

A political party's reform is a continuous process

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Is the National Consultative Committee of the Democratic Party going to have its meeting on 25 August as planned?

The meeting has been announced, but will it have the quorum, which could become an issue.

There are a number of issues on the agenda of the NCC meeting. Will the agenda remain unchanged?

The NCC meeting, as per the agenda, will most likely officially announce the next Congress of the Democratic Party. The DP Congress would be discussing the Party Rules. I would think a working panel would be set up which will draft amendments to the Party

Rules. And perhaps another working group will be set up which would be assigned the preparations for the Party Congress.

Will the party be reformed by amending the Party Rules?

No. The substance of the matter lies in the fact whether the existing Party Rules are being applied to their full potential or not. A lot of thinking had gone into the making of the Party Rules. So, what is the point if the adopted Party Rules are not implemented and complied with. The Party Rules says that the NCC Meeting must be held regularly. But that has not happened. Reforming the party does not simply means replacing Jack with John.

By reform of the party, do we mean that we need a system whereby the party changes and reforms itself irrespective of a subjective desire of one or several individuals.

The change of the party leader or the amendment in the party rules cannot mean a party has been reformed, can we?

The reform of a party is not a one-time process. I think this is a continuous process. The society is changing and the world is changing too continuously. Therefore, the change of the party must be continuous.

A political party is also seen as a living organism?

That's so, but unfortunately we have

forgotten that a political party too is a living organism, and have made it listless and stagnant. Once its stagnant, it will surely be left behind from social progress. And the last elections proved this case.

Your party has many factions. Your party suffered defeat in the elections perhaps because of this in-party factional dispute and contradiction? On the other hand, your party has not changed?

I agree with you. That is why we need to seek a mechanism that addresses the question of conflict of interest.

We talk a lot about good experiences and lessons of other countries that could be potentially applicable. Take for example the rules of the parties in other countries, such as the CDU of Germany. One thing common in them

is that their party rules say that the party congress will be held once a year and such and such issues, including the question of the party leader, will be discussed. Whether one likes it or not, there are such clear-cut issues in their party rules.

But your party hasn't held its congress for quite many years now?

The fact that a person who becomes our party leader has every possibility to decide not to call the congress even for several years. This is a violation of the Party Rules.

Will the DP survive and exist?

It will exist. Mongolia's democracy and Mongolia's present political system cannot be imagined without the Democratic Party. The DP has become a part of the fabric of our society, which is

why the Party will exist as it is. However, the issue is how will our Party meet the expectations of the society? How will it carry out its duties and responsibilities? This will largely depend on those people who are at the helm of the party.

The defeat in the last elections opens before your party fresh opportunities, but also at the same time, it is a huge lesson?

Most importantly, are we able to see that opportunity and risk? The society wants one thing. While we know and see what the society wants, we take contradictory decisions. This is highly unfortunate. A political party should follow the society and its expectations, and take the relevant decisions accordingly. If not then we bear the fruit and that is defeat. ■



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