situation in our sister country.

We wish and are convinced that this seminar will be an epochal occasion in the study and dissemination of **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism**.

The study and dissemination of **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism** should be conducted in close combination with the practical efforts for the independent development of Africa and the forms and methods be continuously improved in keeping with the changing realities.

In the study and dissemination of **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism**, we should not only study academically but also pay attention to find out the proper ways for solving the problems arising in the development of Africa. This work should be done in a creative way according to the concrete conditions of different countries, as knowledge comes from practice and practice in a concrete situation makes knowledge perfect and easy to apply.

It is important to regularly organize seminars, study and reading sessions and lecture meetings on different occasions and increase

the effectiveness of the study and dissemination through the modern methods such as websites and other Internet facilities.

We should enlist in the organizations of the broad masses of the people including political leaders, academicians, the students and youths in a planned way. It is important to consolidate the relations between the Regional Committee for the Study of the Juche Idea and the study groups in different countries and establish the full-fledged work system. It is imperative to train the hard cores in the field of theory, encourage them to discharge their role with a high sense of responsibility and increase the independence of each study group.

The responsibility and role of the **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism** adherents is very important in the efforts for the future of Africa.

When we, the disseminators of a progressive ideology and the pioneers of the times advance with confidence in one van along the road illuminated by the **Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism**, we are sure that the African people will steadily reap the fruits of independence, transformation and prosperity.

I thank you Comrades.

LONG LIVE **KIMILSUNGISM-KIMJONGILISM!**

LONG LIVE THE INDEPENDENT AND transformed AFRICA!