

मैले देखेको २०८ औं विश्व पर्यटकीय स्थल सोल दक्षिण कोरियाको Gyeongbokgung

सुरेन्द्र ढकाल



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हाउस अफ फ्रेंडसिपमा रहेको बाल विकास समाजको स्टलमा सुरेन्द्र ढकाल लगायत नेपाली रोटेरियनहरू



दरबार परिसरमा सुरेन्द्र



दरबारको ग्वाङह्वामुन नामक प्रवेश द्वार

इजरायल र साइप्रसको भ्रमण समाप्त गरी ६ अप्रिल, २०१६ मा काठमाडौं फर्केपछि मेरो विश्व भ्रमण क्रमले करिब डेढ महिना विश्राम लियो। त्यही वर्षको मे महिनाको २८ देखि जून १ तारिखसम्म दक्षिण कोरियाको राजधानी सोलको किन्टेक्स सेन्टरमा हुने रोटेरी इन्टरनेसनलको अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय सम्मेलनमा रोटेरी क्लव डिल्लीबजारको प्रतिनिधित्व गर्दै भाग लिन र सम्मेलनस्थलमा रहेको हाउस अफ फ्रेंडसिपको विशाल कक्षमा बाल विकास समाजको स्टल पनि संचालन गर्ने उद्देश्यसहित म बाल विकास समाजको कार्यक्रम निर्देशक किरण थापालाई लिई २६ मे २०१६ मा बैकक हुँदै २७ तारिखमा सोलको इन्केओन अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय विमानस्थलमा बिहानै अवतरण गरेँ। हाम्रो कार्यक्रम प्याकेजभित्र परेको कारण हाम्रा सबै कार्यक्रमहरू ट्राभल एजेन्टले नै तय गरेको कारण विमानस्थलबाटै होटल लग्ने, त्यहाँबाट सम्मेलन हल ल्याउने छोड्ने, र सम्मेलनपश्चात वा सम्मेलनको बीचमा त्यहाँका विश्व पर्यटकीय स्थल घुमाउने कार्यक्रम रहेको हुँदा हामीलाई कुनै कुराको पनि तनाव थिएन। रोटेरी अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय

कन्फरेन्समा भाग लिनु प्रथम उद्देश्य त भइ नै हाल्यो। २७ तारिखमा किरण र म मिलेर हाउस अफ फ्रेंडसिपमा बाल विकास समाजको स्टल सजाउने कार्य गर्‍यो। २८ तारिखमा सम्मेलनको औपचारिक कार्यक्रममा सहभागी भयो, २९ तारिखबाट हामीलाई क्रमशः सोलको ऐतिहासिक दरबार क्षेत्र, सिल्क, चिया र गिन्सेड जडीबुटी तथा हस्तकला विक्री केन्द्र, लोड्डे वर्ल्ड र सामसुड कम्प्लेक्सको अवलोकन भ्रमण गराउने कार्यक्रम वर्मोजिम २९ मे बिहानै ८ बजे होटलमा ब्रेकफास्ट गराई १० बजे हामीलाई राजधानी सोलस्थित Gyeongbokgung दरबार परिसरमा लगियो।

Gyeongbokgung दरबार
कोरियन भाषामा हाञ्जा भनिने यो दरबार परिसरको अर्थ Palace Greatly Blessed by Heaven रहेछ। यो कोरियामा राजतन्त्र रहँदाको बेलाको मुख्य राजदरवार रहेछ। जोसेओन वंशले सन १३९५ मा बनाएको यो दरबार राजधानी सोलको उत्तरी भागमा रहेछ। यही दरबार नै जोसेओन वंशका राजाहरूको निवास र सरकार संचालन गर्ने मुख्य थलो रहेछ।



दरबारको बगैँचा

सन १५९२ देखि सुरु भएको इमजिन युद्धको कारण यो दरबार परिसर आगलागिमा परी ध्वस्त भई करिब दुई शताब्दिसम्म यो क्षेत्र वेवारिसी हुन पुगेको रहेछ। चीनको Forbidden City कै बराबरीको महत्व भएको बताइने यो दरबारभित्र जोसेओन वंशको राजगद्दी भएको विशाल कक्ष, राजा र राजपरिवार शयन र अन्य कक्ष, सुन्दर बगैँचा र छोटकरीमा भन्नु पर्दा सोल

सहरभित्रको अर्को सानो चिटिक्क परेको सहर भनिंदो रहेछ, यो दरबार परिसरलाई। पछि १९ औं शताब्दिमा गोजोड वंशको समयमा यो दरबार क्षेत्रको ४० वटा भवन र ७७०० कोठाहरूको पुनर्निर्माण हेओडसेओन देओनानको नेतृत्वमा गराइएको रहेछ। कोरियाको प्राचीन वास्तुकलाबाट सज्जित शाही दरबारको फल्को दिने यो दरबार २० औं शताब्दिमा जापानी औपनिवेशिक कालमा



दरबारको सुरक्षा दस्ता परिवर्तन गर्दाको समारोह

भत्काए तापिन सन १९६३ मा यस क्षेत्रलाई सांस्कृतिक सम्पदा मान्दै यसको पुनर्संरक्षण गरिएको रहेछ। सन १९९० देखि लगातार रुपमा दरवारलाई घेर्ने पर्खालको पनि पुनर्निर्माण भई यसै दरवार परिसरभित्र राष्ट्रिय दरबार संग्रहालय र लोकसांस्कृतिक म्युजियम पनि थपिएको रहेछ। दरवार प्रवेश गर्ने ग्वाङह्वामुन द्वार निकै कलापूर्ण र आकर्षक रहेछ। सन १९९५ मा यस दरबार परिसरमा जोसेओन

औद्योगिक प्रदर्शनीसमेत आयोजना भएको रहेछ। सोल पुग्ने जोकोहीले पनि अवलोकन गर्नेपर्ने यो परिसर आफैले कोरियाको लामो इतिहासको साक्षी भएको बताइंदो रहेछ। हरेक दिन बिहानै १० बजे र दिउँसो २ बजे दरबारको सुरक्षा दस्ता परिवर्तन गर्दाको समारोह निकै रोचक हुँदो रहेछ। दरबार परिसरमा करिब दुई घन्टा बिताइ हामीलाई पुनः कन्फरेन्स हलमा फर्काइयो।

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ON PRESERVING THE JUCHE CHARACTER AND NATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE REVOLUTION AND CONSTRUCTION JUNE 19, 1997

There is now a sharp confrontation in the world between socialism and imperialism, and between the forces of independence and the forces of dominationism. In the complex international situation and relationship between forces, the peoples struggle against domination and subjugation and for independence is continuing. The imperialists and reactionaries are tenaciously manoeuvring to arrest the world progressive peoples drive towards independence and to obstruct their struggle for independence with a view to realizing their ambition for domination, but no force can ever turn back the main trend of our age which is heading for independence.

In order to thwart the dominationist machinations of the imperialists and reactionaries and give a strong impetus to the peoples cause of independence, the cause of socialism, we must maintain the Juche character of the revolutionary struggle and construction and sustain their national character.

Preserving these qualities is imperative for the independent development of the country and nation and for success in realizing independence for the popular masses. Past experience and lessons have proved that adherence to the Juche character and national character is the key to success in the revolution and construction and vital to national prosperity.

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Party and our people have resolutely maintained the Juche character and national character in opposition to imperialism and dominationism throughout the entire period of the revolutionary struggle. As a result, they have achieved an independent development of the country and nation without any deviation and have won brilliant victory in the revolution and construction.

In the future, too, we shall firmly keep the Juche character and national character of the revolution and construction and fight staunchly along the road of Juche.

Adherence to the Juche character and national character of the revolution and construction is a fundamental principle that must be maintained in accomplishing the peoples cause of independence, the cause of socialism. Maintaining the Juche character of the revolution and construction means that the popular masses shape the destiny of their country and nation and their own destiny independently and creatively by being the masters of their destiny.

Sustaining the national character means preserving and developing the good qualities of the nation and embodying them in all spheres of social life. Maintaining the Juche character and sustaining the national character of the revolution and construction is a principled requirement for carrying out the socialist cause in keeping with its own nature of independence and past and present conditions. The socialist cause is the revolutionary cause of independence which is aimed at realizing independence for the popular masses and advances and is

accomplished by the struggle of the masses. A country and nation is a community of people as well as a basic unit in which they shape their destiny. The masses destiny is inseparably linked with the destiny of their country and nation. Since the popular masses live and shape their destiny within a nation-state as a unit, the masses cause of independence, the socialist cause, is in no way separate from their country and nation, and it is impossible to realize the masses independence unless the independence of their country and nation is ensured. A man as a social being is a member of a social stratum and social class as well as a member of his nation. He has both the class character and national character. Since each nation has peculiar cultural traditions that have been formed and consolidated down through history, it is impossible to meet the masses desire for independence and their interests to the full if their national character is ignored. It is only when the socialist cause preserves the Juche character and national character that it can be a truly revolutionary cause that champions and realizes independence for the masses and ensures the independent development and prosperity of the nation.

Preserving the Juche character and national character is the common requirement and aspiration of all countries and all peoples. There exist no people who do not love and value their country and nation or like to see the dignity and soul of their nation trampled upon and ignored. In order to ensure that socialism strikes root deep in the peoples minds and advances with strong sympathy and support of the masses, it is necessary to maintain the Juche character and national character in carrying out the socialist cause so as to keep the dignity of the country and the soul of the nation.

Preserving the Juche character and national character and ensuring the independent development of the country and nation are an essential requirement for strengthening international unity and solidarity and contributing truly to the development of the world revolutionary movement. There are many countries and nations in the world, and each country and nation has its own characteristics, but all the countries and nations are equal and independent.

International unity and solidarity are the relationships of mutual support and cooperation among the countries and nations which aspire after independence. These relationships can develop as truly voluntary and durable ties only on the basis of ensuring the independent development of each country and nation and respecting each others independence. Unity and cooperation based on independence constitute a truly internationalist relationship among countries and nations. When the Juche character and national character are suppressed, and when the independence of countries and nations is trampled upon, inequality and discord occur among countries and nations, and



unity and cooperation become impossible. The socialist cause is a national cause and also an international one, and the world socialist cause advances and is accomplished through the process of victory and development of the revolution in each country. Only when the people of each country carry out the revolution and construction in their country successfully as masters can the world socialist cause advance triumphantly.

Although preserving the Juche character and national character is a matter of fundamental significance in shaping the masses destiny, no correct solution was given to this problem by the previous working-class theories. One previous theory, which clarified the law of the development of human history from the point of view of historical materialism, related the formation of nations to the emergence and development of capitalism and predicted that the nation itself would gradually disappear with the liquidation of the capitalist system and with progress in the building of socialism and communism in all countries.

Under the circumstances in the past when the driving force of the revolution was not prepared in each country and nation and when the need to strengthen international solidarity among the working class in the struggle against capitalism and imperialism was the basic problem, that theory was unable to raise the question of sustaining the Juche character and national character of the socialist cause to be carried out. The previous theorys argument that the working class has no motherland can be viewed as reflecting the requirement for strengthening international working-class unity and solidarity which were urgent for the socialist movement of the period as well as the need for overcoming opportunism which spread bourgeois nationalism in the working-class movement and the socialist movement.

In our times when the popular masses carry out the revolution and construction actively on their own initiative with the nation-state as a unit and with their destiny firmly in their hands, the task of each country and nation for adhering to the Juche character and sustaining their national character has presented itself as an urgent requirement. However, the political parties in several countries which were building socialism in the past failed to evolve a new theory and a new policy in keeping with the new realities and find correct solutions to the problems arising in ensuring the independent development

of countries and nations. Those parties regarded the national contingents carrying out the revolution and construction to meet their peoples desires and to suit their national characteristics and their countries specific situations within the world socialist movement as contradicting internationalism, and did not pay due attention to the matter of preserving independence of the countries and nations and sustaining the national characteristics. Because of this prejudice and incorrect policy, socialism in these countries failed to develop as a cause for these countries and nations and, in consequence, lost its national footholds and support.

Socialism is a class cause and at the same time a cause for national development and prosperity. The process of the development and consummation of the socialist society must be the process of meeting the class demand and interests of the working masses and also the process of making the country rich and strong and bringing prosperity to the nation. Since the working class and the other working masses make up the overwhelming majority of any nation, the practice of ignoring the Juche character and national character will inevitably result in the failure to meet even the class demand of the working masses properly. Because the socialist cause failed to become the cause of genuine national independence in several countries, socialism suffered a gradual weakening of its class foundation and was unable to ward off frustration and collapse due to the anti-socialist manoeuvres of the imperialists and the renegades from the revolution.

In the countries where socialism collapsed, the dignity of the countries and nations was trampled upon, their peoples suffered disasters and even bloodshed was caused by the clashes between nations. Taking advantage of these events, the imperialists are making frantic efforts to cloud the image of socialism by attributing national calamities to socialism.

The imperialists allegation that socialism is inferior to capitalism in the development of nations is a shameless lie that black is white and white is black. It is not socialism but capitalism that blocks the road of national development. In the capitalist society where the nation is split into hostile classes and individuals interests are placed above public interests, national unity cannot be achieved, people cannot have the attitude as befits masters towards the development of the

country and nation, nor can the social wealth be used properly for the common development of the nation. The exploiting class which owns all the means of production and wealth in the capitalist society is only interested in making money.

The reactionary exploiting class does not hesitate to sell out the interests of their country and nation and harm other countries and nations for money-making. It is the immutable nature of imperialism to dominate and plunder other nations. Under capitalism there can be neither national equality nor free development of nations. The genuine prosperity of a country and nation can only be realized in the socialist society in which the entire nation has common interests and all the social wealth is used for the common development of the nation. Socialism ensures free development of nations and abolishes both class exploitation and all forms of social inequality.

Under the guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, our Party and our people have firmly and consistently maintained the Juche character and properly sustained the national character of the revolution and construction and thus advanced the Juche revolutionary cause victoriously.

The respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung was a great thinker, theoretician and statesman who advanced the idea of preserving the Juche character and national character for the first time in history, translated it brilliantly into reality and gave successful leadership to the revolution and construction.

Preserving and embodying the Juche character and national character is the principled requirement of the revolution and construction elucidated by the Juche idea created by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung. The Juche idea, the man-centred outlook on the world, is a noble idea of loving the people as well as an idea of true love for the country and nation it is a great revolutionary idea of our times which illuminates the cause of world independence forcefully. The Juche idea has clarified that the country and nation are the basic unit for shaping the destiny of the masses and that the popular masses must firmly maintain the Juche character and national character of the revolution and construction in order to shape their destiny independently.

The Juche idea has scientifically proved that the process of nations development in carrying out the socialist cause is not a process of one nation being assimilated to another nation or being merged into another, but a process of each nation developing into a civilized and powerful nation and steadily expanding and advancing cooperation and ties among different nations on the principle of complete equality and voluntary will while leading their own lives and making history with freedom. On the basis of the elucidation of the independent nature of the socialist cause and the socio-historical conditions of its implementation, the Juche idea has defined the maintenance of

the Juche character and national character as the fundamental principle that must be adhered to in the whole course of building socialism. The Juche idea has linked socialism and nations to the same destiny for the first time, and guaranteed the possibility for countries and nations to achieve lasting prosperity in step with the victorious advance of socialist construction. By introducing the Juche idea and advancing the theory of maintaining the Juche character and national character, the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung provided absolutely correct guidelines for leading the socialist cause as the genuine cause of independence for the popular masses, as the cause of countries and nations. This is an imperishable achievement he made in the history of human thought.

Our Party and our people, holding high the banner of the Juche idea, have smashed all kinds of machinations of the imperialists and opportunists in the struggle for the independence and sovereignty of the country and for socialism, resolutely defended and embodied Juche character and national character. In the course of this we have registered brilliant successes and accumulated valuable experiences. Our Party and our people have regarded the adherence to the Juche character as the basic principle of the revolution and construction and always subordinated everything to the destiny of our revolution and our nation and found solutions to all problems by centring on this matter, thus pioneering an untrodden path of revolution and construction in an independent and creative way.

Rock-solidly united around the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Party and people categorically rejected and frustrated the great-power chauvinism which stood in the way of our revolution. This was of special importance in defending the interests and dignity of our nation and adhering to the Juche standpoint in the revolution and construction. In the past the great-power chauvinists slandered the maintenance of Juche by our Party and people in the revolution and construction as nationalism and isolationism and exerted pressure upon us. However, we fought them without compromise in order to save the destiny of the country, nation and socialism. Even when they were deprived of their country and had to fight the arduous revolutionary war in a foreign land against the Japanese, the Korean communists established Juche to the letter with an unshakable standpoint and attitude that they were the masters of the Korean revolution.

During the difficult years of post-war rehabilitation and socialist construction, they also resolutely rejected the pressure and arbitrariness of the great-power chauvinists who meddled in our internal affairs and forced an integrated economy. If the Korean communists had not maintained their own lines and conviction that the Korean revolutionaries should carry out the Korean revolution, they would have failed to liberate their country.

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