

His Excellency Duk-Soo Han
Korean Ambassador to the United States

Duk-Soo Han was appointed by President Lee Myung-bak as the new Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of the America on January 18, 2009. He presented his Letter of Credence to President Barack Obama on May 20, 2009.

Before the appointment, Ambassador Han served as the 38th Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea after his nomination was approved by the National Assembly on April 2, 2007, and worked in that capacity until February 2008. Prior to serving as Prime Minister, Ambassador Han held numerous high-ranking positions in the Korean government. During his distinguished career in government, Ambassador Han has made many contributions to the development and modernization of the Korean economy. Deregulation, market opening, and strengthening of the market economy have been the three pillars of his philosophy and framework for the economic policy of Korea.

Ambassador Han earned a B.A. in Economics from Seoul National University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University. He has been awarded two Order of Public Service and Merit Medals.