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For more than 20 years, Dr. Seong-il Kim has been a leading consultant in protected areas management and policy formulation in Korea. He has also played an important role in introducing ecotourism concept for the first time in Korea since early 1990s. He has been a member for both Korea UNESCO MAB Committee and IUCN Korea National Committee for more than 10 years, and a member of the newly established 'Presidential Committee on Green Growth.'

He has been an active contributor in environmental policy through writing, public speaking, government committees, and NGOs involvement. His newspaper articles have been particularly focused on IUCN activities and partnerships in an Asian context. He has established a community education center in a small rural area and served as voluntary head of the center for 5 years teaching 80 local people a year. He delivers more than 10 public lectures on environmental issues every year nationally as well as internationally. He has recently elected as a president of the International Association for Protected Area Stewardship (IAPAS) for recognition of his long contribution in environmental conservation.

His educational backgrounds cover from Forestry, Landscape Architecture (Seoul National University), Environmental Studies (Yale) and Tourism Sciences (Texas A&M). Currently, he has been a Professor of Seoul National University teaching 'Parks and Recreation' and 'Ecotourism Development' since 1992.