

ON THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY OF RATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE ACTIVITIES OF KOREA AGRICULTURAL WORKERS UNION (KAWU)

Dear Comrades and friends,

Frist of all, I would like to extend gratitude to National Farmers' Commission (NFC) of Nepal, and through it to the government and people of Nepal, for organizing the Conference on Food Sovereignty and Peasants' Rights and kindly inviting our delegation.

On behalf of the Central Committee of **KAWU**, I would like to take this opportunity to deliver warm and sincere greetings from Korean Agricultural Workers and **KAWU** members to friendly people, agricultural workers and farmers of Nepal. Solving food issue which is the primary issue in human life and ensuring genuine lives and rights to farmers have been the long-cherished wish of the countries and nations desired for centuries.

DPRK, under the wise leadership of great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** and Comrade **Kim Jong II**, has enforced just and righteous agricultural policy reflecting the desires and requirements of all people and broad masses of agricultural workers for the long period of 70 years.

Before the liberation, our country remained as an underdeveloped agricultural state as its agricultural development was severely hindered under the Japanese colonial rule.

Great leader Comrade **Kim I Sung** liberated the country from Japanese colonization and proclaimed Agrarian Reform Law ensuring the peasants to cultivate their own land as much as they liked as he fathomed their age-old desire.

As our country reconstructed the society along socialist lines going through the transition from anti-imperialist, anti-feudal democratic revolution to socialist revolution, socialist cooperativization was realized to open a broad way of agricultural development. Release of Socialist Rural Theses in **DPRK** assured the agriculture to be developed to a higher stage.

"Theses on Socialist Rural Issues of Our Country" enunciated by great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** is the great program for socialist rural revolution to ultimately solve the agriculture- and peasant-related issues by carrying out 3-revolutions of ideology, technology and culture.

In our country, we seized the socialist rural theses as a guiding principle, promoted the electrification, mechanization, irrigation and chemicalization of rural economy and pushed forward 3-revolutions of ideology, technology and culture to eliminate the remnants from Japanese colonization and feudal backwardness and to build social agricultural industry befitting socialist industrial state.

The fundamental feature of **DPRK's** agricultural policy is that it is Juche-oriented agricultural policy based self-reliance and self-sufficiency and reflecting the agricultural circumstance of our country and the intention, will and request of agricultural workers.

In order to deal with the circumstances in which the arable land is limited and the population increases, we emphasized on systematically increasing cereal production on the strength of seed-revolution, double-cropping, high-yield farming method and scientific farming.

The important part of our agricultural policy is that agriculture centers on cereal production while simultaneously developing fruit-farming, vegetable-farming and stock-farming to improve people's dietary life.

Thanks to the outstanding agricultural policy, our agricultural sector developed constantly without collapse despite the vicious sanctions and blockades of hostile forces and severe natural calamities.

The history of our socialist agricultural construction is full of the immortal exploits of the great leader Comrade **Kim Il Sung** and great leader Comrade **Kim Jong Il** who set out the Juche-oriented farming methods and agricultural revolution policy and dedicated whole lives for the country's agricultural development and people's happy life.

Thanks to them, numerous socialist modern villages had been built boasting socialist culture and our agricultural workers are enjoying independent and creative life.

Currently, the most important affair for the Workers' Party of Korea and DPRK government is to constantly increase the agricultural production and radically improve people's standard of living.

Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of DPRK selected the agricultural sector as the main front in socialist economic construction and set out the tasks and the ways to solve food problem decisively; agricultural front should work hard for increased production and the party and the country should concentrate all their efforts to raising good crops.

Comrade **Kim Jong Un** said that the state organs should effectively and properly guide every farming process from scientific and technical aspect, and ensure smooth supply of farming equipment required for this year's farming. He also said that farmers' opinions and interests should be respected and the socialist principle of distribution should be correctly enforced.

KAWU is a mass political organization of the socialist agricultural workers of our country. It's an outer organization of Workers' Party of Korea and a transmission belt linking the Party with the masses of agricultural workers.

At every stage of our country's development, **KAWU** has had positively organized broad masses of agricultural workers to the struggle to implement the agricultural policy set out by **WPK** and **DPRK** government.

After the liberation, it carried out agrarian reform and the campaign to increase agricultural production; during the Fatherland Liberation War (1950-1953), increased cereal production and supported war fronts; after the war, rehabilitated destroyed farm villages and renovated and developed the agricultural management according to socialist lines.

During the periods of socialist construction and the construction of socialist prosperous country, it organized the struggle to carry out the agricultural revolution policy set out by **WPK** despite severe sanctions, blockades and stifling maneuvers imposed by hostile forces and consecutive natural calamities.

Today, **KAWU**, highly upholding **WPK's** new strategic line on focusing all the efforts to socialist economic construction, is organizing and mobilizing the agricultural workers and its members to various mass campaigns such as socialist competition to increase production in the whole of agricultural sector of farming, stock-farming and fruit farming.

Thanks to the wise leadership of Comrade **Kim Jong Un**, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of **DPRK**, the prospect of our socialist rural construction is promising and the independent and creative lives of agricultural workers are attaining higher stage.

KAWU in the future, as it had done in the past, will fulfill its mission to implement **WPK's** agricultural policies as a powerful political organization including broad masses of agricultural workers.

I would like to take this opportunity to express the stand of **KAWU** to make strenuous efforts to strengthen friendly exchanges, cooperation and solidarity with various agricultural workers' and farmers' organizations in the world including National Farmers Commission of Nepal.

Thank you.