

## **“On the Fundamentals of Revolutionary Party Building”**

Kim Jong Il, eternal General Secretary of the Workers’ Party of Korea, made public the work titled, **On the Fundamentals of Revolutionary Party Building**, in October 1992.

In the early 1990s the world socialist cause had fallen into a vortex of serious crisis and setback owing to successive collapse of socialism in some countries. The parties in the countries that were building socialism had to suffer the tragedy of losing their decades-long leadership positions and being dissolved. The imperialists and other anti-socialist elements, clamouring about the “end of socialism” and “victory of capitalism,” were scheming to stamp out socialism on the planet.

The revolutionary parties and the progressive peoples of the world were faced with a pressing task to safeguard the cause of socialism and develop it.

In such a historical period he made public this work so as to explain that promoting the socialist cause depends on how the party which leads the cause is built and how its leading role is enhanced.

Stressing that it was extremely important for the revolutionary parties to correctly review the historical experience and lessons of party building as they adopted the Pyongyang Declaration, which was signed in April 1992 by 70 political parties aspiring after socialism, around the world as their common fighting programme and were undertaking a fresh struggle for socialism, he, first of all, clarified the historical lessons in building a government party under socialism.

Mentioning that the collapse of socialist ruling parties and socialism’s return to capitalism in some countries could be considered as abnormal, passing phenomena in the light of the general trend of human history, he pointed out that their collapse was explained by the fact that they had failed to conduct properly the party building and party activities. He also clarified that the failures to strengthen the party’s organizational and ideological bases, fortify its mass foundation, adhere to the revolutionary principles for building a working-class party and establish Juche in party building and activities were important factors in the collapse of the socialist ruling parties. He went on to say that the historical lessons from the collapse of the socialist ruling parties and of the socialist systems in some countries showed that if the cause of socialism is to be completed the purity of the socialist idea must be maintained firmly and continuity of leadership ensured by strengthening the party.

He delineated in his work the basic principles of the building of a revolutionary party. He clarified the problems of creating and developing a correct guiding idea from an independent and creative stand, of developing the party into a mass party of the working people, of firmly establishing monolithic ideology and leadership within the party, of strengthening the party's unity and cohesion, and of stressing ideology in party building, and indicated the ways for implementing them.

He also explained that it is important for the revolutionary parties to cement the international unity and solidarity and for all the peoples advocating independence to unite and wage a struggle. He pointed out the slogan "People of the world advocating independence, unite!" should be held up by all the peoples of the present era. He stressed that only when the international unity and solidarity of the revolutionary parties are realized on the basis of the socialist idea and independence can they be called genuinely revolutionary unity and solidarity.

His work provided guidelines for the revolutionary party building and party activities and an eternal ideological banner for the world revolutionary parties and peoples to uphold consistently in the struggle to reconstruct and strengthen their socialist movement and realize global independence.

After the publication of the work, the world revolutionary parties made strenuous efforts to apply it to their party building and party activities, praising it as a "textbook for revolutionary party building in the era of independence" and a "beacon for the world socialist movement."

Seminars, short courses and study sessions on this work were held on a worldwide scale and lots of political parties set it as a guiding text for party building and activities.

Saying that the work **On the Fundamentals of Revolutionary Party Building** published by Kim Jong Il provided the guiding principles that the revolutionary parties and peoples should consistently adhere to by clarifying the fundamentals of revolutionary party building of the working class, heads of Communist and Workers' parties in many countries and personages of political and social circles of the world stressed that they could safeguard the socialist cause and advance vigorously for victory with an ideological weapon powerful enough to smash the manoeuvres of imperialists and reactionaries.

Kim Jong Il's work that provides guidelines for revolutionary party building will have eternal vitality in encouraging the struggle of revolutionaries and progressive peoples of the world to defend and develop the cause of independence, cause of socialism, of the masses of the people.