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As I have said on many occasions, it is wrong to think that the Juche idea was authored without any relations with the preceding revolutionary ideologies.

President Kim Il Sung, in his early years, closely studied the history of the liberation struggles of the Korean and other world peoples to say nothing of Marxist-Leninist classics and was well versed in all ideologies and cultures of all ages, even Buddhism, Confucianism and Christianity. In the course of applying in a creative way the revolutionary theories of Marxism-Leninism to the Korean revolution, he authored the Juche idea. So the Juche idea should be understood as a new idea that has inherited and developed Marxism-Leninism to suit the reality of our country and meet the requirements of the new era.

Our officials, however, are giving an impression as if the Juche idea were an idea related to our nation only as they have failed to prove correctly that the Juche idea has originality and continuity in relationship with Marxism. Those, who claim to have certain knowledge of Marxism, think without thorough theoretical basis that the Juche idea stresses only national independence. Why should we be misunderstood by others that we are advocating nationalism when we created the wonderful Juche idea of universal importance that has inherited and developed the progressive ideologies of mankind?

It is wrong to think that only natural sciences have

continuity in their development. Social sciences and philosophical thoughts also develop continuously. We should always consider all things and phenomena from the viewpoint of development. All things have two aspects—inheritance and innovation. To observe only one aspect is a metaphysical viewpoint.

I once read the reference, titled, *Theoretical Problems*, in which I found nothing that can be referred as it criticizes others' writings. Establishing the Juche orientation does not mean criticizing others' indiscriminately. What is important in establishing the Juche orientation is to correctly distinguish from right to wrong and find out truth.

A few years ago, an opinion was raised that it would be a good idea to change the word *driving force* used in the preceding classics so as to distinguish it from the same word used in the Juche idea, so I suggested putting it under discussion. As we recognize the continuity of the Juche idea in its relationship with Marxism, there will be no need, I think, to go far as to replace the word *driving force* in the classics with other word. What is important is to recognize that the word *driving force* used in the Juche idea has something in common with that word used by the preceding classicists, at the same time as clarifying that the former has new contents. It is not advisable only to emphasize the difference of the word. Here, too, commonness and difference, and inheritance and innovation should all be taken into consideration.

In order to have a correct understanding that the Juche

idea has inherited and developed the progressive ideologies of mankind, we should read the works by the preceding classists in combination with the practice of our revolution. Reading the Marxist-Leninist classics is aimed, to all intents and purposes, at making the revolutions in Korea and the world successful and correctly grasping the historical inheritance and originality of the Juche idea in its relations with the preceding theories. I read many Marxist classics in the past, paying close attention on the ideological source the Juche idea has inherited and the points to be newly developed. I will find time later to explain more about it.

Those problems which could not solved by Marxism-Leninism should and can be done by the Juche idea. The core of this idea is that it is a man-centred idea. In-depth explanation of its principles alone can give the people full understanding that it is the most developed idea of universal truthfulness.

What is important above all else in the education in the Juche idea is to bring home to our officials the man-centred philosophical principles. Without doing so, they can neither keep the revolutionary outlook on the leader as an article of their ideological faith nor fully understand the truth that political integrity is more valuable than physical life.

Now unity is not ensured in explaining the principles of the Juche idea. This failure may not have a good effect on educating the working people. However, ensuring the unity of theoretical problems should not be solved by an administrative method. Social scientists should intensify

collective discussion so as to ensure unity in explaining the principles of the Juche idea. Education in the Juche idea is a responsibility of the Information Department of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, but the theoretical problems related to the Juche idea should be solved under the auspices of social science institutions.

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