

Let's Launch More Vigorously an International Solidarity Movement for the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea

Appeal to the World Progressive People Who Love Peace and
Advocate Independence and Justice

This year is a year of great significance, which greets the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Korea through her people's heroic resistance.

Korea, liberated from the Japanese brutal colonial plunder and subjugation, was brisk with their seething enthusiasm for building a free country, rich and strong, where national sovereignty was fully exercised.

Although liberation gave them great joy and happiness, but it was immediately subdued and frustrated by the division of their country into north and south, which the outside forces enforced on them. Since then a long period of 70 years has elapsed.

During this period, the world has advanced far and the times undergone tremendous changes, but the Korean people have not yet achieved their country's reunification, and their sufferings from it are growing from bad to worse with each day passing.

This tragedy they have been subjected to cannot be construed as a given fate; it is really a heart-breaking wound, which cannot be overlooked indifferently by anyone, regardless of where he lives on the globe, and if he treasures conscience and peace.

It is an obligation the times and history assigned to the world progressive people, not to mention the entire Korean people, and their unanimous aspiration, to put an end to Korea's division immediately, as it should not be condoned and allowed any longer.

Already last December, we, who are struggling in the Asia-Pacific region to support the Korean people in their just cause, called for designating the "Solidarity Period for Supporting the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea" in the meaningful year of 2015 - the period from June, which marks the 15th anniversary of historic June 15th Joint Declaration, to October, which marks the 35th anniversary of presenting the proposal for founding a Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo.

With a view to further expanding and strengthening the international solidarity movement for Korea's reunification during this period, we appeal to the progressive people all over the world:

1. To Organize an International Movement Actively for Supporting Most Reasonable and Just Proposals to Reunify Korea Independently and Peacefully.

The three principles of Korea's reunification, the 10-point Programme of the Great Unity of the Whole Nation and the Proposal for Founding the Democratic Federal Republic of Koryo are the charters for reunification that clearly show the fundamental principles and ways of Korea's reunification.

These three charters are enjoying fervent support and sympathy not only from all the Korean people in the north and the south, but from the international community, as they are based on the historic lessons and practical experiences the Korean people gained through their past long struggle for national reunification and reflect the present realities and demand in a most correct way.

Let's extend full support to the Korean people in their struggle to reunify the country on the basis of the three principles of independence, peace and great national unity.

Let's bring the broad masses of people to understand that a most realistic way of realizing Korea's reunification is to form a federal state, leaving intact the ideology and social systems in the north and the south as they are, and thus turn out actively in a drive for the materialization of federacy.

Let's arouse public opinion extensively to prove justness and vitality of the three charters through various means of publications, the mass media and internet.

2. To Extend Firm Solidarity to the Korean people in Their Struggle to Remove Danger of War, Ease Tensions and Create Peaceful Environment on the Korean Peninsula.

Peaceful environment is a prerequisite for reunification on the Korean peninsula.

As long as war exercises are being staged against the DPR Korea and hostile policies pursued unilaterally, neither dialogue, nor negotiation can be held on the basis of mutual trust, and accordingly neither peace nor reunification of Korea be realized. It is a self-evident fact to everyone.

Let's launch a mass drive positively for the cessation of large-scale joint military exercises annually held by the US and south Korea, the key factor of the aggravation of tensions on the Korean peninsula.

Let's organize various protest moves for nullifying the anachronistic hostile policy of the US, the main obstacle to Korea's reunification, against the DPR Korea.

Let's bring about international public opinion for withdrawing the US forces from south Korea and urging the US to respond affirmatively to the call for the durable peace mechanism on the Korean peninsula.

Let's create an atmosphere of rejecting all forms of sanctions against the sovereignty of the DPR Korea and the "human rights" rackets that might spark off another war.

Let's struggle more dynamically to terminate the US provocative acts of another war in this year that marks the 65th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean war, observing "the Month of Anti-US Joint Struggle between June 25-July 27" meaningfully in this connection.

Let's stage a campaign urging the United Nations and governments of all countries, to come out for the improvement of the DPRK-US relations.

3. To Conduct Many-Sided Activities Dedicated to the Implementation of Joint Declarations Adopted by the North and South of Korea.

The June 15 Joint Declaration and October 4 Declaration, agreed upon by the North and the South at the summit meetings, are the great reunification programme of historic significance which pulled down all the barriers of confrontation between the two sides and ushered in a new era of reunification.

The agreed provisions in those declarations reflect the firm will and desire of the Korean nation for reunification, peace and prosperity, and their truthfulness and justness have been fully verified in realities.

However, the present south Korean conservative regime totally negated the historic declarations which brought about the heyday of reconciliation and cooperation between the north and south of Korea, and is now enforcing more outrageously anti-reunification policies of confrontation that incite the mistrust and discord between the two sides.

Let's take the occasions of their anniversary days to organize energetically world-wide mass campaigns demanding the implementation of the declarations.

Let's denounce strongly all the attempts of separatist forces to block the way of implementing the declarations and obliterate their historical significance.

Let's stage vigorous solidarity movements for supporting the Korean people in their struggle to reunify the country under the ideal of By Our Nation Itself.

Let's build up an international public opinion against the so-called "unification policy" of the south Korean authorities, which worsens the north-south relations to the extreme and seeks confrontation and unification of systems.

4. Let's Unfold the Movement for Supporting the Independent and Peaceful Reunification of Korea in an Organized Way and on a Global Scale, with the Participation of Broader Masses of the People

The movement for support and encouragement dedicated to Korea's independent and peaceful reunification can display greater strength when the world progressive people join their efforts as a united force.

Let's organize more committees for supporting Korea's reunification in all parts of the world.

Let's expand the present committees for supporting Korea's reunification and other organizations for friendship and solidarity with the Korean people in different countries, to be more powerful and influential ones, by rallying wider range of people around themselves.

Let the progressive political parties and organizations in all countries, and international NGOs, also dynamically unfold their solidarity movement for the reunification cause of the Korean people.

Let the influential personalities and organizations in the political and public circles, and the circles of academy, law, and the arts and literature, join in the movement for Korea's reunification with their tangible actions.

World Peace Lovers Who Aspire after Independence and Peace!

The struggle for extending support and encouragement to the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea leads to the way of realizing the desire of the world progressive people for freedom and equality, justice and lasting peace on the globe, free from aggression and war.

The times and history closely follow what we are doing, and billions of people the world over stand by us, that is, on the side of justice and conscience.

Firmly believing that the Korean people will surely bring about the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea under the wise leadership of Respected His Excellency **Kim Jong Un**, we are confident that all progressive people across the world will extend full support and solidarity to the cause of the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea, for the building of a new world, free and prosperous, and the happiness of mankind.

Asia-Pacific Regional Committee for Supporting Korea's Peaceful Reunification

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19th Seminar of World Political Parties on Building New Society Held

The 19th seminar of political parties of the world on building a new society was held in Mexico from March 12 to 14.

Present there were delegations and representatives of more than 100 political parties and organizations from over 40 countries including the DPRK, members of the leadership of the Workers' Party of Mexico and representatives of its affiliated organizations.

Leaders of various political parties and lawmakers of Mexico and diplomatic envoys were also present there on invitation.

Introduced there were messages of greetings from the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and political parties of different countries.

Alberto Anaya Gutierrez, national leader of the Workers' Party of Mexico, in his opening address said that the seminar has been an annual event from 1997 under the co-sponsorship of the Worker's Party of Mexico and the WPK and it is developing into a great gathering of the world progressive political parties.

Representative of various political parties took the floor.

They denounced the imperialists' political, economic and military offensive and attempt of subversion against those countries aspiring after independence, estimated the activities of progressive political parties and organizations for building state and people's government and referred to the tasks and ways to do so.

They expressed solidarity with the struggle of the ruling parties and peoples including Cuba and Venezuela and adopted resolutions calling for checking outside forces' interference in the internal affairs of some countries.

An appeal was adopted calling upon the communist parties, workers' parties and progressive political parties and people of the world to celebrate with splendour the 70th anniversaries of Korea's liberation and the Workers' Party of Korea as the grand political festivals of an international scale.

Chongryon Denounces Japanese Police's Suppression

The Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) held a press conference at the Korean Hall in Tokyo on March 26 in protest against the Japanese police authorities' intolerable search for the houses of Chongryon officials.

At the press conference a statement of the Chongryon Central Standing Committee was read out.

The statement referred to the fact that the Japanese police authorities in the morning of March 26 conducted an unreasonable surprise search operation against the houses of the officials of Chongryon including Chairman Ho Jong Man and Vice-Chairman Nam Sung U of its Central Standing Committee by hurling the joint investigation headquarters made up of police headquarters of Kyoto, Kanagawa, Yamaguchi and Shimane prefectures.

The statement went on:

The search was conducted by them on absurd charge of the violation of "foreign exchange law" by a Korean resident's company which has nothing to do with Chongryon.

Chongryon is not related to the case at all, it noted, and continued:

The search is a despicable act of fanning up antagonism toward the DPRK and Chongryon in Japan by treating the chairman and vice-chairman of Chongryon as "criminals" though it is playing the role of a foreign diplomatic mission of the DPRK.

One cannot but suspect the Japanese government over the unjust search operation against officials of Chongryon.

The search will seriously affect the DPRK-Japan relations and the Japanese government will be held wholly responsible for it.

Unpardonable Crackdown upon Chongryon

The Japanese police authorities conducted on March 26 a surprise search operation against the houses of the officials of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) including the chairman and vice-chairman of its Central Standing Committee by hurling the joint investigation headquarters made up of various police headquarters of Kyoto Prefecture, Kanagawa Prefecture, Yamaguchi Prefecture and Shimane Prefecture.

They completely blocked off the house of the chairman, in particular, and searched it by mobilizing more than twenty policemen and an armoured car and bringing media persons of Japan to the scene, creating a terror-ridden atmosphere.

The Committee for Aiding Overseas Compatriots of Korea issued on March 27 a statement in which it vehemently denounced the Japanese reactionaries' brutal crackdown upon Chongryon.

The statement said:

The forcible search was an unprecedented illegal one contradictory to the Japanese constitution and criminal procedure law and an unpardonable human rights abuse against the Koreans in Japan and national discrimination.

Even legal experts and fair-minded media persons of Japan are skeptical about the legal validity and political purpose of the search operation and censuring its injustice.

Chongryon is a dignified overseas organization of the DPRK and the infringement upon it and Koreans in Japan is, therefore, the one on the sovereignty of the DPRK.

Quite clear is the political aim sought by the Japanese authorities in the fascist action taken by them with police forces involved.

That is the sinister political trick to fan up the sentiment against the DPRK, Chongryon and Koreans in the Japanese society in a bid to quell the demand of progressives for Japan's apology and reparation for its imperialists' past colonization and justify its lurch to the right.

The case is a product of its political plot to extend again its unilateral "sanctions" against the DPRK by all means and methods and deliberately stem the trend of the times for improving the DPRK-Japan relations.

The Japanese authorities should make apology to Chongryon and the DPRK for their rash and reckless search and behave themselves, clearly mindful that their persecution and crackdown upon Chongryon will lead to their self-destruction as they push the DPRK-Japan relations to rock bottom.

Politically-motivated Suppression

The Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries issued a statement on March 30 to denounce the Japanese reactionaries for searching houses of the chairman and the vice-chairman of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongryon) by mobilizing dozens of policemen and an armoured car on March 26.

The chairman and the vice-chairman are deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPRK and leading officials of the dignified overseas Koreans' organization.

Japan is under legal and moral obligation to defend the rights and look after the life of the Koreans in Japan who are victims of its past crimes, and guarantee the activities of Chongryon as it enforced medieval colonial rule over Korea for over 40 years after illegally occupying Korea, the statement said, and went on:

The Japanese reactionaries, however, viciously committed anti-DPRK and anti-Chongryon acts, persistently evading the redemption of the past crimes although 70 years have passed since Japan's defeat. Their recent raid into the houses of the leading officials of Chongryon proves what extent their hostility toward the DPRK and the Korean nation has reached.

After the Japanese police authorities conducted the search while deliberately linking Chongryon with suspicious involvement in a case without any legal validity and scientific ground, not only the Japanese legal circle and media but also people of other social standings in Japan have denounced the recent action as an illegal investigation in violation of the Japan Constitution and the criminal procedure law, abuse of rights of Koreans in Japan and national discrimination.

The Korean Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries vehemently denounces the Japanese reactionaries' search as a wanton violation of the sovereignty of the DPRK, reckless politically-motivated suppression of Chongryon and Koreans in Japan and an anachronistic confrontational act of inciting hostility between the peoples of the DPRK and Japan.

The Society, availing itself of the opportunity, expressed the belief that Japanese from all walks of life and the broad masses of the world that value justice and human rights would become increasingly vocal in rejecting and denouncing the Japanese reactionaries' anachronistic anti-DPRK and anti-Chongryon acts of pushing the DPRK-Japan relations to rock bottom and fanning up mistrust and antagonism between the peoples of the two countries.