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”SOCIALISM IS A SCIENCE” IS A GREAT MASTERPIECE BY CHAIRMAN KIM JONG IL AND THE “COMMUNIST MANIFESTO” OF THE 20TH CENTURY”

On November 1, 1994, exactly 25 years ago, the great leader comrade Kim Jong Il made public his immortal masterpiece under the title, Socialism Is a Science. The years in which his work came to the light, that is to say, the 1990s, were a complex period in which socialism had been frustrated in various countries and the international communist movement was working to re-organize itself. A scientific analysis about the reason of this setback was needed among the communists all over the world: in fact, many people, some of whom were staunch fighters for socialism in the past decades, lost faith in socialism and communism; strong communist parties dissolved themselves or were reduced to both organizational and electoral inconsistency; a lot of former militants and even armed fighters for socialism took shelter in social-democracy or returned in the bosom of the bourgeoisie in their respective countries. Socialist principles and communist morality were gradually abandoned and a state of ideological and moral degeneracy took over among the ranks of communists in the West. Such was the context in which some countries in the world, like the DPR Korea, Cuba and others, had to defend socialism, waging a do-or-die battle to safeguard their existence amid the fierce and furious pressures, blockade and sabotage attempts made by the imperialists.

This is the historical background of Socialism Is a Science.

The publication of Socialism Is a Science in the November 1, 1994 issue of RodongSinmun blew the buglar of the revenge of the communist and workers' movement worldwide, by providing a detailed analysis of the causes of the demise of the socialist camp and a scientific explanation of the essence and principles of socialism, thus concluding with the clarification that the victory of socialism is unavoidable and is inscribed in the objective course of human development. Its superiority with respect to the analysis made by other communist forces around the world of the events in the former USSR and Eastern Europe consists in that Chairman Kim Jong Il delved deep into the historical limitations of Marxism as well. He discovered the one-sidedness of considering only the objective conditions and the material aspect of the maturation of subjective conditions for revolution. He also elucidated a new, original principle of class differentiation centred on conscience and ideological viewpoint, thus doing away with wrong and mechanistic interpretations of

materialism, which prevented Marxism from solving the question of strengthening the revolutionary motive force. Thus, in chapter 2, Chairman Kim Jong Il furnished facts and evidences of the superiority of Juche socialism and the Kimilsungist revolutionary theory, based on the principle according to which man is a social being endowed with independence, creativity and consciousness. He refuted all lies and slanders spread by the imperialists and the renegades of socialism who, after having contributed to destroy the former socialist countries, began to overtly serve capitalism and imperialism by claiming about “impossibility” and “wrongness” of socialism. He clarified to the world people the true colours of the process of capitalist restoration in the former Soviet Union and especially of perestrojka and glasnost.

In chapter 3, Chairman Kim Jong Il did a clear-cut comparison between socialism and capitalism in their practical effects on the life of the people’s masses. He brought to the light the concrete superiority of the former over the latter as far as the people is enabled to lead a fully civilized, worry-free and sound life under the care of the state who provides them all with education, housing and healthcare, making them participate actively in the state affairs as befits masters of society. He unmasked the interclassistbourgeois propaganda and advanced a new concept and definition of the word “people” on a scientific, communist basis: his words about the hypocritical abuse of “human rights” by the imperialists seem to having been written yesterday or a few days ago for how they are current. Still today, imperialists make a great fuss about “human rights” being supposedly “tramped upon” in independent, anti-imperialist countries, when they are the firsts not respecting them, as the horrible images of the suppression and tortures inflicted to the prisoners in Guantanamo, to the Yellow Vests in France or to the independentists in Catalunya clearly prove. Even his right thesis about the class character of love are an almighty ideological weapon we have and we must use against the misleading and crafty thesis of the bourgeois Left-wing which preaches a classless “love and peace” for all humanity, without class distinction, class struggle or revolutionary war.

The immortal treatise by Chairman Kim Jong Il also contributes to keep alive the great achievements made by President Kim Il Sung during his lifetime, when only less than four months were transcurred since his sudden demise, for which the whole Korean people and progressive mankind shed tears of blood. For all these points, Socialism Is a Science totally deserves to be called the “Communist Manifesto” of the 20th Century, the “Communist Manifesto” which heralds the rebirth of the international communist movement on the basis of the new stage reached by the revolutionary science, that is to say, Kimilsungism-Kimjongilism, as brilliantly synthesized by the respected Supreme Leader, comrade Kim

Jong Un, in his April 6, 2012 speech, Let Us Brilliantly Accomplish the Revolutionary Cause of Juche, Holding Kim Jong Il in High Esteem as the Eternal General Secretary of our Party. «Socialism is a science!»: this is a powerful militant slogan that communists and revolutionaries the world over must firmly uphold against all those who, from different viewpoints, try to let a poisonous idea pass, according to which socialism is a “good idea among good ideas”, an “unachievable utopia” and “capitalism is eternal because it conforms to human nature”. This is why Chairman Kim Jong Il made passages, in his work, about the differences between Marxism and Utopian Socialism and the qualitative development the former brought to the socialist ideas as a whole.

Chairman Kim Jong Il told us in 1994 that we will win because we can win. So let us make more efforts in building revolution in our countries, to make them new socialist countries in this continent and in this world!

Our cause is a just cause, and a just cause must and will be victorious!



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