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When the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was alive, I discussed work with him almost every day.

He once asked me how I intended to cope with the situation in which socialism had been frustrated in the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries and the international environment for the Korean revolution was so uncertain. I answered that I would follow to the end the road of socialism he had opened up, come what may. He expressed his satisfaction with this declaration of my will and determination.

He said: During the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle we defeated the Japanese imperialists, despite having no state backing; now that we have the state, the people, the Party, the government and the army we have nothing to fear; we should not worry, but defend the socialist cause to the last. His instructions inspired me with strength and courage, and I have continued to organize and lead our Party and people along the road of victory without any vacillation, frustrating the manoeuvres of the imperialists and reactionaries and defending our socialism.

The imperialists and reactionaries are currently scheming more viciously than ever to isolate and stifle

our country, the bastion of socialism. But the more vicious their manoeuvres, the higher we shall hold the banner of socialism.

The road of socialism opened up by the leader is absolutely the correct way to realizing the cause of our people's independence and an invariable path that no force can ever blockade or divert. It is the only road for us to follow. Of course, the road of socialism that we must follow will not always be smooth. Even though we have to experience every manner of trial and hardship, we must follow only the road and resolutely inherit and accomplish the cause of the leader. For Korean communists who have grown up under the care of the leader it is a matter of faith, conscience, morality and obligation not to make any concession in the face of difficulties and hardships in following the road of socialism he opened up, but to inherit and accomplish the Juche-oriented socialist cause.

Revolution is a long-term undertaking; it is not completed in a single generation but through several. Kim Hyong Jik, the leader's father, composed the famous poem *Green Pine on Nam Hill* before he left Mangyongdae. In it he explained that the cause of national liberation must be achieved through a

struggle waged by one generation after another, and that if he failed on the road, his son and grandson would continue the fight. As the leader achieved the historic cause of national liberation by carrying forward his father's long-term desire and opened up the road of socialism, I will accomplish without fail the socialist cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche, true to his ennobling ideas.

Since the leader passed away, the world's political circles have been watching what policy I will pursue. In particular, our enemies are focusing on whether my ideas are red, white or yellow. In my treatise, *Socialism Is a Science*, I expressed my determination to defend and accomplish the socialist cause pioneered by the leader. This was tantamount to a declaration that my ideas are red. Communists should be seen by others to be red, not white. Our enemies would like our ideas to turn white, but that is a daydream. Genuine revolutionaries do not relinquish their faith, but firmly defend it to the death and regard doing so as their greatest honour that gives meaning to their life. We must never relinquish our faith and become "reformists"; we must permit no compromise with our revolutionary principles.

Revolutionaries must remain absolutely

uncompromising, like a rifle, on matters of principle, and should not hesitate to lay down their life to maintain their revolutionary creed. When I was 11 years old, I received a pistol, not a watch, as a present from the leader. Among one's friends there may be a turncoat, but a rifle does not change. This becomes evident in a historical review of the revolutionary struggle. That a rifle does not change not only embodies the Juche-oriented military idea that revolutionaries must grasp their rifle tightly if they are to wage the revolution. It also reflects both the Juche-oriented outlook on life and the revolution that they must not yield their revolutionary principles even if it means giving up their life and the steadfast revolutionary attitude that they must not make the slightest concession of their principles, whatever the adversity.

It is my invariable conviction and will to steadfastly safeguard our socialism established by the leader, and to inherit and accomplish the socialist cause of Juche from one generation to the next even after his death. Officials should understand my intentions clearly, and march straight forward along the road of socialism, the road of Juche, following the Party, come what may.

We should hold up the leader for ever and inherit his revolutionary cause in its purest form and with not the slightest deviation; in this way we can show the whole world how Korea's communists honour their leader who opened up the revolutionary road and how firmly they maintain their revolutionary principles.

Nothing is more important in inheriting and accomplishing the socialist cause, the revolutionary cause of Juche, from one generation to the next, than to defend and add further brilliance to the leader's ideas and exploits.

Inheriting the leader's revolutionary cause means, in essence, inheriting the revolutionary ideas he created and the leadership exploits he performed. Though the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung has passed away, his ideas and exploits are immortal. We talk a lot about his immortality; by calling him immortal we mean that his ideas and exploits are immortal and that he will live in the hearts of our people for ever. We should staunchly and generation after generation defend and add further brilliance to the Juche idea he created and the immortal exploits he performed.

We should equip ourselves fully with the Juche idea, the revolutionary idea of the leader, and embody

it in all areas of the revolution and construction in a thoroughgoing way.

The Juche idea is our sole guiding ideology in our revolution and construction, and our Party's invincible weapon. The Juche idea authored by the great leader is the greatest ideology; no other ideology is more scientific and revolutionary. This idea is our lifeblood, and staunchly defending and thoroughly embodying it is the only way to achieve the prosperity of our country and nation and the victory of our revolution and socialist cause. So, after the leader passed away, I put forward the slogan "Let us arm ourselves more firmly with the revolutionary ideas of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!" Holding high this revolutionary slogan, we should conduct education in the Juche idea among cadres, Party members and other working people more substantially and aggressively so as to ensure that they are fully equipped with it, cherish it as an element of their faith, and live and work as required by it. We should model the whole society on the Juche idea, holding higher the slogan "Let us meet the requirements of Juche in ideology, technology and culture!" put forward by the Party.

We should, from one generation to the next, inherit and develop the immortal exploits performed by the

leader in accomplishing the Korean revolution and the cause of global independence.

Comrade Kim Il Sung's exploits in wisely leading our revolution for over 70 years are immortal. When he launched the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle by declaring war on Japan he had only a handful of comrades and two pistols; yet, despite manifold difficulties, he achieved the historic cause of national liberation. In the difficult situation after liberation, in which the country was standing in direct confrontation with the US imperialists and the great-power chauvinists were manoeuvring constantly to intervene in Korea, he contained the enemy and thwarted the plans of the outside forces to interfere. He did so by displaying matchless courage and pluck in defending the dignity of our Party and country. The most important exploit he performed was the strengthening of the driving force of the revolution and building our style of socialism that is centred on the masses by achieving the single-hearted unity of the whole Party and society. He bequeathed us the Juche-oriented revolutionary Party, state and armed forces, as well as socialism centred on the masses. We should value this, and glorify it for ever.

We should further strengthen the Party and the

People's Army.

In his lifetime, the leader used to say that the Party and the army needed to be strengthened if we were to achieve victory in the revolution, and he ensured that I directed my efforts to the work of the Party and the army. The Workers' Party of Korea and the Korean People's Army are inseparable from each other. It is because there is the powerful KPA that the WPK can exist, and the KPA is strong because we have the revolutionary WPK and because it is led by the WPK. By entrusting me long ago with the work of the Party and the army and encouraging me to make the Party and the army invincible, he showed himself to be a great politician and military strategist with extraordinary foresight. As long as the Party and the army exist, our country will stand firm.

In strengthening the Party and the army it is vital to establish the unitary leadership system of the Party throughout them. We should continue to pay close attention to this work. The whole Party and the entire army should be pervaded with the revolutionary spirit of sharing their destiny with their leader, whether alive or dead.

We should continue to focus a major effort on steadily strengthening the single-hearted unity of the

leader, the Party and the masses.

This single-hearted unity is the great foundation of our revolution and our most powerful weapon for accomplishing the Juche-oriented socialist cause. Our revolution was launched on the strength of unity and has advanced along the road of victory on the strength of single-hearted unity. It is this single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses that the world's people most envy our country for. This unity is the lifeblood of our-style socialism and the precious sword guaranteeing its invincibility. In the present difficult and complicated situation we must further consolidate our single-hearted unity and make it rock-solid. If we do this, we can defend our-style socialism by frustrating the machinations of the imperialists and reactionaries to isolate and stifle it and advance the socialist cause to victory, whatever the hardships and difficulties.

We should defend the socialist system of our own style and accomplish the Juche-oriented socialist cause on the strength of single-hearted unity.

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