
Brief Biography

- 1930 Born in Chongju, P'yonganbuk-to, Korea
1953 Graduated from the Department of Korean Language and Literature,
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Seoul National University
1959 - 61 Assistant Professor, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Korea University
1960 - 61 Visiting Scholar, Harvard-Yenching Institute, Harvard University
1962 - 96 Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor, College of Liberal
Arts and Sciences, SNU (present College of Humanities, SNU, reorganized in 1975)
1965 - 67 Visiting Associate Professor, University of Washington
1973 Obtained a Ph.D. in Literature from the Graduate School, SNU
1974 Visiting Professor, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
1975 - 78 Director, Institute of Asian Studies, SNU
1977 Visiting Professor, Linguistic Institute, Linguistic Society of America
1978 - 80 President, Linguistic Society of Korea
1980 - 81 Senior Research Fellow, Columbia University
1981 - 85 Director, Institute of Korean Studies, SNU
1982 - Member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Republic of Korea
1985 Awarded the Sam-il Cultural Prize
1985 - 87 Director of the Central Library, SNU
1988 - 90 President, Society of Korean Linguistics
1990 - 98 President, Altaic Society of Korea
1993 Awarded the Prize of National Academy of Sciences
1993 - 94 Visiting Professor, Faculty of Letters, University of Tokyo
1996 - Professor Emeritus, SNU

Major Works

- Introduction to the History of the Korean Language*, Minjung-Seogwan, Seoul, 1961
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