

PROFILE

Professor Hahn Ki-un was born in Seoul. He was twenty years old when his country restored sovereignty in August, 1945. This historical event inspired him to study education. Professor Hahn studied at Seoul National University and continued to graduate school of the same university. After graduation, he has taught at his alma mater for thirty-eight years as Lecturer, Assistant Professor and Professor. Meanwhile, Professor Hahn has actively worked as a leading educator of the Republic of Korea at Columbia University, Hiroshima University, the National Institute for Educational Research in Tokyo and many other overseas appointments. Professor Hahn has also taken part in the establishment of the Korean Society for the Study of Education and served as President. Moreover, he has served a number of important positions, such as First President of the Korean Society for Education of Social Studies and President of *Kichoju*=Foundationism Society, thus continuously directing educational studies in the Republic of Korea.

Furthermore, Professor Hahn is well known for his writing activities, represented in particular by his book entitled *Situation and Foundation* (1990). Among other publishings, *History of Korean Education* (1963) is the first book ever written on the whole history of Korean educational system and philosophy from ancient times to the present and has been translated into Japanese.

Professor Hahn labelled his theory Foundationism in 1957 when he was studying at Columbia University. Foundationism has been further theorized and systematized into a unique philosophy and theory of education, accumulating his 40-years' research work. The model of this theory, which is formed around the principle of character building, is said to have been taken from his experience of learning how to swim better. Professor Hahn is a very good swimmer and was once nominated to represent his country at the London Olympics, although his participation was not realized. As a sportsman Professor Hahn has contributed to the promotion of exchange in swimming between the Republic of Korea and Japan in his capacity as Managing Director of Republic of Korea's Swimming League.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

- 1925 Born in Seoul
1949 Graduated from Seoul National University
1952 Graduated from the Graduate School of Seoul National University
1952-65 Lecturer, Assistant Professor, and Associate Professor of the same university
1957-58 Exchange Professor of Columbia University
1965-90 Professor at the College of Education of Seoul National University
1965-77 President of the Korean Society for Education of Social Studies
1969-70 Guest Professor at Hiroshima University, Japan
1970 Obtained a doctorate (Ph.D.) at Seoul National University
1973 Conferred the Academic Award of the Korean Society for the Study of Education
1980-81 Guest Research Professor of the National Institute for Educational Research, Tokyo, Japan
1982-84 President of the Korean Society for the Study of Education
1990 Professor Emeritus of Seoul National University
1990 Conferred the National Decoration of Tong-baek-Chang
1991-92 Guest Professor of the Academy of Korean Studies
1992- President of the Kichojui=Foundationism Research Institute
1992 Conferred the Seoul Cultural Award
1994 Conferred the Cheon-Won Educational Award

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