

His Excellency Ahn Ho-young
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Korea to
the United States of America



Ahn Ho-young was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States of America by Madame President Park Geun-hye in May 2013. He has been serving as ambassador since June 2013.

Ambassador Ahn joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in August 1978. He was first stationed abroad as Second Secretary at the Korean Embassy in the Republic of India beginning in July 1984. Subsequently, from January 1990 through the end of 1992, he served as First Secretary at the Korean Embassy in the United States of America.

Ambassador Ahn was appointed Director of the Treaties Division II section in the Treaties Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in January 1993. He then served as Director of the International Trade Division III section of the International Trade Bureau beginning in January 1994. From 1996 to 1997, Ambassador Ahn was reassigned to work at the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France. Beginning in January 1997, he was appointed Counsellor to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development.

From December 1998 until 2001, Ambassador Ahn served as Counsellor to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Secretariat and International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. From January 2002 until March 2003, he was Deputy Director-General of the International Trade Law Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Beginning in April 2003, he served as Director-General of the Multilateral Trade Bureau and in February 2004 he became Director-General of the Economic Cooperation Bureau at the Ministry of Finance and Economy.

In March 2008, he was appointed as Deputy Minister for Trade at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served in this position until March 2011 when he was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Belgium and of the Korean Mission to the European Union. In February 2012, Ambassador Ahn became the first Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade before he was appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America in May 2013.

Ambassador Ahn graduated from Seoul National University with a degree in political science from the Department of International Relations in 1979. He received his Master's degree from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1983. He previously has taught at Korea University as an adjunct professor of law and diplomacy. In addition, Ambassador Ahn is a recipient of the Great Cross Order of Bernardo O'Higgins, the highest civilian honor awarded to non-Chilean citizens, as well as the Order of Service Merit, which is Korea's top award for public officials.

Ahn Ho-young is married and has two sons.

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