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Date and place of birth: June 23, 1950 in Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea

Working languages: Korean and English

Current position/function:

- Member and Vice-Chairperson, CEDAW, United Nations
- Visiting Professor, The Graduate School of NGO Studies, Kyunghee University, Seoul
- Representative, Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan
- Member, Advisory Council, Ministry of Gender Equality, Republic of Korea
- Member, Board of Directors, Korea Human Rights Foundation

Main professional activities:

- 1993-2000 Professor, Faculty of Social Welfare, Hanil University & Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Jeonju, Korea
- 1999-2001 Co-Representative, Korea Women's Associations United (a coalition of 28 women's organizations and with 6 branches across Korea)
- 1992-2003 Vice-President(1992-1994), President(1995-1999) and Representative(2000-2003), of Korea Women's Hot Line (a national women's human rights organization with 25 branches, working against violence and discrimination against women)
- 1984-1985 Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Sociology, Rutgers University, USA
- 1977-1981 Full-time staff, Korea Church Women United
- 1975-1976 Full-time staff, Korean League of Women Voters

Educational background:

- B. A. in English Language & Literature, Ewha Women's University, Seoul
- M. A. in Sociology, The Graduate School, Ewha Women's University, Seoul
- Ph. D. in Sociology, The Graduate School, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey, U.S.A.

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

- Dec. 2003 Resource person, East and Southeast Asia Regional Conference on Domestic Violence Legislation: Moving towards Regional Networking & Strategies, organized by UNIFEM, 1-3 Dec., Bangkok, Thailand
- Dec. 2003 Resource person, Regional Workshop on Protecting Women Migrant Workers in Asia: Meeting the Challenges, organized by UNIFEM, 9-11 Dec., Jakarta, Indonesia
- Feb. 2002 Resource person, Consultation for Southeast Asian GOs and NGOs in implementation of CEDAW and report writing, organized by UNIFEM, 16-18 Feb., Bangkok, Thailand
- 1998-2001 Co-Representative, Joint Action Committee for National Human Rights Commission
- Oct. 1999 Organizer, Gender Equality Session, International NGO Conference in Seoul
- 1996-2000 Annually attended consultation in August with Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, giving evaluations for her published report as well as suggestions for her next report, organized by APWLD
- 1993-1999 Founding member, and Coordinator for Korea (96-99), East Asia Women's Forum
- 1996-1997 Chair, Executive Committee, National Movement for Legislation on Domestic Violence
- 1994-1996 Executive Committee member, National NGO Committee for '95 Beijing Fourth World Conference on Women, composed of about 100 organizations
- 1992-1993 Chair, Special Committee for Legislation on Sexual Violence, Korea Women's Associations United, which is a coalition of 28 women's organizations

List of most recent publications:

- "The Use of CEDAW in Promoting and Protecting the Rights of Women Migrant Workers," UNIFEM Regional Workshop on Protecting Women Migrant Workers in Asia: Meeting the Challenges, 9-11 December 2003, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Situations of Gender Discrimination in Colleges and Measures for Change, policy development research, Ministry of Education, 2000.
- "International Human Rights Instruments for Women and the Women's Movement," Korea Women's Hot Line, ed., The History of Women's Human Rights Movement in Korea, Hanul Publishers, 1999.
- "Women's Human Rights Movement," Korea Women's Associations United, ed., Open Hope, Dongduk Women's Univ. Press, 1998.
- Political Economy of the Entertainment Industry in Korea, translated by KIM Jo Sul, Tokyo: Shinkansha, 1997.