Minister of Foreign Affairs Lee Sang-Ock

Lee Sang-Ock was born Aug. 25, 1934, in Andong, Korea. He studied political science at Seoul National University and carried out graduate studies at Georgetown University in Washington.

Mr. Lee is a career public servant. After joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1957, he held a variety of positions, including counsellor for the Korean Embassy in Washington, executive assistant to the prime minister; assistant minister for planning and management; ambassador to Singapore; assistant minister for political affairs; and vice minister of foreign affairs.

In 1986, Mr. Lee was named ambassador, permanent observer to the European Office of the United Nations, and permanent delegate to the International Organizations in Geneva. In December 1990, he was appointed minister of foreign affairs.

Mr. Lee is married and has a daughter and a son.