

Dr. Se-Il Park

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Dr. Se-Il Park founded Hansun Foundation in September 2006 with a vision of establishing a bi-partisan, non-profit, private think tank for the first time in Korea, modeled after the Brookings Institutions and the Heritage Foundation in the U.S. The Hansun Foundation has aimed at organizing independent and high quality researches on various national and public policy issues with pro-active participation of more than 300 professors and seasoned experts all around nation. Since its establishment, Dr. Park has served as the president of Hansun Foundation for 7 years and retired in early 2014.

Under the former President Kim Young Sam's administration (1994-1998), Dr. Park has served as Senior Secretary to the President for Policy Development and Social Welfare, and has also been Senior Fellow at the Korean Development Institute (KDI) from 1980 to 1985 and has taught at Seoul National University as Professor of Law and Economics, both at the Law School and the Graduate School of International Relations, since 1985 up to 2013.

Before the establishment of the Hansun Foundation, he served as a member of the Korean National Assembly and the Chairman of the Policy Committee of the Grand National Party (2004-5). Prior to these posts, Dr. Park served as the chairman of the Economic Justice Institute of the Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice (CCEJ) from 2002-2004.

Dr. Park holds a B.A. in Law from Seoul National University (1970). He received his Ph.D in Economics at Cornell University (1980). In 1987, he received "Chung-Rahm Award," a Year Award given to a young scholar with excellent research records, from the Korea's Economic Association. He is also the 1997 Recipient of the Order of Service Merit with Yellow Stripes. Dr. Park-Se-Il was a distinguished visiting fellow at Columbia Law School (1992-3), the Brookings Institution (1998-1999), Stanford University (2008), and the Heritage Foundation (2012). He also served as the President of the Korean Labor Economics Association and as the President of the Korean Law and Economic Association.

Dr. Park, Se-Il's representative works include: Unification Strategy for Advanced Korea (2013), Korea's Creative Globalization Strategy (2010), Korea's Grand National Strategy (2009) Communitarian Liberalism (co-authored) (2008); Korea's Strategy for National Advancement (2006) and Law and Economics (2000).

Dr. Park is currently severing as a member of Presidential Committee for Unification Preparation of ROK.