

मैले देखेको २१० औं विश्व पर्यटकीय स्थल सोल दक्षिण कोरियाको Myeongdong बजार

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सोलको दरवार क्षेत्र र लोत्ते वर्ल्ड घुमिसकेपछि ३१ मे बिहानै होटलमा ब्रेकफास्ट गरी पहिला सामसुङ कम्प्लेक्स घुम्थौं। दक्षिण कोरियाले सूचना प्रविधि विशेष गरी मोबाइल फोन उत्पादनको क्षेत्रमा गरेको विश्वस्तरीय प्रगतिको भ्रमक त्यस कम्प्लेक्समा हेर्न पाउँदो रहेछ। कम्प्लेक्सको मुख्य भवनको प्रवेश द्वारमा नै हामी रोटेरियनहरूलाई सम्मान गरी निशुल्क इलेक्ट्रोनिक बैण्ड हाम्रो नारीमा बाँध्ने काम गरेपछि भवनको प्रवेशद्वारबाट हामी भित्र पर्यौं। हामी करिब ३४ जना नेपाली रोटेरियनहरूमध्ये त्यहाँ भित्र गई सामसुङको उत्पादन खरिद गर्नेमध्ये १ जनालाई सामसुङको Tab निशुल्क चिठ्ठा पर्ने जानकारी पनि गराइयो।

हामी करिब १ घण्टाजति घुमेर सोही ठाउँमा आइपुग्दा हामीमध्ये एक जना मित्रको नाममा चिठ्ठा परेको घोषणा गरेपछि सम्मान साथ उनलाई Tab प्रदान गरियो। अनि हामी आआफ्नो बैण्ड नारीबाट फुकालेर बाहिर निस्कियो। सामसुङ कम्प्लेक्स घुमेपछि हामीलाई मेओंगदोग (Myeongdong) बजार पुऱ्याइयो।

मेओंगदोग (Myeongdong) बजार

मेओंगदोग पुगेपछि त्यस दिनको लन्च पनि हामीलाई ट्राभल एजेन्टले खुवाउने कार्यक्रमअनुरूप दिनको १२:३० भइसकेको कारण त्यहीको एक रेस्टुरांमा हामी पहिले खाना खानेतर्फ लाग्यौं। करिब एक घण्टा खाने काममा बिताएपछि हामी बजार घुम्नतर्फ लाग्यौं। हाम्रो काठमाडौंको ठमेलजस्तो लाग्ने उक्त बजारमा हामीले केही सोभेनियर खरिद गरेपश्चात् धेरै समय हामीलाई त्यहाँको चिया बजारमा लगियो। जहाँ विभिन्न प्रकारका चियाहरू हामीलाई निशुल्क चाख्न दिइयो। युरोपमा घुम्दा जसरी अंगुरको रक्सी (वाइन) किन्नुभन्दा अगाडि चाख्न दिइन्थ्यो त्यहाँ त्यसै गरी सानो सिसा वा पोर्चेलानको कपमा विभिन्न स्वादका चियाहरू चाख्न दिइँदो रहेछ।

हामीले विभिन्न स्वादका चियाहरू चाख्यौं। हामीमध्ये केही रोटेरियन मित्रहरूले चियाका पत्ता तथा धुलोहरू खरिद गर्नुभयो। तत्पश्चात् हामी दुई घन्टापछि त्यही स्थलमा भेटने निर्णय गरी स्वतन्त्र रूपबाट आफ्नै तालमा मेओंगदोग बजार इलाका घुम्न थाल्यौं। करिब एक वर्गकिलोमिटरमा फैलिएको यस बजार क्षेत्र राजधानी सोलको मुख्य व्यावसायिक र पर्यटकीय क्षेत्र पर्दो रहेछ। संसारकै ९ महँगो सहरमध्ये एकमा पर्ने यो बजार इलाकामा नै क्याथेड्रल र नान्ता नाचघर समेत रहेछ। कोरियाको जोसेओन वंशको पालामा स्थापना भएको यो बजार एरिया पहिले निजी निवासको रूपमा विकास गरिएको भए तापनि पछि गएर क्रमशः बजार क्षेत्रमा परिणत हुँदै गएको रहेछ।

विशेष गरी सन् १९६० को युद्धपश्चात् यहाँको अर्थतन्त्र बेस्सरी उँभो लागेको रहेछ। यहाँ बैंक, वित्तीय संस्था, विमा संस्थाहरू केन्द्रित हुनुको अतिरिक्त राजनीतिक जुलुसदेखि विरोध चाली हुँदै सबै किसिमका क्रियाकलापहरू हुँदा रहेछन्।

सन् २००० को मार्च महिनादेखि यो बजार विशेष पर्यटन प्रवर्द्धन क्षेत्र



बजारमा महँगा लुगादेखि गहनासम्म नपाइने भनिएको केही पनि नहुने रहेछ



चखाउनका लागि तयार गरिएका चियाहरू



मेओंगदोग बजार क्षेत्रमा हुने पर्यटकको भीड



खानेकुराको बजार उत्तिकै आकर्षक रहेछ



सामसुङ मुख्यालयको प्रवेशद्वार भित्र



सोलको मेओंगदोग बजारमा सुरेन्द्र मे २०१६ मा

भनी तोकिएको रहेछ। राजधानी सोलको मात्र नभई विश्वकै विलासी बस्तुहरूको किनबेच हुने यो बजार युवायुवतीहरूको फसन प्रदर्शनको पनि केन्द्रबिन्दु रहेछ। विभिन्न प्रकारका खानेकुरा समेत पस्कने, हिँड्दा हिँड्दै खान मिल्ने यो बजार घुमेर फर्कने जनसंख्या (Floating

Population) मात्रै दिनको २० लाख हुने रहेछ।

सन् १९८२ देखि नै यहाँ मार्च र सेप्टेम्बर महिनामा गरी वर्षको दुइपटक संगीत, नृत्य अनि फसन सोजस्ता क्रियाकलापले भरिपूर्ण सडक मेला (Street Festival) को आयोजना हुन सुरु

भएको रहेछ। सन् २०१२ मा यही बजार क्षेत्रमा केओनान विश्व नृत्य फेस्टिभलको पनि आयोजना भएको रहेछ।

बजारमा रुमल्लिँदै, विण्डो सपिड अनि वस्तुहरू अवलोकन गर्दागर्दै दुई घण्टा त निमेषमै बितेको जस्तो हुँदो रहेछ। यस बजार क्षेत्रको अवलोकन

गरेपश्चात् राजधानी सोल अवलोकन गर्ने हाम्रो कार्यक्रम सम्पन्न भएको थियो। भोलिपल्ट जुन १, २०१६ का दिन भएको रोटेरी कन्फरेन्सको समापन समारोहमा भाग लिई त्यही दिन वेलुका सोलबाट उडी बैंकक हुँदै जुन २ तारिखको दिन वेलुकी हामी काठमाडौं फर्कियो।

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ON PRESERVING THE JUCHE CHARACTER AND NATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE REVOLUTION AND CONSTRUCTION JUNE 19, 1997-(3)

Our people are proud of their patriotic traditions which are now being carried forward brilliantly under the leadership of our Party. By carrying forward the noble patriotic traditions, all our people must implement devotedly our Party's idea and policy of defending the fundamental interests of the country and nation and making their country, their motherland, more prosperous.

Carrying out the revolution and construction in ones own style on the principle of national independence is the fundamental requirement for preserving the Juche character and national character. Dealing with the problems arising in shaping the destiny of ones country and nation according to ones own decision is the right to independence which nobody can infringe upon. The revolutionary parties and peoples must resolutely reject the intervention and pressure of the outside forces and resolve their own problems according to their own decisions and judgement to suit their demands and interests.

The failure to assert ones own opinion and faith, when under the pressure of foreign forces, leads to subordination and national ruin. This is proved by the catastrophic fate of the countries and nations which followed the intentions of the imperialists and dominationists and lived consulting their pleasure. The more pressure the imperialists and dominationists apply, the more firmly the revolutionary parties and peoples must assert their opinion and carry out the lines and policies they have adopted. If they yield to the pressure of the outside forces and vacillate or give up their aim in difficulty and thus abandon their faith and withdraw from the road they themselves have chosen, they cannot rise up again. No matter how grave difficulties and trials they may face, the revolutionary parties and peoples should never lose their faith in the validity of their cause and invariably follow the road to independence, the road they have chosen, fighting with an indomitable will.

In advancing the revolution and construction and developing society, it is always necessary to find out and rely on ones own way and methods. It is not right for the masters responsible for the destiny of the nation to copy or blindly imitate others. It is natural to introduce what is good or developed among others things, but it is intolerable to imitate them mechanically or consider them to be basic. The parties and peoples who are building socialism should not tolerate the capitalist Western style in managing the state and social system and organizing social life, but instead they should apply their own style, which is revolutionary and national, in all spheres of state and social life including politics, the economy and culture.

The countries which are experiencing social problems, economic difficulties and disasters because of national disputes must also find out a way to overcome them by their own efforts, not expecting anything from the prescription of the imperialists. The so-called prescription that the imperialists are propagating around the world are neither good for the development of other nations nor ingenious plans to activate the economy of other countries and ensure national reconciliation these are the schemes to embellish themselves and gain their profit in this process. As reality shows, in the countries which accepted the imperialist prescription, social problems and economic difficulties have become more serious and national disputes become more chronic.

The countries which are suffering social and economic difficulties and national disputes must reject the prescription of the imperialists which only worsens their conditions. They must break through the difficulties following their own prescription.

Our Party and people are proud of having chosen their own revolutionary road independently and having advanced the revolutionary cause, solving all the problems arising in the revolution and construction in their own way based on their independent views. Our style is derived from man-centred Juche philosophy and patriotism. Because we have not followed others opinion

and prescription, but relied firmly on our own views and the revolutionary methods of our style, we have been able to build a powerful socialism of Juche and make it prosperous. In the future, too, we must live and carry out the revolution in our own way on the principle of national independence so as to firmly defend and develop socialism of our style and make the country and nation ever prosperous.

Our own force is the real guarantee for preserving and embodying the Juche character and national character. The fundamental factor in preparing our own force is to build up the political force of our own. In order to preserve the Juche character and national character it is necessary to prepare our own force in all spheres including the material and economic force, but what is most important is to build up a strong political force, the driving force of the revolution.

Unity means the strength of the driving force of the revolution. In the struggle for the independence of the country and nation it is imperative to achieve national unity based on the unanimous desire and common interests of the nation. At present, our urgent task is to achieve great national unity and build up our own force for national reunification. Only when a nationwide unity is realized can we crush the divisive forces at home and abroad and accomplish the cause of national reunification. All the compatriots in the north, the south and abroad must fight dynamically to realize the independent reunification of the country, the great national desire, rallied rock-solid under the banner of great national unity.

In the socialist society where class antagonism has been eliminated, the nation is the people and vice versa and the centre of their unity is the party and the leader. National unity in the socialist society must be the unity of the whole society in ideology and purpose centring on the party and the leader. Our Party has equipped the entire people firmly with the Juche idea and turned the whole of society into one socio-political organism, whose members have been united firmly centring on the Party and the leader, thereby building up creditably the independent driving force of the revolution, the integrated whole of the leader, the Party and the masses. The strength of the independent driving force relying on the single-hearted unity of the leader, the Party and the masses is the fundamental guarantee for all our victories both in the struggle against imperialism and in socialist construction. By consolidating and developing this single-hearted unity and displaying its power to the full, we must safeguard the independence of the country and nation firmly from enemy encroachment and step up the revolution and construction vigorously.

In addition to our own political force, the economic and military forces must be prepared. The parties and peoples who have not prepared their own economic and military forces cannot fulfil their responsibility and play their role satisfactorily as the independent driving force of the revolution and construction and preserve the Juche character and national character. The revolutionary parties and peoples should exert all their energy, enduring all hardships, to prepare their own economic and military forces that guarantee the independent development of the country.

The role of science and technology in economic construction and defence build-up has increased beyond measure, and the scientific and technological competition is brisk on a worldwide scale. In this situation, without developed science and technology it would be impossible to build up strong economic and military forces. The parties and peoples who are building socialism should develop science and technology by their own efforts to suit the requirement of the revolution and the specific situation in their countries, maintaining thoroughly their own attitude. The work of expanding and developing scientific and technological exchanges with different countries and introducing advanced science and technology from other countries, too, must be based on their own reality. If they give full rein to their strength and intelligence of their



people relying on the strength of the advantages of socialism, and mobilize all possibilities and potentials actively, they will be fully able to scale a high peak of scientific and technical development and ensure the independent development of the country by means of science and technology.

Our Party and people have regarded it as the fundamental requirement for building an independent sovereign state to prepare their own strong economic and military forces and laid powerful economic and military foundations that guarantee the independence of the country and the prosperity of the nation, by waging an indomitable struggle sparing a penny and tightening their belts from the first days of the building of a new society. Today we can firmly defend the fundamental interests of the revolution and the dignity of the country from the imperialists vicious manoeuvres against socialism and our Republic because we have built the powerful independent national economy and self-reliant defence power.

By continuing a vigorous struggle to strengthen the force of the independent national economy and self-reliant defence power, we must further strengthen the material foundation of the independent state and social life and defend reliably the security of the country and the happy lives of the people. In preserving the Juche character and national character it is very important to enhance national pride and self-confidence among the people.

National pride and self-confidence are the manifestation of love for the nation and the spirit of national independence. The revolutionary parties should always step up ideological work to cultivate the spirit of national independence among the people so that they are proud of their country and nation and determined to defend and develop them. An ideological offensive for boosting the spirit of national independence should be undertaken especially by small and backward countries and the countries which have heavily suffered domination and intervention by big countries and in which flunkeyism and dogmatism remain deep-rooted.

National pride and self-confidence are formed and displayed when the good qualities of ones nation are understood. The good qualities of a nation which are formed socially and historically in the struggle to shape the destiny of the country and nation have nothing in common with racial characteristics, nor are these qualities acquired by any special nation. Every nation is blessed with its good qualities and has the aspiration and desire to preserve and promote them.

Only when the revolutionary parties appreciate the fine traits of their nations and encourage them positively, can they help the people to acquire national pride and self-confidence. What is important in preserving and boosting the good qualities of the nation is to carry forward the national heritage correctly. Nihilism which ignores and abandons national inheritance is the main obstacle which impedes the flowering and development of the fine national traits. In order to preserve the good qualities of the nation, it is imperative to have an attitude of appreciating the national heritage and thoroughly reject and overcome nihilism which denies the nations fine traits. Restorationism which tries to preserve things of the past thoughtlessly on the excuse of appreciating the national heritage is also a harmful tendency preventing the good qualities of the nation from being preserved in a correct manner. If restorationism is tolerated, it would revive outdated and backward mentality which reflects the requirement and interests of the exploiting class and goes against times and create an obstacle in the way of preserving the fine national traits in conformity with the

requirement of socialism.

To preserve the fine national traits it is necessary to reject both the nihilistic attitude and the restorationist tendencies towards the national heritage and correctly combine the national stand with the class stand, the historical principle with the contemporary trend and thus discard what is outdated or incompatible with socialism and encourage and develop what is progressive and popular.

In addition to preserving the national heritage handed down through history with a correct view, new fine national traits must be cultivated continuously. It is only when new national traits are created based on the inherited good qualities of the nation that nations fine traits can bloom and develop further and their role become more essential in enhancing national pride and self-confidence. By stepping up the revolution and construction successfully, the parties which build socialism must create new national traits continuously in all spheres of politics, the economy, ideology, culture and morality and boost national pride and self-confidence among the people.

The good qualities of the nation are best cultivated and displayed while carrying out the revolutionary cause under the guidance of the great leader. These qualities can be attributed to the greatness of the leader the pride and self-confidence in the nations excellence find concentrated expression in the pride and confidence in having the great leader.

Our people have become a great nation under the care of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and have acquired excellent national traits under his leadership. Today the people around the world call our nation in association with the name of the respected leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and praise the good qualities of our nation as the excellent traits of Kim Il Sung's nation.

The core of the traits of Kim Il Sung's nation consists of loyalty and dutifulness to their leader. Our peoples unlimited loyalty and dutifulness to the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung have become firmly established as their faith and will, as their conscience and morality, through life experience of shaping the destiny of the country and nation for many years in history. Loyalty and dutifulness to the leader are the highest expression of the good qualities of Kim Il Sung's nation and constitute the basis of all the other fine traits of his nation.

The mental and moral excellence of our people—the strong sense of uniting behind the Party and the leader with a single mind and purpose, revolutionary faith in the socialism of Juche, unlimited devotion to their country and the revolution, the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance and fortitude, revolutionary optimism, revolutionary morality and comradeship with which all the members of society help and lead each other forward—emanates from their loyalty and dutifulness to the great leader and finds clear expression through them.

We must further consolidate and carry forward stoutly the excellent qualities of our people who are loyal and dutiful to the leader so that the people remain unfailingly loyal and dutiful to their leader and their Party generation after generation.

We must continue to step up education in the Korean-nation- first principle to encourage the people to brighten the greatness of the Korean nation further with a strong sense of national pride and self-confidence. The struggle to preserve the Juche character and national character is the struggle against imperialism and dominationism. Taking advantage of the trials which the cause of independence for the popular masses is undergoing, the imperialists are now working more blatantly than ever to obliterate the Juche character and traits of other countries and nations and realize their dominationist ambition. Without struggling against the dominationist machinations of the imperialists at present, it would be inconceivable to ensure the independent development of the countries and nations nor would it be possible to prevent people from falling to the lot of colonial slavery again.

The illusions about and fear of imperialism should be dispelled.

Aggression and plunder are the real nature of imperialism. No matter how the international situation may change, the dominationist ambition of the imperialists will not change. Nothing is more foolish and dangerous than pinning hopes on the imperialist aid, being unable to see through the aggressive and predatory nature of imperialism. The imperialist aid is a noose of plunder and subjugation aimed at robbing ten and even a hundred things for one thing that is given. The revolutionary parties and peoples must see clearly the miserable situation in the countries and nations which harboured illusions about imperialism, must always hold on to the anti-imperialist, independent stand and wipe out even the slightest element of illusions about the imperialists.

The fear of imperialism is another expression of illusions about imperialism. Imperialism is by no means an object of fear it is doomed as the refuse of history. If you are afraid of confrontation with imperialism and are willing to abandon the anti-imperialist struggle, you will never free yourselves from its domination and control. The revolutionary parties and peoples must see through the vulnerability of imperialism, courageously stand against the bluffing imperialists, and resolutely crush their reactionary offensive with revolutionary offensive.

We must smash up the vicious and cunning policy of the imperialists who seek to obliterate nations and the reactionary doctrines which try to justify this policy. The imperialists reactionary policy of suppressing the Juche character of nations and obliterating national traits is now taking on a new form in the guise of gangster-like fuss about the trend towards a monolithic world. In the situation where each country and nation shape their destiny with their own ideas and systems, there can be no monolithic world which covers all spheres of politics, economy and culture. With social development and ties and interchange among different nations becoming closer, common features increase in the lives of nations. However, this process always presupposes the independent and individualistic development of nations and takes place on the basis of such development. The imperialists have cooked up the trend of a monolithic world for the purpose of reducing the whole world to the Western-style free world and subjugating and assimilating all nations to themselves. All countries and nations must see clearly the danger of the imperialist policy of obliterating nations which is pursued in the name of the trend towards a monolithic world and must intensify the struggle to defeat the dominationist man oeuvres of the imperialists.

The imperialist moves to obliterate other nations and assimilate them are directed not only to foreign countries and nations but also to the minority nations and foreign residents in their own countries. The Japanese imperialists, who imposed immeasurable misfortune and suffering upon the Korean nation in the past by means of the most heinous colonial rule and the policy of obliterating our nation, are now making frantic efforts to suppress the national rights of the Koreans in Japan, and erase their national consciousness, and are working tenaciously to assimilate them to themselves. This is the most glaring example of the imperialist attempt. The parties and states, which are responsible for the destiny of their overseas compatriots, must keep a close eye on the cunning policy of national assimilation pursued by the imperialists and step up the struggle to expose and shatter it.

The ethnological doctrine, cosmopolitanism and other reactionary doctrines which have been declared bankrupt by history are now being adapted and changed into various forms and used as ideological instruments to paralyze peoples national consciousness and revolutionary spirit and justify the imperialist policy of obliterating nations. In order to keep the Juche character and national traits, we must thoroughly expose and shatter all sorts of reactionary ideological trends and lies aimed at hiding and justifying the dominationist nature of

the imperialists.

The struggle against the dominationist manoeuvres of the imperialists should be linked with the struggle against the traitors to the nation. Without combating the traitors who sell out national interests in collusion with the imperialists against their own countries and nations, it would be impossible to defeat imperialism and dominationism or achieve the development of nations. This is clearly shown by the situation in the south of our country. In south Korea where our national traits have been grossly trampled upon because of the flunkeyist, treacherous acts of the successive reactionary rulers, the soul of the nation and refined customs are now being totally erased by the clamour of the authorities for anti-national internationalization and globalization. Their clamour for these schemes means an unheard-of treachery to maintain their powers and comfort in return for the obliteration of everything that is national and for their total sell-out of the country and nation to foreign forces.

Their humiliating open-door policy which is pursued in the name of internationalization and globalization allows the American, Japanese and Western fashions to flood all spheres of politics, economy and culture. In consequence, in south Korea all areas of social life, ranging from the mode of politics, the language, written and spoken, to the way of life, are imitating the American, Japanese and Western fashions, the foreign forces lord it over, and the national traits and dignity are being wantonly violated and obliterated. In order to cut off the noose of domination and subjugation by the imperialists in south Korea and open up the road of independent development, we must sweep away the traitors who have sold out the country and nation to foreign forces and invited all sorts of national misfortune and miseries. In order to oppose imperialism and dominationism and preserve the Juche character and national character, international unity and cooperation among the progressive people of the world must be strengthened.

Only when the progressive people throughout the world support and encourage each other, closely cooperate and pool their efforts can each country achieve national independence, prosperity and development, and the cause of global independence be realized with success. The socialist countries, non-aligned and developing countries must, in solid unity under the banner of independence, make dynamic efforts to democratize the international community, thus abolish the old international order of domination and subordination set up by the imperialists, and establish a new one which is based on sovereignty, equality, justice and impartiality. They must actively develop South-South cooperation on the principle of collective self-reliance so as to achieve prosperity all together.

Independence, peace and friendship are the ideals of our Partys foreign policy which makes it possible to strengthen international solidarity and contribute to the cause of world independence. Our Party and our people have always endeavoured to develop relationships and cooperation with all the people of the world on the principles of independence and equality, peace and friendship and mutual benefit and to establish just international relations and order between countries and nations. We must make dynamic struggle to strengthen unity and cooperation with the progressive people throughout the world and to democratize the international community. We will thus fulfil our international duty and historic mission in the struggle to defend the independence of all countries and nations and to make the world independent. It is a consistent policy pursued by our Party, which is guided by the Juche idea, to value, preserve and materialize the Juche character and national character.

As it did in the past, our Party will invariably maintain the principle of Juche and national independence so as to bring further prosperity to our country and our fatherland which was won back and built by the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, and to achieve the cause of national reunification and accomplish the socialist cause of Juche.

