

Condolences on Comrade Zhou Enlai's Death*†

Central Committee of the Communist Party of Peru

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Comrade Mao Zedong

Comrades of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

Our Communist Party, with deep feelings and camaraderie, joining in the profound sorrow that the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people, as well as the communists and revolutionaries of the world, are currently experiencing, expresses to you, Comrade Mao Zedong, to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, and through you, to the heroic Chinese working class and the great Chinese people, our heartfelt condolences for the passing of the excellent and distinguished communist and extraordinary proletarian leader, Comrade Zhou Enlai.

Comrade Zhou Enlai, in over fifty years as a communist fighter, struggled for the establishment and development of the great, glorious, and correct Communist Party of China. He worked tirelessly to raise the working class and armed people against their oppressors, creating the revolutionary army. He strove to build the legendary first support base and Soviet Republic, and fought heroically in the epic of the Long March. Skillfully, he contributed to the formation of the united front against the Japanese invasion. In this way, he rendered excellent, brilliant, and meritorious services to the triumvirate of the Chinese revolution and the foundation of the People's Republic.

Comrade Zhou Enlai, like all consistent and staunch Chinese communists, with that historical milestone, entered a new stage of his exemplary life: to serve the construction of socialism and the strengthening of the dictatorship of the proletariat. In these circumstances, as in the first stage of the revolution, he shone as a communist statesman working for the construction of the

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New China State as a dictatorship of the working class; he carried out internationalist and proletarian diplomacy; he fought firmly and shrewdly against the sinister contemporary revisionism and its center, socialimperialism; and in the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, he played an outstanding role in the continuation of the revolution under the dictatorship of the proletariat and in the struggle against the black and counterrevolutionary revisionist line of Liu Shaoqi and Lin Biao.

Comrade Zhou Enlai, in over half a century as a communist fighter and proletarian leader, served Marxism, the working class, the Chinese revolution, and the global revolution with unwavering, loyal, tenacious, and brilliant adherence to Mao Zedong's thought and wise leadership. He consistently followed the guidance of the Central Committee, always acting as a loyal member of the glorious Communist Party of China. It is crucial to emphasize that alongside Comrade Mao Zedong, he fought firmly and cleverly against both right and left opportunistic lines in the successive and significant internal struggles within the Party. He defended Marxism, the Chinese revolution, and stood against the contemporary revisionism of Khrushchev and Brezhnev.

Thus, Comrade Zhou Enlai, while fighting in the class struggle of the masses for revolution, adhering to Marxism-Leninism-Mao Zedong Thought, acting under the guidance of the Central Committee and serving as a dedicated party and state leader and anti-revisionist fighter, has fulfilled excellent, great, and meritorious communist services that elevate him to the ranks of the greatest heroes and leaders of the international working class and glorious standard-bearers of world communism. Comrade Zhou Enlai enters immortality as a great communist, carrying the red and invincible banners of Marx, Engels, Lenin, Stalin, and Mao Zedong.

Our Communist Party and the Peruvian communists will take the exemplary life of the communist fighter and proletarian leader, Comrade Zhou Enlai, as a paradigm of an excellent and brilliant communist, a great and distinguished Marxist-Leninist follower of Mao Zedong's thought, a staunch anti-revisionist, an internationalist proletarian, an extraordinary leader, and a great combatant of the world revolution. Together with the Communist Party of China and the Chinese people, the Communist Parties and communists of the world, who are now experiencing an irreparable loss, following the teaching of drawing strength from adversity and etching the name of the great communist and proletarian leader, Comrade Zhou Enlai, in our minds and hearts, we pay homage to his glorious communist life by hoisting the

imperishable words of Comrade Mao Zedong:

THE HEROES OF THE PEOPLE ARE IMMORTAL!