

Let Us Exalt the Brilliance of Comrade Kim Il Sung's Idea on the Youth Movement and the Achievements made under his Leadership

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Today all our young men and women are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the youth day with a high sense of pride and honor of being the young vanguard that carries forward the noble, revolutionary cause of Juche and full of confidence in victory.

The youth day is a revolutionary festival that demonstrates our young people's determination and will to safeguard and add brilliance to the great achievements made by the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung for the youth movement and to develop this movement onto a new higher stage under the party's leadership.

Under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the young people of Korea have traversed a glorious road of struggle for their country and revolution, a proud road of victory, and have made a brilliant new history of the Juche-orientated youth movement.

Carrying forward and developing the glorious traditions of this movement is a noble duty our young men and women have now assumed before the present times and the revolution. Advancing along the road of Juche illuminated by the great Comrade Kim Il Sung is the way for the Korean youth movement to acquire an unconquerable strength and a broad vista, and for our youths to feel honor and happiness and look into a bright future. All our young men and women must successfully fulfil their mission and duties as the young vanguard and as the successors to the revolution in the struggle to accomplish the Juche revolutionary cause in loyal support of our party's leadership. By so doing they will exalt the honor of the Korean youths and display their revolutionary mettle higher.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung pioneered and led the Juche-orientated youth movement in Korea.

He opened up a new epoch of the youth movement in our country and led it to develop vigorously along absolutely correct lines. From the first days of his revolutionary activities he regarded the youth question as an important matter vital to the success in the revolution and the destiny of the nation. On the strength of his outstanding thought and leadership he gave intelligent guidance to the youth movement and made imperishable accomplishments.

On the basis of the principles of the Juche idea, Comrade Kim Il Sung defined the young people as a fresh militant contingent that constitutes the driving force of the revolution, and as a powerful force that propels social progress.

Comrade Kim Il Sung viewed the young people as successors to the revolutionary cause and elucidated that they were entrusted with the honorable mission to take over and continue the revolution.

Comrade Kim Il Sung regarded the revolutionary education and training of the younger generation as the key to the youth problem and stressed this work as the main task of the youth movement.

How the young people develop and which way the youth movement takes depend on how the young people are guided, educated and trained. If the youth movement of our times is to be a revolutionary one, it must receive the leadership of the working-class party and its leader and serve the cause of independence for the popular masses. The idea that the working-class party should take a grip on youth work and educate and train young people on revolutionary lines is fundamental to the solution of the youth problem.

The idea and theory of the Juche-orientated youth movement are new ones that distinguish themselves from the previous theory which confined the role of youth and students to the role of a bridge, the role of enlightening the masses and guiding them to the revolutionary movement and viewed young people as an auxiliary to the revolutionary force. Thanks to the original idea and theory of the youth movement evolved by Comrade Kim Il Sung, the youth movement has developed into a mass movement embracing broad and different sections of the young population and opened a new chapter of history in its development as a powerful component of the revolutionary cause to realize the independence of the popular masses.

He started with work among young people in his revolutionary activities and pioneered the path of the Korean revolution by the youth movement. He awakened the young people who were not affected with outmoded ideological trends to their mission and duty to their country and revolution, rallied them into revolutionary organizations and led them to commit themselves to the revolutionary struggle for the independence of the popular masses. Under his energetic guidance and revolutionary education a large number of young communists emerged from the new generation to form the backbone of the ranks of the revolution against the Japanese and played the vanguard role in the sacred war of national liberation.

The great Comrade Kim Il Sung treasured young people and trained them into genuine communist revolutionaries in the bloody anti-Japanese war. This exploit and the experience he gained in the course of this are precious wealth of our revolution and a very valuable foundation for the development of the Korean youth movement.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our youth movement developed to a new stage after liberation. Comrade Kim Il Sung clearly indicated the road

to be followed by the liberated Korean youth. He put forward the line of building a mass youth organization and thus united young people from all walks of life in a single youth organization under the banner of building a new country. By doing so he made it possible to prevent the disruption of the youth movement and enabled young people from all social strata to turn out as one in the building of a new society even in a very complicated situation. Comrade Kim Il Sung set it as an important task of the youth movement to train young people into ideologically sound and well-qualified builders of socialism in conformity with the in-depth development of the revolution and construction. He gave an intelligent guidance so that young people tempered themselves still more through ideological education, organizational life and their actual revolutionary activities and that the youth league satisfactorily carried out its duty and played its role as an organization for ideological education.

Comrade Kim Il Sung first considered the aspirations and requirements of young people and saw that their ideals and wishes were realized when he discussed important affairs of the party and state and put forward even a single policy. He did everything possible to train young people into the excellent pillars of the country and the masters of the future.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said that training young people to be ideologically and morally sound is the greatest love for them. When modern revisionists were creating illusions about imperialism and making the rising generation ideologically and morally corrupt, he devoted all his efforts to intensifying anti-imperialist and anti-revisionist education as well as revolutionary education so that our children and youth were not infected by evil ideas and trends. The slogan "love the future " was the revolutionary creed of Comrade Kim Il Sung who, with firm belief in the prospect of the revolution and in the future, devoted all his life to the future and our younger generation. This slogan reflects Comrade Kim Il Sung's noble intention and his great personality.

Indeed, the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is the great father of our children and youth who, showing affection for them, trained them in a revolutionary way and devoted his all to the rising generation. He is the best model of a communist revolutionary.

Comrade Kim Il Sung attached great importance to the problem of youth in the revolution and construction and saw that preferential efforts were put into preparing them as heirs to the revolution. The intelligence and farsightedness of his leadership are proved ever more clearly by the history of the socialist movement. Already in those days when the question of the replacement of one generation by another was not put to the fore as yet in carrying out the socialist cause, Comrade Kim Il Sung intelligently saw through the key importance of the revolutionary education and training of the third and fourth generations of the revolution in carrying forward and accomplishing the Juche cause. He put great efforts into getting the third and fourth generations of the revolution to inherit the noble revolutionary spirit and loyalty to the revolution from the first and second generations.

Thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung's farsighted leadership, a sure guarantee has been provided in our country for the socialist cause to advance vigorously through the generations. In many countries which had been building socialism, the socialist cause

encountered twists and turns and met frustration. This is mainly because in the past these countries neglected and did not pay attention to the revolutionary education and training of young people and, as a result, reliable reserves of the revolution were not prepared to succeed to the first and second generations with the change of generations.

Under the intelligent guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean youth movement has dynamically advanced along the road of Juche, and our young people have performed lasting exploits for the country and the revolution, for our times and history.

Today the traits of our young people are quite laudable. They regard it as the highest honor and revolutionary duty to return the love and trust of the party and the leader by remaining faithful and dutiful as their true sons and daughters. Even in the severe situation in which socialism is experiencing trials in the international arena and imperialists are intensifying anti-socialist and anti-DPRK maneuvers more than ever before, they are following the road of socialism steadfastly under the leadership of the party, holding aloft the red flag of the revolution. Unfailing faithfulness to the party and the leader, the spirit of devoted service for the motherland and fellow people, noble moral obligation for the revolutionary forerunners and comrades, a strong sense of organization and discipline, diligence and simplicity--these are the characteristics of the young people of Korea who have been educated and trained by the great leader and great party.

Having the ranks of revolutionary and militant young people Comrade Kim Il Sung educated and trained is a source of great pride for our party and people and, because of these fine young people, our party and country are powerful and our revolution is ever-victorious.

Our party, inheriting the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung's idea of attaching importance to young people, loves and treasures them dearly and has put it forward as an important strategic policy in carrying forward and consummating the revolutionary cause of Juche to develop youth movement and enhance the role of young people. "Love young people"--this is a new slogan our party advanced to instill strength and confidence in the young people and bring them up to be more wonderful driving force of the revolution upholding the ennobling will of the respected Comrade Kim Il Sung.

As required by our developing revolution and youth movement, our party adopted an important measure of renaming the league of socialist working youth of Korea Kim Il Sung socialist youth league. This historic measure is a vivid reflection of the unshakable will of our party and the unanimous desire of our young people to defend and add glory to the undying exploits the great Comrade Kim Il Sung performed for the development of youth movement and inherit and consummate his cause down through posterity despite the change of generations in the revolution.

Our youth league should remain eternally the youth organization of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the youth movement in our country should develop along the road he indicated to be a Juche-orientated youth movement.

Young people should become unfailingly faithful and filial sons and daughters of the party and the leader.

Our young people of today and all the youth of future generations should revere Comrade Kim Il Sung as the great leader and great father, defend his idea and achievements and champion his cause to the last with the single mind of faithfulness and filial piety.

Safeguarding our party and following its leadership with loyalty is a fundamental guarantee for inheriting and consummating with success Comrade Kim Il Sung's cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche.

Our party's leadership is the lifeline of our youth movement and young people.

The ranks of our youth should become our party's militant corps of vanguards who defend it in the van and, rallied firmly around it, carry out its ideas and policies.

Young people must be a staunch champion, powerful builder and reliable defender of socialism who are safeguarding and developing our socialism of Juche.

When socialism is made degenerate and the trend of bourgeois liberalism prevails, the younger generation becomes ideologically and mentally unsound before anyone else and leads a decadent life. When socialism has collapsed and capitalism has been restored, the rising generation becomes the most wretched victims and falls into the most miserable condition.

Young people must be clearly aware of the anti-popular character and depravity of capitalist society and thoroughly reject any illusions about capitalism. All our young men and women must have a firm belief in our socialism of Juche and fulfil their responsibility and play their role to the full to champion, build and defend socialism.

Defending socialism resolutely is an honorable task of the youth of our country. Nowadays, owing to the pernicious anti-socialist offensive of the imperialists and the nasty trick of the betrayers of socialism, socialism is going through a trial and its image has been seriously damaged. Socialism in our country was born, rose up and has consolidated and developed into an invincible power in the severe struggle against the imperialists, the reactionary forces, revisionism and opportunism and through all kinds of hardships and grave ordeals. The Juche-orientated socialism, whose advantage and viability have been verified in the revolutionary practice, has struck deep roots in the minds of our people.

Young people must highly value and ardently love socialism, the lifeblood of our people, and smash every attempt of the imperialists and reactionaries to disintegrate our socialism. They must sharpen their vigilance against the infiltration of all manner of anti-socialist ideas and bourgeois mode of life, reject them categorically and staunchly defend the socialist ideology and our socialist system from the abuses, slanders and subversive moves by the enemies of socialism.

The struggle for socialist construction is the most worthwhile for the young people. They must display their youthful strength and wisdom to the full in socialist construction to make their country and fatherland ever more prosperous and add luster to the Juche-orientated socialism.

Defending the socialist fatherland is the noblest of all duties and the highest honor devolving on the young people. All our young people must regard it as the greatest honor to take up arms to protect their country. They must be reliable defenders who support our party and defend the security of their fatherland and people with arms. Following the examples set by the heroes and heroines who performed great exploits by dedicating their youth and life unhesitatingly to the fight to destroy the aggressors and defend the country during the fatherland liberation war, our young people must defend the socialist fatherland impregably and deter any aggressors from threatening the security of our fatherland and people.

The young people must be the vanguard in the struggle for national reunification.

The young people must turn out vigorously in the nationwide struggle to hasten the independent and peaceful reunification of the country. In this struggle all the young Koreans in the north, south and abroad must closely unite. In ardent support of the ten-point program for the great unity of the whole nation set forth by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our young people must strengthen unity with the young compatriots in south Korea and abroad and give active support and encouragement to their just patriotic struggle for national reunification.

The young people must acquire noble moral qualities as true human beings.

Our young people must cherish loyalty to the party and leader as their unshakable revolutionary faith, unstained conscience and noble obligation, and unite solidly behind the party not only in ideology and will but also under moral obligation. Young people must know how to subordinate their individual interests to social and collective interests and display a high sense of loyalty and devotion in the communal labour and activities for society and collective. They must value their organization, love their comrades and establish genuine comradeship whereby they help and lead each other forward and firmly unite with each other within social community and organization.

Young people must become men of ability equipped with modern science and technology.

Young scientists and technicians should adhere to the Juche-orientated stand so as to develop science and technology to meet the realities of our country and create modern science and technology one after another.

In order to bring up young people to be a young vanguard of our party and reliable heirs to the revolution, we must strengthen the youth league and enhance its function and role still further.

The youth league must develop unity and cooperation with the world's progressive young people who are aspiring after independence, in conformity with the ideals of independence, peace and friendship, and must actively support and encourage the youth of all countries in their just struggle for sovereignty, independence, peace and socialism.

The role of educational institutions must be further enhanced in training the youth.

Educational institutions must regard the Juche-orientated educational idea and policy of our party as a firm guide and continue to improve and strengthen educational work in conformity with the mission of socialist education and the requirements of the educational theses, and thus train young students and schoolchildren to become ardent revolutionaries and able men.

The entire party, state and society must pay attention to the training of young people.

Party organizations must further intensify party guidance of work among the youngsters. All the party organizations and party officials must conduct the work of training them on revolutionary lines responsibly, tirelessly and substantially. State bodies and social organizations must work hard to provide social environment and material and cultural conditions for an efficient political, ideological, scientific, technological, and physical training of the younger generation. Families must also pay close concern to the education and edification of their children. In this work state bodies, social organizations, schools and families must, under the guidance of party organizations, fulfil their responsibility and cooperate with each other.

It is very important in this work to create revolutionary atmosphere and spirit in society. We must thoroughly establish working-class and socialist principles and order in all spheres of state and social life and ensure that a sound and revolutionary climate prevails in the whole society so that the youth and children grow up under good, revolutionary influence at all times. In addition, we must take thorough measures to protect our youth and children from the infiltration of all sorts of unsound, corrupt and reactionary ideas and culture.

The future of our young people, who are exalting the brilliance of Comrade Kim Il Sung's idea on the youth movement and the achievements made under his leadership, following our party, is bright and the Korean youth movement will always triumph.

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