

further consolidated with the progress of the revolution and construction and gradually developed into a socialist educational system. At the stage of the completion of the socialist revolution and full-scale promotion of socialist construction, the system, content and method of education were reorganized in compliance with the requirements of socialist society and the socialist educational system was fully established.

Our socialist educational system is a revolutionary one which serves the revolutionary cause of the working class, the cause of building socialism and communism, and a most popular educational system under which the state bears full responsibility for providing all people with an opportunity of learning.

We should further consolidate, develop and perfect our socialist educational system whose advantages and vitality have been proved beyond dispute in actual life.

System of Universal Compulsory Education

The socialist educational system is, in essence, a system of universal compulsory education. Socialist education is an all-people education aimed at training not a small section of people but all members of society into people of a communist type. In our society everyone has the right and obligation to receive education. The educational policy pursued by our Party and state concerning the institution of the educational system, distribution of educational institutions and introduction of free education, is all based on the principle of giving education to all the people without exception.

What is basic to compulsory education is compulsory schooling.

In a short span of time following liberation, we set up a large number of schools at all levels ranging from primary schools to colleges and universities and established a well-regulated democratic educational system and, on this basis, introduced universal compulsory education stage by stage with the advance of the revolution and construction and the consolidation of the country's economic foundation. The universal compulsory primary education system was introduced in 1956, the universal compulsory secondary education system in 1958, and then universal nine-year compulsory technical education in 1967. And since 1972 universal 11-year compulsory education has been in force which gives one-year

compulsory preschool education and ten-year compulsory school education.

The universal 11-year compulsory education is a free compulsory education which provides a complete general secondary education to all members of the rising generation till they reach the working age. The universal 11-year compulsory education is based on a scientific educational system and the most thoroughgoing free education, and combines general education and technical education on a high level.

Our Party pursues the policy of making all working people study obligatorily in some kind of educational system, while giving compulsory education to the younger generation at regular schools.

Our Party has set up various forms of study-while-working educational systems along with the regular educational system, and managed them admirably to ensure that not only the children of school age but all the working people study without exception. In accordance with the wise policy of the Party all the working people including those adults who were denied an access to learning in the exploiter society in the past are able to receive systematic education, and everyone has attained the cultural and technical level above the standard of middle school graduate. In our country today, under the guidance of the Party and the state all the working people make it a rule to study for further improving their cultural and technical, political and theoretical levels.

The universal compulsory educational system should be further developed and perfected in keeping with the inevitable demands of the building of socialism and communism.

For the consummation of the universal compulsory education system the universal 11-year compulsory education now in force should be further consolidated and, on this basis, compulsory higher education be introduced in the future.

In order to eliminate the distinctions between mental and physical labor and build a communist society, it is necessary to elevate the cultural and technical standards of all members of society considerably and intellectualize the whole of society. Intellectualization of the whole society can be realized only when all members of society study in some kind of higher educational institution. For this, higher education, too, should be made compulsory. Only when even higher education is made compulsory will the universal compulsory education system, as a socialist educational system, be perfected.

For the present we should make preparations for the introduction of compulsory higher education while making efforts to successfully