UCLA Global Forum in Seoul: The Future of Korea

ORCHID ROOM, WESTIN CHOSUN HOTEL
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015
6:30 p.m. Check-in
7:00 p.m. Panel Discussion - The Future of Korea
8:15 p.m. Reception

Gene D. BLOCK 진 블록
Chancellor, UCLA
Gene Block became Chancellor of UCLA in August 2007. As chief executive officer, he oversees the university’s three-part mission of education, research and service. He has defined academic excellence, civic engagement, diversity, and financial security as top priorities for his administration. An expert in neuroscience, Dr. Block's current research focuses on the effects of aging in the nervous system and how it impacts biological timing in mammals, including humans. He holds faculty appointments in psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences in the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and in physiological science in the College of Letters and Science. Chancellor Block holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Stanford University and a master’s and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Oregon. Before coming to UCLA, Chancellor Block served as vice president and provost of the University of Virginia.

Ahn Myoung-Ock 안명옥
President & CEO, National Medical Center
Dr. Ahn is president & CEO of National Medical Center of Korea and a professor of Health and Welfare, CHA University. She is medical doctor specialized in OB/Gyn and preventive medicine, who holds public health background as well (M.P.H. & Dr.P.H., Ph.D.). Prior to this position, she served as chairman for the advisory committee to the speaker of the Korean National Assembly, the Future Vision Committee for the Women and Children of Korea as well as boards of directors of the Women’s Human Rights Commission of Korea. Before that she was a member of the National Assembly, who was recognized as the best parliamentarian to propose and pass the most bills in history, during one term. She is former chairman of the UCLA Alumni Association of Korea (2010-2012).

Paul CHO 조현우
Partner, Lee & Ko
Paul Cho is a partner and co-chair of the Employment Practice Group at the law firm of Lee & Ko in Seoul, Korea. He has been recognized by legal publications and the market for years as an expert in the field of labor and employment, particularly with respect to mergers & acquisitions and crisis management. Paul also serves on the board of the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea. Paul regularly gives lectures in the local business community as well as overseas on all aspects of Korean labor and employment law, and has regularly appeared on Bloomberg TV to discuss labor issues in Korea. Paul is an active member of the UCLA Parents’ Council in Korea.

Cindy Fan 신디 팬
Vice Provost for International Studies and Global Engagement
Professor of Geography, UCLA
Dr. Fan is responsible for UCLA’s global strategy, international partnerships and global engagement. She also oversees the International Institute that comprises more than 25 interdisciplinary research centers and degree programs. Dr. Fan received her B.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. from respectively the University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong and Ohio State University. Her book China on the Move is a pioneering study of rural-urban migration and split households in China. Dr. Fan is a recipient of numerous awards including the UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award and she regularly contributes to the New York Times and other media outlets.
Dennis W. HONG 홍원서
Professor, Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering, UCLA
Dr. Dennis Hong, is a professor and the founding director of RoMeLa (Robotics & Mechanisms Laboratory) of the mechanical & aerospace engineering department at UCLA. He is the inventor of a number of novel robots and mechanisms, including the ‘whole-skin locomotion’ for mobile robots inspired by how amoeba move, a unique three-legged walking robot STriDER, an air-powered robotic hand RAPHaEL, and the world’s first car that can be driven by the blind. His work has been featured in numerous national and international media. Washington Post Magazine called Dr. Hong “the Leonardo da Vinci of robots.” Dr. Hong has been named to Popular Science’s 8th annual “Brilliant 10,” and received the NSF CAREER award, the SAE International’s Ralph Teetor Educational Award, and the ASME Freudenstein/ GM Young Investigator Award.

James KIM 제임스 김
President and COO (Chief Operating Officer), GM Korea Company
James Kim joined GM Korea in June 2015 as president and chief operating officer (COO) and will assume the position of president and chief executive officer (CEO) effective January 1, 2016. Mr. Kim joined GM Korea from Microsoft Korea, where he had served as country manager and CEO since February 2009. His previous roles include CEO of Yahoo! Korea and Asia, and regional vice president of Overture (a wholly owned subsidiary of Yahoo!). Kim has an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a B.A. degree in economics from UCLA. He currently serves as chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) in Korea.

Kyung-Sung KIM 김경성
President, Seoul National University of Education
Focusing on educational measurement and evaluation, Dr. Kyung-sung Kim earned his M.A. ’84 and Ph.D. ’90 from the UCLA Graduate School of Education. Since 1992, Dr. Kim has worked as a professor of education at Seoul National University of Education. In addition, he spent five years (1998-2001 and 2004-2005) as a visiting professor at the National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST) at UCLA. He has researched large scale testing and analysis in the U.S. and Korea. Dr. Kim was appointed president of the Seoul National University of Education in September 2015.

Il SAKONG 사공일
Chairman, Institute for Global Economics
Dr. SaKong served the Korean government as minister of finance of Korea (1987-1988), senior secretary to the president for economic affairs (1983-1987), ambassador for international economy and trade (2000-2002), special economic adviser to the president (2008-2009), chairman of the Presidential Council on National Competitiveness (2008-2009), and chairman of the presidential committee for the G20 Summit (2009-2011). He also was special consultant to the International Monetary Fund (1989-1998) and chairman of the Korea International Trade Association (2009-2012). He graduated from Seoul National University and received his M.B.A. and Ph.D. from UCLA.

David WATERS 데이빗 워터스
Managing Director & General Counsel, GM Korea
David Waters is a licensed attorney who has worked in Korea since 2000. After receiving his BA from UCLA in 1990, he enrolled in the Law College of Seoul National University (SNU), becoming the first (and only) non-Korean to have graduated from SNU’s law college. He subsequently attended Columbia Law School (1994-1997) and worked as an international trade lawyer in Washington, D.C. from 1997-2000, before moving back to Korea to join Kim & Chang. He worked at IBM Korea and is currently general counsel at GM Korea. He is co-chair of the legal affairs committee of AMCHAM Korea.