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**Republic of Korea's Candidate for  
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## **EDUCATION**

1988	LL.B. at College of Law, Seoul National University (SNU), Korea
1999	LL.M. in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, University of Utah, U.S.
2000	LL.M. at Harvard Law School, U.S.
2001	Private International Law Course, Hague Academy of International Law, Netherlands

## **DIPLOMATIC CAREER**

1996	Joined the Foreign Service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2010-2012	Counsellor, Korean Embassy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands
2013-2015	Director for International Legal Affairs
2015-2018	Chief of the Legal Team, Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, U.S.
2018-2020	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
2020-present	Director-General for International Legal Affairs

## **PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

1997-1998	Officer in charge of Korea's WTO panel proceedings
2010-2012	Officer in charge of ICJ, ICC and ICTY affairs
2013	Head of delegation to the annual meeting of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources
2013-2015	Board member of the Korean Society of International Law (KSIL) and the Korea

	International Law Review (KILR)
2014	Head of delegation to the ATCM
2015-2017	Head of delegation to annual SPLOS meeting
2016	Head of delegation to the Resumed Review Conference on the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement
2016-2017	Head of delegation to the BBNJ PrepComs
2021-2022	Head of delegation to the director-general level negotiations on maritime boundary delimitation between Korea and China
2022	Head of delegation to the ATCM, the SPLOS meeting, the BBNJ Intergovernmental Conference
2022-	Board member of KSIL and KILR
2023-	Vice President of International Environmental Law & Policy Association

#### **SELECTED ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

Rhee, Zha Hyoung. 2000. "Toward a Fairer WTO Dispute Settlement Procedure". *Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security Review* 8(2): 81-111.

Rhee, Zha Hyoung. 2002. "Negotiations on and Possible Korean Contributions to the Draft International Convention Against the Reproductive Cloning of Human Beings". *MOFA Quarterly Journal of International Law Issues and Practices* 1(1): 85-96.

Presentation on "Analysis of Recent Maritime Issues and Policy Suggestions" at the Fourth 2013 Ocean Policy Seminar, co-hosted by the Sea Lanes of Communications Study Group-Korea, the Korea Institute for Maritime Strategy and the Korea Maritime Institute in December 2013

Presentation on "Enforcing Judgments & Decisions of ICJ" at the 2014 SNU Law Research Institute International Conference in November 2014

Speech on "Polishing the Diamond: State of the Seas of the Republic of Korea" at a side event of the 15th Meeting of UN-Oceans in June 2016

Keynote speech on "Way Forward in UN BBNJ Negotiations and Korea's Role" at the Fourth Academic Conference of International Environmental Law and Policy Association in April 2022

Special lectures on "Exclusive Economic Zones," "Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities" and "State Responsibilities" as part of the diplomatic training course at the Korea National Diplomatic Academy in 2013-2015 and 2021-2022