

Characteristic of the Juche idea is, in a word, that it is a man-centered philosophical thought.

Chairman Kim Jong Il said.

“The Juche idea is a new philosophical thought which centers on man.”

That the Juche idea is a man-centered philosophical thought means that it newly raised the fundamental question of philosophy with man as a centre, and clarified the viewpoint and attitude to the world by centering on man.

The Juche idea newly raised relationship between the world and man, the question of man’s position and role in the world, as the fundamental question of philosophy and clarified the fundamental principle that man is the master of everything and decides everything.

The question of man’s position and role in the world is not a mere question of human being but a question of world outlook which was raised by centring on man. That is why the principle which gives explanations to this question becomes the principle of man-centered world outlook and, at the same time, the principle of shaping man’s destiny.

By focusing on man, the Juche idea also clarifies new viewpoint and stand that the world should be approached proceeding from man’s interests and with his activities as the man on the basis of the Juche-oriented view on the world that the world is dominated and transformed by man and that it develops by man’s volitional action and role and in the direction of serving man and in keeping with the development of man.

Like this, the characteristic of the Juche idea which is fundamentally different from all preceding philosophical thoughts is that it newly raises the fundamental question of philosophy by focusing on man and clarifies the viewpoint and attitude to the world by centring on man.