

President  
Roh Tae-Woo

Roh Tae-Woo was born in Taegu, Korea, on Dec. 4, 1932. Educated at the Korean Military Academy, he made his career in the military and retired a four-star general in 1981.

In the same year, Mr. Roh was appointed minister of state for national security and foreign affairs, a post he held until his appointment as the first minister of sports in 1982.

Mr. Roh subsequently held positions as minister of home affairs and president of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee, the Asian Games Organizing Committee, the Korean Olympic Committee, and the Korean Amateur Sports Association.

Mr. Roh has also been a member of the National Assembly and chairman of the ruling Democratic Justice Party.

In August 1987, Mr. Roh was chosen party president and led an effort to revise the constitution. In December 1987, Mr. Roh was elected president of the Republic of Korea.

Over the past four years, Mr. Roh has overseen extensive democratic reforms and initiated a foreign policy that builds on solid ties with neighbouring countries and the international community.

Mr. Roh is married to Kim Ock-Sook and has two grown children.

