

## Lee Sihyung

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Korea to the OECD



Korea: Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the OECD

Mr. Lee graduated from Seoul National University with a major in International Relations. He also studied Russian from 1990 to 1992 at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California.

Since joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980, Ambassador Lee has worked at the Korean Consulate General in San Francisco; the Permanent Mission in Geneva; and the Embassies in Washington D.C., Stockholm, and Phnom Penh. In Seoul, he was Director for WTO Affairs and Director for Personnel and Allocation of Human Resources in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Lee was sent to the Ministry of Economy and Finance as Director-General for Economic Cooperation in 2005-2006. He served as Ambassador to Poland from 2006 until 2009.

Returning from Warsaw, he was appointed Chief of Protocol of the Presidential Committee for the G20 Seoul Summit in preparation for the hosting of the Summit in 2010. He was in charge of preparing all of the convention sites and logistics in addition to taking care of 34 heads of state, governments, and major international organisations including the OECD. The G20 Seoul Summit turned out to be a great success in terms of both policy discussions and its organisation.

From 2011 until his nomination as Permanent Representative of Korea to the OECD, Mr. Lee was Deputy Minister for Trade at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. As Deputy Trade Minister, he was responsible for directing and coordinating foreign trade policies and trade negotiations as well as establishing and implementing foreign economic and trade policies. He was also the Senior Official for the WTO Doha Development Agenda (DDA) and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Mr. Lee is married to Ms. Aesoon Yoon, and they have two sons.

*Ambassador Sihyung Lee assumed his duties as Permanent Representative of Korea to the OECD on 27 May 2013.*