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Permit me to bid you a warm welcome to our country.

I am very glad to meet you today.

I am pleased to hear that Her Excellency Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is keeping in good health on her current tour of foreign countries.

I am grateful for the kind regards you have conveyed from her.

I hope you will remember me to her on your return home.

I would like to thank you for the compliments you have paid to our country, to myself and to our people which are more than we deserve and for your appreciation of what we are achieving.

Recently many Indian friends have visited our country. Some time ago we received a parliamentary delegation of the Indian National Congress of Indira Gandhi and then there was a government educational and cultural delegation.

It is a very good, pleasant thing that in the past and especially in recent years there have been frequent visits of delegations between our two countries and that their friendly relations are growing intimate.

We set a high value on solidarity with your country and are making every effort to strengthen it.

India is a large country both in terms of population and territory. It is renowned for its long history and splendid cultural traditions. It has been pursuing an admirable policy since securing independence from imperialist colonial rule.

We have a high regard for the great contribution that His Excellency, the late Prime Minister of India, Mr. Nehru

made to the foundation of the non-aligned movement to unite the countries that were newly independent from imperialist colonial rule, the third world countries.

The non-aligned movement has more than adequately substantiated the justice of its cause during the last 20 years of struggle.

Few initiators of this movement are still alive. Tito, Nehru, Nasser and many other leaders have passed away.

The responsibility of inheriting and developing the non-aligned movement today rests with the leaders of its member states including Her Excellency Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The non-aligned countries expect her to play an important role in this movement.

It is not so long since our country became a member nation of this movement but we too have the responsibility to strengthen and develop it. We hope that Her Excellency Prime Minister Indira Gandhi will do her utmost and march in the vanguard of the movement.

The fact that your country pursues the policy of maintaining independence is evoking a positive response among the world's people.

It is of prime importance in the non-aligned movement that each of its member states maintains independence. A country devoid of independence cannot be called an independent state and cannot abide by the principles of the non-aligned movement. We think highly of Her Excellency Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the Indian National Congress (I) for pursuing the policy of maintaining independence.

Sovereignty, friendship and independence are the common desires of the non-aligned nations.

Our country too maintains independence. In view of their maintenance of independence our two Parties, the Workers' Party of Korea and the Indian National Congress (I), and our two countries have ample possibilities and favourable conditions for strengthening and developing friendship and solidarity.

The General Secretary of the Congress (I) honoured the Sixth Congress of our Party by his attendance and contributed greatly to promoting the relations between our two Parties and our two countries.

I think that Korea and India can go hand in hand in maintaining independence and in strengthening and developing the non-aligned movement.

The current international situation is very tense and complicated. But, if we continue to lead with success the non-aligned movement and if the non-aligned countries uphold the principles of this movement and cement unity, we will be able to ease the international tension and avert a new world war.

At present, the member states of the non-aligned movement number almost 100. If all these countries adhere to independence and firmly abide by the principles of the non-aligned movement, big powers will be unable to unleash a war, however hard they may try to.

India and Korea are both developing countries. Both stand for peace, not war. We should build an independent national economy to provide an affluent life for the people who lived in poverty in the past. We need economic construction to improve the people's living standards rather than war.

Economic construction is the only way for the countries

of the third world to eliminate starvation, disease and unemployment and maintain independence in politics.

Although they have achieved independence, some of these countries have no say or independence in politics because they have not built independent national economies.

Therefore, non-aligned nations should strengthen cooperation to help one another build independent national economies.

Her Excellency Prime Minister Indira Gandhi advocates turning the Indian Ocean into a peace zone. This is an excellent idea. Our country too holds that nuclear-free zones and peace zones should be created in all parts of the world.

We believe that by further developing the non-aligned movement, we can ease the present tense and complex international situation and create conditions for newly independent countries to build independent national economies.

It is necessary to strengthen cooperation between Korea and India.

At present economic and cultural exchanges between our two countries are going on well. I think these exchanges can become even more frequent in the future.

Both Korea and India are Asian countries in relative proximity to each other. Their peoples have many similarities in their customs. Furthermore, our two countries both have long histories and fine cultural traditions.

Asian countries have a long history and an evolved ancient culture. Handicraft products in Asian countries, for instance, are of excellent quality. The Asians were the first in the world to take up agriculture. In the past when people in other parts of the world were engaged in animal

husbandry and lived on meat and fish, Asians already raised crops and lived on cooked cereals.

In spite of their long history and culture, the Asian people lag behind the Western countries today because they did not go through the industrial revolution. In the Asian countries the power of the feudal rulers was very great in the past and they suppressed the reformists, so that the latter were unable to change the socio-economic system in their day.

Our country, too, had quite a number of people who belonged to the *Silhak* school. However, those who strove to develop technology and industry were suppressed by the feudal rulers. The same was the case in India and in China. In Asia Japan carried out the “Meiji Restoration” and developed industries rapidly.

Today our two liberated countries are free from feudal rulers or colonialists. Therefore, if full scope is given to the independence and creativity of the people, there is much that they can accomplish.

I think the principle of self-reliance advocated by Her Excellency Prime Minister Gandhi is highly justified. If such a big country as India does not abide by the principle of self-reliance but merely turns to other countries for aid, it cannot develop its national economy rapidly.

I believe that your country is fully capable of standing on its own feet in view of its large population and long cultural traditions. There will be many intelligent people among the large numbers of inhabitants of your country. If they bring their independence and creativity into full play, they will be able to solve lots of problems.

We also advocate the principle of self-reliance in the revolution and the work of construction.

Our adherence to this principle does not mean that we refuse to adopt foreign technology. It means that when one introduces advanced techniques from abroad, one must do so in keeping with the specific conditions of one's own country. One must accept what is beneficial to one's own country, but not what is harmful.

A few days ago a North-South Summit Conference was held in Cancun, Mexico, but it produced no results.

Big countries are not willing to make a present of their wealth to small nations. As you said, the more they have, the more they want. So the developing nations should build their countries by their own efforts on the principle of self-reliance.

Our two countries have many things in common in developing the national economies and building new societies.

We should strive to further the relations of friendship and cooperation between Korea and India and bring our once backward countries quickly into line with the developed nations and then overtake them.

This is an era of independence.

Many of the world's countries are now advancing on the road of independence, and this trend is notable especially in capitalist countries. The Mitterrand government of France is advancing towards independence, while in Greece a man who advocates independence was recently elected Prime Minister. In Belgium, too, the Socialist Party won the election. It is good that Europe is following the road of independence.

If capitalist countries, non-aligned nations and newly-emerging countries all advance towards

independence and refuse to subjugate their policies to those of the superpowers, there will be no war between the superpowers. So our struggle for independence stands a good chance of success.

Today, it is very important to induce all countries to take the road of independence. I wish Her Excellency Prime Minister Indira Gandhi every success in her work as heir to the cause of independence of His Excellency Mr. Nehru.

I am very pleased to have had this talk with you today.

Our country is blessed with beautiful scenery and has some fine summer resorts. I hope you will come again with your family in summer. Next time we will meet as old friends. Then, I believe, our good relationship will be even better.