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His Excellency

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His Excellency Lee Tae-sik became ambassador to the U.S. in 2005, after more than four decades of service on four continents. Lee's previous positions in the Korean government include director-general of the International Trade Bureau at the Foreign Affairs Ministry, deputy executive director of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, assistant secretary to the Korean president, vice minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and deputy minister for Foreign Affairs. He has previously been ambassador to Israel (2000–02) and to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland (2003–05). As deputy foreign minister, Lee led Korean delegations in various security negotiations and consultations, particularly those addressing North Korea's nuclear issue. From 1981 to 1984, he served as a first secretary at the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C. Lee received degrees from the Department of International Relations at Seoul National University (1970) and the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University (1988). He and his wife are the parents of three sons.