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MARXISM-LENINISM AND
THE JUCHE IDEA

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It is more than a century since the days of Karl Marx, the great leader of the international working class and the author of the scientific communist theory. Karl Marx made a great contribution to the liberation cause of mankind, and because of his immortal exploits his name is still enshrined in the hearts of the working class and peoples of all countries.

Marx’s career was that of a prominent thinker and theoretician, a great revolutionary. It was he who ushered in the epoch of the international communist movement and made a radical change in the struggle for the freedom and liberation of the working class and popular masses. Progressive mankind will remember for ever his brilliant career and great services to the sacred revolutionary cause for the working class and other working people.

Marx’s greatest contribution to mankind lies in the fact that he advanced Marxism which provided the working class with a powerful ideological and theoretical weapon of liberation struggle.

The revolutionary idea of the working class emerges as the reflection of the demand of the times and the aspirations of the popular masses.

In the first half of the 19th century capitalism developed rapidly in many European countries. As it flourished it harshly exploited and oppressed the working class. Therefore, the working class rose in the struggle against exploitation and oppression by capital.

This struggle required a revolutionary idea and theory as its guideline. The requirement was met by Marx when he,
together with Engels, evolved Marxism which represented the aspirations and interests of the working class.

Marx critically examined the contemporary progressive ideas and theories including the classic philosophy of Germany, the classic political economy of Britain and the Utopian socialist theory of France, and analysed the contradictions of capitalist society. On this basis he clarified the principles of dialectical and historical materialism, advanced the theories of surplus value, proved the inevitability of the downfall of capitalism and the triumph of communism, and turned socialism from Utopia into science.

Thanks to Marx’s outstanding contribution, the working class could have their own scientific world outlook for the first time, understand the law of social development and see the road they should follow in attaining class emancipation and building a bright new society.

Basing himself on the analysis of the class relations of capitalist society, Marx defined that the working class was the most advanced and revolutionary class with a mission to abolish the domination of capital, put an end to exploitation of man by man once and for all and build a new, communist society. He elucidated that the struggle of the working class against the capitalist class would inevitably bring about the dictatorship of the proletariat. The Marxist idea on the class struggle and the proletarian dictatorship served as a powerful weapon in the struggle of the working class to attain class emancipation and realize communism.

The establishment of Marxism was an epoch-making event in the revolutionary struggle of the working class. It led the working class and the labouring masses to a new era when they fought for freedom and liberation, for socialism and communism, with scientific revolutionary theory, strategy
Marx not only provided the working class and other exploited working people with the weapon for their liberation struggle at the dawn of proletarian revolution, but also paved the way for it by personally taking part in the revolutionary struggle.

Marx energetically worked to link scientific socialism with the working-class movement, and zealously struggled against capitalism for the liberation of the working class.

Marx proved the need to form a vanguard detachment of the working class in their revolutionary struggle, and exerted great efforts for the building of a party. He organized the Communist League and published the Communist Manifesto which he drew up together with Engels. Thus he initiated the communist movement of the working class who fought under the leadership of a revolutionary party with a scientific programme. The founding of the First International by Marx enabled the working class to wage the revolutionary struggle more energetically, cementing international solidarity.

The revolutionary cause of the working class has emerged victorious through fierce struggles against all class enemies. From the outset the bourgeoisie and their servants resorted to every means to exterminate Marxism with bitterest hatred. In the whole period of his revolutionary activity Marx uncompromisingly combatted bourgeois reactionaries and all shades of opportunists, thus defending the revolutionary cause of the working class and paving the way for its triumph.

Long strides have been made in historical progress and radical changes effected in the appearance of the world since Marx’s days. Marxian doctrine has been inherited and applied by the communists and revolutionary people of the world, and Marxism has constantly developed.
Lenin took over the cause of Marx and propounded Leninism by developing Marxism creatively to suit the new historical conditions in the period of imperialism and proletarian revolution. Thanks to Leninism the October Socialist Revolution emerged victorious and the first state of proletarian dictatorship was born. Marxism-Leninism, the working class’s revolutionary ideology originated by Marx and developed by Lenin, gave a strong impetus to the revolutionary struggle of the international working class and the cause of the popular masses for liberation.

Today socialism has triumphed in many countries of the world and hundreds of millions of people in Asia, Africa and Latin America have freed themselves from imperialist and colonial rule and oppression and are creating a new life. This is a great change made in the cause of communism, the revolutionary cause of the working class, and a historic victory won by the communists, revolutionaries and revolutionary peoples in many countries at the cost of their blood.

In a revolutionary movement of the working class, the leader plays the decisive role. As early as the initial period in the history of the international communist movement this valuable truth was proved by the activities of Marx. If Marx, the first leader of the working class, had not founded Marxism for the international working class, they would have groped in darkness, not knowing their historic mission, nor could they have triumphed in their revolutionary struggles. If Lenin had not advanced Leninism, the theory, strategy and tactics of proletarian revolution in the age of imperialism, and aroused the Russian working class to struggle, the first socialist state in the world could never have appeared.

As it was the case with the communist movement in the
past, so at the present and in the future, too, the revolutionary cause of the working class will advance triumphantly under the guidance of the leader.

In the days of Japanese imperialist colonial rule Marxism-Leninism heralded the dawn to the struggle of the Korean communists and people for national and social emancipation.

In the early years of his revolutionary leadership in our country, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung brilliantly pioneered the victorious path of the communist and national-liberation movements under the banner of Marxism-Leninism.

Since revolutionary movements take place in different historical backgrounds and on different specific scenes, the communists in each country must apply the general principles of Marxism-Leninism in conformity with the conditions of the times and the specific realities of their country and develop the revolutionary theory in keeping with new requirements of the developing revolution.

By founding the Juche idea while showing the road to revolution through a creative application of Marxism-Leninism to the realities of our country, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung paved the way to develop our revolution independently.

In a nutshell, the Juche idea means that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of people and that they are also the motive force of the revolution and construction.

Since the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses of people, they should adhere to the position of masters in the revolution and construction and fulfil the role as such.

In order to adhere to the position of masters, the masses of
people should maintain an independent stand.

The revolutionary movement is a struggle to defend the Chajusong of the popular masses and, accordingly, it calls for the maintenance of an independent stand. Only when they stick to this stand can the masses solve all problems arising in the revolution and construction in their interests and safeguard the right as masters in the revolution and construction and discharge their responsibility. If they are to maintain an independent stand, they must implement the principle of Juche in ideology, independence in politics, self-support in the economy and self-reliance in national defence.

In order to fulfil the role as masters in the revolution and construction, the masses of people should maintain a creative stand.

The revolutionary movement is a creative movement of the masses and, accordingly, it calls for the maintenance of a creative stand. Only when they adhere to this stand can the masses display their creative power to the full and find ways and means suited to the realities, thus pushing forward the revolution and construction with energy. For maintaining a creative stand, one should apply the principle of solving all problems in keeping with one’s actual conditions on the strength of the masses’ creative power.

If we are to get the masses of people to adhere to the position of masters in the revolution and construction and fulfil the role as such, we must direct our foremost attention to their thoughts.

The independent ideological consciousness of the popular masses plays a decisive role in the revolutionary movement and, accordingly, this movement demands that we put stress on ideology. Only when we awaken and arouse ideologically the working masses, the masters of the revolution and
construction, can we rapidly ripen the revolution and actively carry it out. In order to enhance the role of ideological consciousness in the revolution and construction, we should implement the principle of keeping ideological remoulding, political work, ahead of all other activities.

The Juche-oriented stand and principles clarified by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung conform with the principles of the communist movement and Marxism-Leninism.

The communist movement is a struggle for Chajusong, to free the people from all forms of subordination and restriction; it is a movement waged by the communists and people independently in accordance with their own conviction. Adhering to the standpoint of Juche in the revolution and construction fully agrees with this essential character of the communist movement. Now that the struggle for communism is waged with each national state as a unit, the adherence to the Juche-based stand is more urgently demanded. If the communists successfully carry out the revolution in their country from the standpoint of Juche, they will be able to better contribute to the strengthening of the international revolutionary forces and to the promotion of the victory of world revolution.

Marxism-Leninism which clarified the working class’s theory, strategy and tactics of revolutionary struggle is not a dogma but a guide to action. To adhere to the Juche standpoint in the revolution and construction conforms with the essential character of Marxism-Leninism as a creative doctrine. Only through a correct application of Marxism-Leninism from the standpoint of Juche, can the communists display its might to the full and further enrich its treasure house by creating new revolutionary theories.

In the course of leading the Korean revolution the great
leader Comrade Kim Il Sung gave scientific answers to all problems arising in the revolution and construction on the basis of the Juche idea and systematized the Juche ideology, theory and method in an all-round way. All his ideology, theory and method proceed from the Juche principles and embody them. In this sense, we call Comrade Kim Il Sung’s ideology, theory and method the Juche idea.

The Juche idea is a brilliant fruit of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung’s ideological and theoretical activities which cover more than half a century; it is an ideological and theoretical crystallization of the Korean revolution. The Juche idea gives a full systematization of the thoughts and theories which have been developed, enriched and newly advanced in the course of revolutionary struggle under the banner of Marxism-Leninism, and it contains scientific answers to new problems raised by the revolution and construction in our era. Only when we advance along the road indicated by the Juche idea, can we overcome all shades of opportunism and staunchly uphold the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism, correctly solve all new problems raised by the times and the developing revolution and brilliantly accomplish the cause of communism.

The history of the Korean revolution is a history of the application and all-out victory of the great Juche idea.

By adhering to this idea as our steadfast guiding principle, we have been able to carry on victoriously the revolution and construction without any deviation.

In accordance with the Juche-oriented line of armed struggle put forward by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our people waged a heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle, defeated the Japanese imperialists and
achieved the historic cause of national liberation. After liberation they, under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, implemented the Juche-oriented revolutionary line and thereby thoroughly carried out the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution in the northern half of the Republic and converted it into a powerful base of the Korean revolution. On this basis, they won a great victory in the fierce Fatherland Liberation War against the invasion of the US imperialists. By applying the Juche idea we solved most correctly all problems arising in the socialist revolution and construction after the war and changed in a short time our once backward country into a powerful socialist state which is independent, self-supporting and self-reliant in defence.

Today our revolution is developing onto a new, high phase and a brighter vista is opened up before our people who are advancing towards communism.

Since the time the scientific theory of communism was established by Marx, mankind has waged an uninterrupted struggle to realize an ideal communist society, and today communism is not a cherished desire which will come true in a distant future, but it is on the order of the day as a practical task.

On the basis of Marxism-Leninism and the Juche idea, our Party has solved correctly theoretical and practical questions arising in communist construction, thus vigorously promoting the revolution and construction in accordance with scientific strategy and militant policy.

Our Party set forth the theory on capturing the ideological and material fortresses of communism and the theory on the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions and thus clearly elucidated the basic strategical objectives of commu-
nist construction and the ways of its realization.

If we are to build a communist society, we must seize the material fortress of communism without fail. In other words, we must highly develop the productive forces to lay the material and technical foundations of communism and to establish a single communist ownership. Only then can we apply the communist principle of “From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs”, which Marx put forward a long time ago.

In order to build a communist society, we must secure the ideological fortress as well. That is to say, every member of society should be revolutionized, working-classized and intellectualized to be a harmoniously developed communist man. People are the masters of society. So, only when they are educated into comprehensively developed communist men, can they successfully build socialism and communism and run the communist society properly.

The people’s ideological and moral life and material life constitutes two aspects of social life and the Chajusong of the working masses should be realized in these two spheres. In order to realize the Chajusong of the popular masses completely, therefore, we should attain both the ideological and material fortresses of communism without fail.

Our Party’s programme of modelling the whole society on the Juche idea is a great programme for the building of communism. It enables us to take the ideological and material fortresses of communism with success by transforming men, society and nature in accordance with the Juche idea and fully realize Chajusong for the working masses.

The ideological, technical and cultural revolutions constitute our Party’s consistent strategic line for moulding the whole society after the Juche idea and for building
The line of these three revolutions represents the steadfast stand of our Party to complete the cause of socialism and communism.

The victory of the socialist revolution and the establishment of the socialist system mark a historical turning point in the revolutionary struggle of the working class, in accomplishing the cause of socialism and communism. But these do not mean the completion of the revolution on any account.

With the establishment of the socialist system, class antagonism is abolished, but class distinctions still exist. The class distinctions in socialist society are those between the working class and the peasantry, the two main friendly classes, and these distinctions emanate from the differences between public and cooperative property, the two forms of socialist ownership.

The establishment of the socialist system also brings about a fundamental change in the character of labour, which becomes a matter of honour. But labour does not yet become a primary requirement of life, and differences in labour remain. The differences in labour in socialist society find expression mainly in the distinctions between physical and mental labour, between heavy and light labour and between industrial and agricultural labour.

The establishment of the socialist system wipes out the sources of exploitation and poverty once and for all, but the distinctions still exist in the material and cultural standards of the members of society.

The cause of various differences including class distinctions remaining in socialist society consists in the ideological, technical and cultural backwardness, the legacy of the old

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society. Because of this ideological, technical and cultural backwardness and various differences including class distinctions, the socialist society differs from the high stage of communism and assumes a transitional character.

Of course, this transitional character is not an essential feature of socialist society. The essential quality of socialist society is represented precisely by its communist character. This is because socialist society is based on collectivism, and comradely cooperation and unity form the basis of social relations.

Building and completing a socialist society is a process of strengthening the communist character of this society and overcoming its transitional character. This requires that all policies be carried out in consideration of and conformity with both the communist and transitional characters of this society in building socialism.

In view of the essential superiority and the characteristics of socialist society, it is important to pursue a correct, unbiased policy which emphasizes political and moral incentives to the working people and properly combines these with their material incentives in socialist construction, which actively puts into effect communist measures and adheres strictly to the socialist principle of distribution according to the quality and quantity of work done, and which correctly combines the voluntary enthusiasm of the working people with control of them.

If a policy is formulated solely on the basis of the communist character of socialist society by ignoring its transitional character, and vice versa, it may result in Leftist and Rightist errors.

If we are to build a communist society by overcoming the transitional character of socialist society, we must continue to
carry on the revolutions to abolish the ideological, technical and cultural backwardness.

The ideological, technical and cultural revolutions are the continuation of the revolution under socialism and its advancement to a new higher stage. The revolution for Chajusong of the working class and working masses, which started with the struggle to overthrow the old exploiting system, is carried forward to the struggle in socialist society to eliminate the ideological, technical and cultural backwardness, the legacy of the old society, and is completed through this struggle. Only when we carry out these three revolutions will we be able to abolish the ideological, technical and cultural backwardness and the incidental class distinctions between the working class and the peasantry and the differences in labour and the material and cultural standards, and to meet all essential requirements of communist society.

In carrying out the three revolutions our Party adheres to the principle of giving definite precedence to the ideological revolution and vigorously pushing ahead with the technical and cultural revolutions simultaneously.

Only when we give priority to the ideological revolution will we be able to remodel the ideological consciousness of the people and turn them into communist men and successfully carry out economic and cultural construction by giving full play to the revolutionary zeal of the working people. Unless we continue to intensify the ideological revolution, obsolete ideas may revive in the minds of people, capitalist ideas may infiltrate from the outside, and people’s revolutionary enthusiasm may cool down gradually as they are freed from worries about food, clothing and housing with the improvement of their standard of living. The neglect of the ideological revolution will in the long run produce grave consequences in
Therefore, we must never slight the ideological revolution but ceaselessly intensify it in building socialism and communism.

Our Party has given definite precedence to the ideological revolution in revolution and construction, and energetically struggled to carry it out, bringing about a fundamental change in the ideological and moral qualities of the people and in their way of life. The whole society is pervaded with the Juche idea and is vibrant with a revolutionary way of life and work. All our working people are struggling devotedly for the Party and the revolution, the country and the people and for the society and the collective, with infinite loyalty to the Party and the leader.

But in order to educate and remould all members of society into true communist men and stimulate their revolutionary enthusiasm ceaselessly, we must continue to intensify the ideological revolution.

The main task confronting us today in implementing the ideological revolution is to educate and remould all members of society thoroughly into communist revolutionaries of the Juche type in keeping with the requirement of modelling the whole of society on the Juche idea, and rouse the working people vigorously to the revolutionary struggle and construction work by activating their revolutionary zeal. We must intensify the education of the Party members and working people in the Juche idea and Party policy and tirelessly educate them in the revolutionary traditions and on communist lines, so that they will think and act in line with our Party’s intentions anytime anywhere, hate the exploiting class and their system, ardently love the socialist system and socialist motherland, and struggle to carry out the cause of
socialism and communism.

We must closely combine ideological education with revolutionary practice to ensure that all the Party members and working people accelerate production and construction, displaying a high degree of revolutionary enthusiasm and creative initiative.

While giving priority to the ideological revolution, we must push forward the technical and cultural revolutions. Ours is an age of science and technology. Only by rapidly developing science and technology, can we accelerate socialist construction, develop the national economy onto a new, higher stage and successfully improve the people’s standard of living and increase the nation’s strength.

By dynamically promoting the technical revolution, our Party has turned our once technically and economically backward country into an advanced socialist industrial state in a short time and made a great stride forward in putting all branches of the national economy on a modern scientific and technical basis and freeing the working people from arduous labour.

But if we are to free our people completely from arduous labour and provide them with a prosperous and cultured life, we must continue to push forward the technical revolution.

An important task facing us today in carrying out the technical revolution is to rapidly make the national economy Juche-oriented, modern and scientifically-based. This is the only way we can strengthen the independence of the national economy and lay firm material and technical foundations of socialism and communism.

We must concentrate our efforts on scientific and technological problems and those related to production that arise in making the national economy Juche-oriented and thus
solve the problems of raw materials, fuel and power more satisfactorily by utilizing our domestic resources and improve the structure of the national economy continuously.

Vigorous efforts should be made in all branches of the national economy to improve technology, introduce overall mechanization, automation and remote control into production and put agriculture on an industrial basis, thereby modernizing the national economy and freeing the working people from arduous labour.

Furthermore, we should rapidly develop science and technology and put production and management in all branches on a new scientific basis and thus convert our national economy into one which is highly scientific.

At present an important factor in carrying out the technical revolution is to enhance the sense of responsibility and role of scientists and technicians.

Thanks to the Party’s correct policy of training national cadres, we have an army of scientists, technicians and specialists numbering 1.2 million who are equipped with the Juche idea and the knowledge of advanced science and technology. If we properly mobilize these great forces which are working for scientific and technological progress and economic development in the country, we will be able to solve creditably any problems arising in the technical revolution and economic construction.

Scientists and technicians should firmly establish Juche in scientific research, intensify creative cooperation with workers and strive to resolve the scientific and technological problems arising in making the national economy Juche-oriented, modern and scientifically-based. Along with this, their successes should be introduced promptly into all branches of the national economy to prove their effectiveness
in production and construction.

Now the economic situation in our country as a whole is very good and we have a definite prospect for successfully carrying out the magnificent programme of socialist economic construction put forward by the Party. Through the struggle to implement the decision of the Sixth Party Congress, the Juche character of industry has been further strengthened and solid foundations have been built to attain the ten long-term objectives of socialist economic construction.

The question depends upon the resolution and endeavours of our functionaries and Party members.

All functionaries, Party members and working people should uphold the policy of speed campaign set forth by the Party and accelerate production and construction, thereby implementing ahead of schedule the Second Seven-Year Plan and the ten long-term objectives of socialist economic construction.

The main object of carrying out the technical revolution and accelerating socialist economic construction is to make the country rich and strong and provide the people with an affluent and cultured life.

Steadily raising the material and cultural standards of the people is the supreme principle of our Party in its activity.

We should further raise the people’s standard of living by strengthening the country’s economic foundations and at the same time effecting a great change in the production of consumer goods and public service.

The cultural revolution is an important revolution whose task it is to train our working people into comprehensively developed men and women and to satisfy their ever-increasing cultural needs.
By actively promoting the cultural revolution our Party has achieved brilliant successes in developing socialist culture. In our country the universal 11-year compulsory education has now been introduced, and all the younger generation are receiving perfect secondary education. Progress in the work of training national cadres has resulted in the growth of an army of intellectuals. The working people’s cultural and technical standard as a whole has been raised, and remarkable progress made in all fields of science, technology, literature, art and public health, etc.

The central task of the cultural revolution at the present time is to intellectualize the whole of society. This is our Party’s unique policy for developing socialist and communist culture. We should build up the existing centres for training national cadres and at the same time increase the institutions of higher learning and improve educational work in such a way as to develop the educational system of studying while working. Besides, we should train all members of society to be harmoniously developed communistic people and raise continuously the general standard of culture and knowledge of the society. We should further develop revolutionary literature and art, and establish thoroughly the socialist way of cultured life.

The successful construction of socialism and communism requires correct leadership.

Marxism-Leninism advanced the theory on the system of proletarian dictatorship and thus provided a guideline for the working class in power to follow in leading the construction of a new society.

Our Party is leading socialist and communist construction to victory by establishing the system and method of leadership over the revolution and construction, in keeping with our
country’s actual conditions on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and the Juche idea.

The working-class party is the guiding force in the system of leading the revolution and construction.

As Marxism-Leninism teaches, the working-class party is the highest organization of all the working-class organizations.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has always found the key to all success in strengthening the Party in the whole course of leading the revolution and construction and wisely led the work of building the revolutionary Party of the working class in our country.

The revolutionary party of the working class in each country should be built independently by the communists of that country. Under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean communists formed Party organizations on the principle of Chajusong in the days of anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and relied on them in leading the Korean revolution to victory. They themselves resolved the problems arising in the building of the ruling Party after liberation.

In view of the country’s specific conditions and the demand of the revolution, our Party set forth the policy of building a mass-based party and widely recruited progressive workers, peasants and working intellectuals, which helped it in expanding its ranks rapidly. It continued to consolidate its ranks organizationally and ideologically in the fierce struggle against the internal and external enemies.

We laid a particular emphasis on the establishment of monolithic ideological system as the basic line of Party building and thus made the Party’s unity and cohesion
unbreakable, and strengthened and developed our Party into a militant, revolutionary party with strong organization and discipline whereby all its members think and act in one and the same way.

Our Party has always regarded it as its noble mission to serve the people, defended their interests thoroughly, relied firmly on them and strengthened its kindred ties with the masses. At present our Party has won unqualified support and trust of the people, and the latter wholly entrust their destiny to the former and are fighting staunchly under its leadership.

We are justifiably proud of the fact that we have built the steel-like revolutionary Party whose members are firmly united in one and the same ideology and will around its Central Committee headed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the militant Party which has struck its roots deep into the masses of people and is in complete harmony with them, pushing ahead vigorously with the revolution and construction.

To strengthen the Party and enhance its leading functions and role is important in socialist and communist construction at all times. A socialist and communist society is a highly organized society, and for the correct management of such a society there must be a guiding force with strong organizing power like a party.

We should build the Party in a far-sighted manner in view of its place and role in carrying out the socialist and communist cause.

To strengthen and develop our Party into the ever-lasting Party of Comrade Kim Il Sung, its founder and leader, is the consistent stand our Party maintains in Party building. Our Party will admirably discharge its historical mission by
invariably having the great Comrade Kim Il Sung at the head of the Party, taking the Juche idea as its guiding idea, resolutely defending its revolutionary traditions and holding fast to its policies.

We should establish more thoroughly the monolithic ideological system in the whole Party, consolidate unremittingly the Party’s organizational and ideological foundations and keep on building up its ranks. All Party organizations should strengthen work among cadres and Party members, regarding work among people as the basis of Party activity, and regularize and standardize Party life to temper their Party spirit further and rally all sections of the masses closely behind the Party through efficient work among them.

Giving correct Party guidance to the revolution and construction is the Party’s important duty.

The working-class party is a political organ of leadership, so its guidance of the revolution and construction should be a political guidance, a guidance given in conformity with Party policy. In the whole course of giving its guidance to the revolution and construction, our Party has paid close attention to making sure that all Party organizations establish a unified control of work in their respective fields and units and strengthen their political guidance, a guidance given to suit Party policy.

What is important in the Party’s leadership over socialist construction is to ensure correct guidance of the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions.

Our Party has improved its leadership of the three revolutions in keeping with the requirements of the revolution and construction at every stage. In step with the intensifying ideological, technical and cultural revolutions, our Party further enhanced the militant functions and role of its
organizations and, at the same time, sent the three-revolution teams composed of Party hard core and young intellectuals to factories, enterprises and cooperative farms. It thus ensured that Party organizations and the teams vigorously promoted the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions by their united efforts. By constantly intensifying Party leadership over the three revolutions we will get these revolutions better organized and make them more active and bring about a new turn in their implementation.

Socialist economic construction is an important revolutionary task for a working-class party in power. The work of the ruling Party should be aimed at efficient socialist economic construction, and success in Party work, too, should be manifested in the success of socialist economic construction.

Today our national economy has attained a high level of development and its potentialities are enormous. This requires further to strengthen Party leadership over socialist economic construction. Party organizations should firmly take economic work in hand and actively push it forward; they should give efficient assistance to the economic functionaries so that they organize economic work and direct production in a responsible way, with the attitude befitting masters of the revolution.

If we are to build socialism and communism successfully, we must strengthen people’s government as the weapon and enhance the role of the state and economic bodies.

Guided by the Marxist-Leninist theory on the proletarian dictatorship, our Party established the people’s government by creatively solving the question of state power to suit the conditions of a new era and thus contributed to enriching the historical experience of proletarian dictatorship.
People’s government is a new type of the proletarian dictatorship which was born as required by the law of the revolutionary movement of the working class.

Socialist and communist revolution has made steady progress over a century and rallied under its banner not only the working class but also broader sections of the working people. In our time people from all walks of life including workers and peasants have come to participate in the revolutionary movement led by the working class. What is more, in those countries which, like ours, were formerly imperialist colonies or semi-colonies, broad sections of the masses such as peasants, working intellectuals and small propertied class under the leadership of the working class are not only participating in the anti-imperialist revolution for national liberation, but have accepted socialism and are taking the socialist road. The people’s government was the requirement of these historical conditions in which the socio-political basis of proletarian dictatorship extended beyond compare.

In accordance with the Juche-oriented line of building the people’s government which the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung defined during the period of the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and put into effect in the guerrilla bases, our Party destroyed the colonial ruling machines of the Japanese imperialists and established the people’s government immediately after liberation. Relying on this government, the Party carried out the anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution and socialist revolution. Today it is successfully building socialism.

In order to fully realize the revolutionary cause of the working class, the cause of socialism and communism, the people’s government should be constantly strengthened.
In each period of revolutionary development our Party took measures to strengthen the people's government and enhance its functions and role in conformity with new circumstances and requirement so that the people's government could take its roots deep amongst the broad sections of people and carry out its task satisfactorily. Today our people's government fulfils its functions and plays its role creditably as the weapon for the revolution and construction, as the champion of the freedom and right of the people and as the defender of the country and the revolution. It enjoys the deep trust and love of all the people.

In the future, too, we must continue to strengthen the people's government.

We should firmly build up the people's committees at all levels and state and economic bodies with fine workers who are faithful to the Party and enjoy the confidence of the people and make sure that they carry out their tasks as the servants of the people.

All the officials of state and economic bodies should have a strong Party spirit, working-class spirit and serve-the-people spirit and devote all their wisdom and energy to the work of providing the people with a more bountiful and cultured life.

Ensuring proper guidance and management of the national economy is an important task of the state and economic institutions.

The socialist economy can be successfully managed and developed rapidly only under centralized state leadership.

The state and economic bodies should constantly strengthen centralized guidance of the economy as required by the reality of the developing socialist economy. In particular, the superiority of the Juche-based socialist eco-
onomic management system with the Taean work system as its main content should be brought into full play.

The Taean work system is the best economic management system which accords with the intrinsic nature of the socialist system. It is a Juche-based form of economic management which renders it possible to thoroughly implement the mass line and run the economy in a scientific and rational way under the collective leadership of the Party committee. The state and economic bodies should keep a firm hold on this work system and steadily improve economic management and ensure the planned and proportionate development of the national economy and a high rate of growth in production.

The people’s government is a great creation of our revolution which was carried on under the banner of Marxism-Leninism and the Juche idea. It is the most democratic and popular revolutionary government conforming with the demand of our time and the actual condition of our country. Our Party and people will take firm hold of the people’s government whose superiority and invincible vitality have been confirmed in the protracted struggle for the revolution and construction, and will defend the revolutionary gains from the encroachment of the enemy and build socialism and communism successfully.

Working people’s organizations are the reliable assistants to the Party in realizing the cause of socialism and communism.

In socialist society the working people’s organizations are the organizations for the ideological education of the broad masses and peripheral organizations of the Party. In socialist society where the working class and other working people are the masters of the country, the working people’s organizations perform the duties of educating the masses and rallying
them around the Party and of organizing them for the fulfilment of the revolutionary tasks set forth by the Party. Only by enhancing the role of these organizations in socialist society, is it possible to strengthen the ties of kinship between the Party and the masses of different social strata, efficiently mobilize them for the revolution and construction, unite all the working people in organizations and educate and train them through organizational life and thus display the might of socialist society.

Our Party correctly defined the mission and duty of the working people’s organizations in each stage of revolution and made them enhance their functions and role. It reorganized the working people’s organizations and improved their system and method of work in keeping with the new circumstances and conditions where the socialist revolution emerged victorious and the socialist system was established to make these organizations perform properly their role as those of ideological education.

In particular, our Party directed great efforts to the solution of the youth problem by strengthening the work of the League of Socialist Working Youth.

The youth problem is a very important problem which decides the success in the revolution and construction and the future destiny of the nation. The youths are a mighty force in the building of a new society and the successors to the revolution. So only by preparing them well politically, ideologically and morally, can the revolution and construction be stepped up vigorously and the eternal prosperity of the nation and the ultimate victory of the revolution be firmly guaranteed. It is necessary, therefore, to improve the work of the League of Socialist Working Youth so that it can train broad sections of young people organizationally, educate
them in a revolutionary way and lead them to play the role of shock-brigade in the revolution and construction.

Our Party channelled great efforts into youth work, the work of the LSWY. As a result, our youths creditably fulfilled their honourable duty of shock-brigade in each stage of revolutionary development, taking the lead in tackling arduous and difficult work. They are now displaying mass heroism on all fronts of socialist construction and firmly defending the country. Our Party and people are highly proud that they have revolutionary, organized and heroic youths.

We should enhance the role of all working people’s organizations including the LSWY, so as to rally the masses from all social strata more firmly around the Party and encourage them to struggle to carry out Party policy with all their energy. In keeping with their characteristics, these organizations should work efficiently among their members and strengthen their organizational life and ideological education, thus constantly revolutionizing and working-classifying them, and encouraging them to actively participate in socialist economic construction and make collective innovations in all places.

What is also important in the leadership of the revolution and construction is to ensure that all officials acquire the revolutionary method of leadership and apply it thoroughly.

The essential requisite to the revolutionary method of leadership is to carry out the revolutionary mass line. It is the key to all problems to correctly organize and activate the masses who are the masters of the revolution and construction and carry them out directly. Officials must thoroughly protect the interests of the people, serve them devotedly, educate the working people and learn from them and mobilize the masses in solving all problems. This is a principle they
must observe.

To ensure that officials work by firmly relying on the masses, the struggle to improve the method and style of work should be intensified among them. It is of particular importance in the building of a ruling party to improve officials’ method and style of work. If the working-class party comes to power, some officials may show bureaucratic and administrative inclinations to solve all problems by the use of their authority. This may lead to such serious consequences as to hamper the implementation of Party policy and divorce the Party from the masses.

From the first days of its seizure of power our Party attached great importance to improving officials’ method and style of work and always paid close attention to this. In particular, our Party has made strenuous efforts to oppose bureaucracy and establish a revolutionary work method and popular work style, among all officials including those of the Party and people’s government bodies.

The basic policy followed by our Party in improving the work method and style of officials is to implement the anti-Japanese guerrillas’ way of work and the Chongsanri spirit and method initiated by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. All officials should fully grasp the glorious history of leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and learn from the revolutionary work method—the leader’s method of work—created and brilliantly exemplified by the leader. Thus they will prepare themselves to be true workers who dedicate their all to the good of the people and to be competent revolutionary leading officials who successfully carry out the revolutionary tasks in hand by depending on and arousing the masses.

Today we are confronted with a momentous task to step
up socialist construction in the northern half of the Republic and, at the same time, reunify the divided country and establish national sovereignty across the country.

Owing to the policy of occupation and subjugation pursued by US imperialism for nearly 40 years, south Korea has now turned into a complete colony whose sovereignty was trampled down, and where the people are subjected to all sorts of disasters and miseries. For the purpose of maintaining their colonial fascist rule, the US imperialists and their lackeys fostered the flunkeyist idea of worshipping, fearing and submitting to America throughout south Korea. Such being the case, only when flunkeyism is opposed and Juche established firmly can the awareness of national independence be raised among the south Korean people and can they be roused to determined anti-US struggle for independence and powerful anti-fascist struggle for democracy.

Upholding the banner of the Juche idea, our Party will accelerate socialist construction and intensify the struggle for the independent reunification of the country, thereby establishing national sovereignty throughout the country and consummating the revolutionary cause of Juche in this land as soon as possible.

The important task at present in completing the revolutionary cause of the working class pioneered by Marx is to oppose imperialism and promote the cause of independence for the world.

The struggle against capitalism and imperialism which has lasted for a long time on the international arena is still going on and is getting more intense. Capitalism and imperialism are the last exploiting systems which trample upon the aspiration of the masses for Chajusong in human history, and are the most ferocious oppressive systems which combine
class domination with national oppression. Imperialism has now turned into modern imperialism based on state monopoly capitalism, and it has become more aggressive and brutal than ever before. It is flagrantly challenging the oppressed popular masses in their cause of national liberation, independence and socialism. The imperialists are clinging to neo-colonialism and obstinately pursuing the policy of plundering and subjugating other nations by more covert and crafty methods. US-led modern imperialism, though on the decline, is making desperate efforts to save itself from ruins. Particularly, as the general crisis of capitalism deepens, the imperialists are not only repressing harshly the revolutionary advance of the working class and the working masses in their own countries, but also intensifying the acts of aggression and subversion against socialist countries and the international communist movement under the heading of “anti-communism”.

So long as imperialism exists, domination and plunder will not cease, and as long as imperialist domination and plunder exist, there is bound to be the revolutionary struggle of the working class and the masses of people to oppose them.

If imperialism is to be ultimately destroyed and the victory of the world revolution is to be won, the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle should be intensified. Apart from this struggle it would be inconceivable to win and consolidate national independence, hasten the victory of socialism and communism, prevent war and ensure world peace and security.

What is of primary importance in strengthening the anti-imperialist, anti-US struggle is for socialist countries and Communist and Workers’ Parties to maintain an anti-imperialist stand and intensify the struggle against international imperialism.
The socialist forces and the international communist movement are the most powerful revolutionary forces of our time which are opposed to imperialism and all other reactionary forces; they are the decisive factor that frustrates the imperialist policy of war and aggression and pushes forward the revolutionary struggle of the world’s people.

If they are to fulfill their noble mission, the socialist forces and the international communist movement must achieve the unity and cohesion of their ranks.

Unity is the most powerful weapon of the working class. From the first days of its appearance on the arena of history, the working class has always treasured unity as the most valuable weapon in the struggle against international capital, and paved the way to victory on the strength of unity. Still today the anti-imperialist struggle and other common tasks can be successfully carried out only when socialist countries and Communist and Workers’ Parties pool their strength and closely cooperate with each other as class comrades-in-arms on the basis of mutual respect and Chajusong.

On the occasion of the 165th birthday and the centenary of the death of Karl Marx, the Communist and Workers’ Parties of many countries affirmed that under the banner of Marxism-Leninism they would struggle to liquidate imperialism and colonialism, win the working-class power and build a new society free from exploitation and oppression and accomplish the cause of socialism and communism. This constitutes the fundamental conditions which make it possible to unite the socialist countries and Communist and Workers’ Parties in a single bond of class brothers.

There may be differences among fraternal parties and countries, but these emanate from the disparities in views on the lines and ways of realizing the common purpose and ideal;
they are by no means identical with the contradictions among
different states and social systems or the conflicting interests
of hostile classes. Socialist countries and Communist and
Workers’ Parties have more communities than differences;
and communities are of primary importance while differences
are of secondary nature. They should attach prime impor-
tance to unity and subordinate everything to this; they must
set great store by common denominators and settle dif-
fferences in the spirit of mutual understanding and comradely
cooperation. If socialist countries and Communist and
Workers’ Parties make sincere and persevering efforts, they
will defend unity and strengthen solidarity.

If the might of socialist forces and the international
communist movement is to be indestructible, it is necessary to
strengthen each of the national units while ensuring unity and
cohesion. Socialist forces and the international communist
movement can increase their strength as a whole only by
reinforcing each of the national units and by pooling their
efforts.

Communist and Workers’ Parties should, first of all, carry
out their own revolutions successfully and, to this end, they
should adhere to Chajusong.

Communists should shape their policies independently in
keeping with the specific realities of their own countries and
solve all the problems arising in the revolution and construc-
tion on their own responsibility. Only then can they develop
the revolutionary struggle and construction work.

At the present time the revolutionary struggle of the
working class goes on within each unit of different national
states which have diverse socio-historical conditions, and
these nations differ from each other in their revolutionary
tasks. These realities urgently demand that the communists of
each country stick to Chajusong and responsibly carry out
their own revolution.
Chajusong is the basis for the strengthening of proletarian
internationalism. Internationalist unity is unity among the
peoples aspiring to Chajusong; it aims at eliminating all forms
of domination and subjection and realizing Chajusong.
Unless it is based on Chajusong genuine and durable unity
will be impossible, nor will national and international duties
be performed in good faith.

It is particularly important that the countries where the
working class has assumed power hold fast to Chajusong and
build socialism and communism successfully. The parties of
socialist countries should map out their policies in keeping
with their own specific situations and develop their economy
and culture and increase self-reliant defence capabilities by
enlisting the efforts of their own people and their own
resources. This alone enables them to discharge their respon-
sibility to their people and the international working class.

The anti-imperialist, national-liberation democratic rev-
olution should be carried out thoroughly and the building of
a new society accelerated in those countries which were colonies
and semi-colonies in former days. This is of tremen-
dous importance in destroying imperialism ultimately and
making the whole world independent.

In an attempt to subjugate newly-independent countries
again, the US imperialists are now bringing massive aggres-
sive forces into the major zones of resources and areas of
strategic importance under the pretext of “protecting conces-
sions” and “security”, and are making frantic efforts to take
hold of the third-world countries politically, economically
and militarily in the guise of “cooperation” and “protection”.

Under the banner of anti-imperialism and anti-
colonialism the Asian, African and Latin-American peoples should wage daring struggles to oppose imperialism and defend Chajusong, and thus carry out the tasks of anti-imperialist, national-liberation revolution thoroughly. The peoples of different parts of the world which are still under the control of imperialism, colonialism and racism, should conduct all manners of vigorous revolutionary struggles including armed struggle to drive out imperialists and achieve the decolonization and independence of their countries. The world’s progressive people should actively support and encourage them in their struggle both morally and materially.

The peoples of newly-independent countries which cast off the yoke of imperialism should get rid of the political and economic foothold of foreign imperialists and domestic reactionary forces, strengthen the revolutionary forces, set up a progressive social system and build an independent national economy and national culture. This is the only way to safeguard the revolutionary gains, achieve the prosperity of the country and the nation and contribute to the common cause of the world’s people who are struggling to destroy imperialism.

An important task today in opposing imperialism and building an independent new world is to strengthen and develop the non-aligned movement.

The non-aligned movement is a progressive movement opposed to all forms of domination and subjection and aspiring for Chajusong; it is a mighty revolutionary force of our time which stands against imperialism. In order to strengthen and develop this movement all non-aligned countries should strictly observe its fundamental principles and materialize political unity and economic cooperation. They should abide by the principle of complete equality and
noninterference in each other’s internal affairs and unite with each other to counter imperialist aggression and interference by joint efforts and should fight resolutely to institute a new international economic order.

The most important task confronting the progressive mankind of the world at the present time is to check and foil the imperialist moves towards aggression and war and safeguard universal peace and security.

The present international situation is very complicated and strained. The danger of war is growing in all parts of the world, and peace and security are seriously menaced.

With a view to realizing their ambition for world domination, the US imperialists are working to unleash a thermonuclear war and plunge mankind into the holocaust of war. While reinforcing armed forces and keying up the tension in the Middle East, they are making preparations for a new war of aggression against the Arab people, and opposing the people’s struggle for national liberation and the building of a new society and disturbing peace and security in Africa, too. They are committing armed intervention against the people who are struggling for freedom and independence in Central America, and intensify military threat and subversion and sabotage against progressive countries. They are attempting to increase nuclear weapons in a big way in Europe, thus greatly aggravating the situation in this region.

The US imperialists are bent on undisguised moves to spark off another war particularly in Korea. In an endeavour to grab south Korea as a colonial foothold in Asia, as a bridgehead for their aggression on the continent and fulfil their aggressive ambition, they have brought to south Korea a large number of nuclear weapons and other means of mass destruction and turned south Korea literally into a huge
powder keg, into a base for nuclear war.

Due to the new war provocations perpetrated by US imperialism in many parts of the world, mankind is now faced with a vital problem of another world war or peace.

The present situation demands that whoever desires the security and peace of humanity should unite, irrespective of political views, religious beliefs and social institutions, and rise up in the fight to thwart US imperialist war moves and defend world peace.

To achieve the unity of anti-imperialist, independent forces affords the decisive guarantee for halting and foiling imperialist moves for aggression and war, bringing about durable world peace and building an independent new world.

The socialists and the international communist movement, national-liberation movement, democratic movement, the non-aligned movement and all other progressive and peace-loving forces of the world should form an anti-US united front and administer collective blows at US imperialism to prevent it from acting recklessly. All the anti-imperialist, independent forces should fight resolutely to check and frustrate the imperialists’ frantic arms buildup and war preparations, abolish US imperialists’ military bases in other countries, withdraw the US troops and nuclear weapons and other means of mass destruction, dissolve military blocs, create and expand nuclear-free, peace zones in many parts of the world and realize universal and complete disarmament.

Under the banner of anti-imperialism and independence the Workers’ Party of Korea and the Korean people will firmly unite with the socialist countries, the international working class, the non-aligned nations and all the progressive people the world over, actively struggle for the victory of the
Korean revolution and the world revolution and creditably discharge their national and international duties.

The cause of socialism and communism pioneered by Marx will emerge victorious without fail, and the ideal society of mankind where the Chajusong of all peoples are fully realized, will surely come.

As in the past, so also in the future, our Party and our people will dynamically struggle to hasten the resplendent future of communism, holding aloft the revolutionary banner of Marxism-Leninism and the Juche idea.

Invincible is the just revolutionary cause of our people who are struggling vigorously, rallied closely around the Party Central Committee headed by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.