



Professor Don Koo LEE

BS Forestry in 1969 and MS Forest Genetics in 1971 from Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea
MS Forest Biometry in 1975 and PhD Silviculture in 1978 from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, USA

Prof. Don Koo LEE has served as professor for Seoul National University (SNU), College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS), Department of Forest Sciences in 1981 to 2012. He worked as Department chair (1989-1991), and dean of CALS (1999-2001) and now works as professor emeritus since March 2012. He is also teaching silviculture and forest ecology as endowed chair professor at Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul, Yeungnam University, Korea since April 2013.



He served as president of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) in 2006 - 2010 and COP 10 president of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in 2011 - 2013. His leadership has also included key roles with Center for International Forestry Research as Board of Trustees member (1999 - 2004) and Korean Forest Society as president (2004 - 2006). As minister of the Korea Forest Service (2011 - 2013), his leadership developed effective policies and practices that made the organization a global government leader in the industry.

His dedication to forestry continues as a frequent speaker for international events and membership in the Korean Academy of Science and Technology since 1994 and Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry since 2003.

His service has earned him global accolades, including an Honorary Doctoral Degree from Moscow State Forest University, Moscow, Russia in 2007, the Yellow Stripes Order of Service Award from the Republic of Korea in 2013, the IUFRO Honorary Membership Award in 2014, and the George Washington Carver Distinguished Service Award from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Iowa State University in 2015.

He has published more than 200 scientific articles in the journals and 30 books during the recent 10 years.