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Professor Bark served as Minister for Trade of Korea from December 2011 to March 2013 and the Ambassador-at-Large for International Economy and Trade from March 2013 to March 2014. In the spring of 2013, Dr. Bark was in the race for the Director-General position of the WTO as the Korean candidate. He also served as the Chairman of the Korea International Trade Commission.

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