

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Ki-tack LIM**  
**CEO & President**  
**Busan Port Authority**



Ki-tack Lim was born on 22 January 1956 in Masan, Gyeongsangnam-do, one of the major port cities in Korea. He lived there until graduating from Masan high-school in 1973.

### Academic Background

He entered Korea Maritime and Ocean University (KMOU) in Busan in March 1973. He majored in nautical science, and earned his bachelor's degree in February 1977.

While working in the Korea Maritime and Port Administration (KMPA), he further studied public administration at the Graduate School of Administration, Yonsei University from September 1987, and obtained his master's degree with a thesis "A Study on the Development of Korea's Ship Inspection System" in February 1990.

In March 1990, he studied maritime safety administration with a major in navigation at the World Maritime University (WMU), and graduated with a master's degree with a thesis "A Study on the Roles of Maritime Accident Investigation for the Promotion of Maritime Safety" in December 1991. Since September 1995, he attended a doctoral program for international law at KMOU and completed the course work in March 1998 with submission of doctoral dissertation remaining.

### IMO related activities

He was appointed as Maritime Attaché, Minister-Counsellor at the Korean Embassy in London and led all IMO work for the Republic of Korea by serving as Deputy Permanent Representative to IMO between August 2006 and August 2009. He also had been posted to London to represent the Republic of Korea in IMO meetings between August 1998 and September 2001.

From 1998, he attended various IMO meetings as a head of the Republic of Korea delegation. He actively participated in the IMO meetings to promote the effective implementation of IMO conventions such as improvement of maritime accident investigation scheme, effective implementation of PSC activities, and harmonized systems of survey and certification. In particular, for three years from 2002 to 2004, he successfully undertook the chairmanship of Sub-Committee on Flag State Implementation.

He started to attend IMO meetings since 1986. During this period, he not only actively participated in the maritime safety and environmental protection issues such as SOLAS amendment for passenger ship safety and double-hull oil tanker requirements but also endeavored to make contributions to various IMO policies and legal related matters such as technical cooperation, capacity building, and the framework of IMO Member State Audit Scheme.

From 1992, he engaged himself deeply in activities to promote maritime safety through effective implementation of IMO conventions in Korea. He also led regular maritime safety meetings held between the Korea and IMO member states in Asian region and contributed to enhancing the PSC regime by assisting the promotion of Tokyo MoU during this period. In 2004, he was elected as Chairman of Tokyo MoU.

#### **Work Experience and Achievements**

At present, he is the President of Busan Port Authority, who is responsible for overall management of Busan Port. Since assuming the position in July 2012, he has supervised management and construction of the whole Busan Port. By raising its competitiveness, he helped Busan Port to reach the highest container handling volume in 2014.

- These efforts have enabled Busan Port to become one of the three major transshipment ports in the world, and the largest one in Northeast Asia. This has contributed significantly to the development of shipping economy in Northeast Asia. His commitment to port safety and security, prevention of marine pollution, and expediting shipping logistics has also led to assisting the robust development of international shipping.
- For safer navigation in Busan New Port, he managed to obtain cooperation from the central government which leads to US\$ 400 million investment to completely remove islets that hinder safe navigation. In addition, he managed to secure manpower and marine surveillance facilities for effective enforcement of ISPS Code with US\$ 13 million investment. He also initiated an incentive program for ESI system to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in ports from ships.
- Furthermore, he has endeavored to promote the advancement of Stevedore Union which has more than 5,000 members, and enhance effective operation of Busan Port by maintaining close cooperation with the Union.

In March 2011, he was appointed as Commissioner of Korean Maritime Safety Tribunal (KMST), in charge of maritime accident investigation and proceeding of the tribunal. He assisted officials in establishing accident prevention measures by giving feedback on findings and results of the investigation. Also, he enhanced safety awareness and the importance of prevention by producing and distributing simulation DVDs illustrating major accidents in the past.

In August 2009, after being appointed as Director General for Maritime Safety Policy Bureau at the headquarters of the Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs (MLTM), he led the Korean delegation at IMO General Assembly in 2009 and made significant contributions to help the Republic of Korea to be re-elected at the vote for Category A Council Member.

In August 2006, he moved to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was appointed as Maritime Attaché, Minister-Counsellor of the Korean Embassy in London, responsible for IMO related issues as Deputy Permanent Representative to IMO.

In January 2005, he was appointed as a spokesman for the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MOMAF). He promoted the government's main policies and international cooperation work in the field of maritime activities. As a spokesman, he endeavored to resolve difficult issues such as over-competition among domestic ports, ship safety, marine pollution, etc. He also dedicated himself to enhancing PR with media.

In April 2003, he was promoted to Director General's position, and was appointed as Director General for Maritime Investigation of the KMST. He oversaw the investigation of ship accidents and participated in appeals trials, in which he investigated the causes behind accidents and explored areas for improvement.

- During the above-mentioned period, he put emphasis on education and training focusing on human related factors leading to accidents rather than calling mariners to account.

In January 2002, he was appointed as Director of Shipping Policy, Shipping and Logistics Bureau of the MOMAF, and was promoted to Deputy Director General position in March of the same year where he gained knowledge and experience related to overall aspects of shipping and logistics policy, including shipping economy policy, promotion and supervision of Korea ocean-going shipping companies and international shipping economic cooperation.

As Deputy Director General, his responsibilities included the following:

- Introduction of Korea's first-ever ship financing system, "Ship Investment Company System" to support replacement of aged ships;
- Tax revision of the shipping industry;
- Laying the groundwork for the introduction of tonnage tax and improving management condition of shipping companies
- Facilitating cooperative activities on shipping issues in Asian region.

On his return to the MOMAF in September 2001 from IMO, he was appointed as Director of Maritime Technology Division, Maritime Safety Bureau where he mainly oversaw activities related to IMO, ship and port facility security, and cooperation with Korean Register (KR).

- In November 2001, he led the Korean delegation and contributed to advancing Korea into one of the members of Category A Council from Category C at the IMO General Assembly. In order to implement a campaign pledge, he set up IMO/ROK Programme of Technical Co-operation, which has provided US\$500,000 to US\$700,000 annually to promote the technology and cooperative work within IMO and the WMU's scholarship drive.

In August 1998, he was posted to London to represent the Republic of Korea at various IMO meetings. Before his next transfer in September 2002, he attended several IMO meetings and served as a bridge between the Government of the Republic of Korea and IMO.

- In May 1999, he formed Asia Informal Group (AIG) with some Asian members of IMO and acted as its inaugural chairman. He also organized pre-meetings to exchange ideas and share views on the main issues of the IMO meetings. AIG has expanded over the years and is still being maintained.

In May 1995, he was promoted as Deputy Director of Ship Inspection at the KMPA. With the establishment of the MOMAF in August 1996, he was appointed as Director of Maritime Safety in October of the same year. He was placed in charge of supervising maritime safety and maritime pollution from ships in Korea. During his service, he drafted "A Comprehensive Measure for Prevention of Maritime Pollution in Korea", and briefed the Presidential Office. The draft was adopted as a government policy. In June 1997, he was appointed as Director of Safety Policy which is Head Director of the Maritime Safety Bureau, and oversaw comprehensive maritime safety affairs.

As Head Director of the Bureau, Mr. Lim:

- established 'Mid- and Long-Term Strategy for Marine Safety' as the national policy; and
- established comprehensive measures for the prevention of oil-tanker accidents to ensure ship facility safety, raised standards of the officers and crew training, promoted safety awareness of crew on board through the direct communication with senior officers such as captains and chief engineers, and introduced oil-tanker safety management companies which led to drastic reduction of coastal oil-tanker accident rates and serious accident rates.

From November 1994 to May 1995, he was dispatched to Safety Control Task Force under the Prime Minister's office. During this mission, he aided the Prime Minister and fulfilled his duties of supervising the whole area of Korea's maritime safety and protection of marine environment.

In January 1985, he joined the government and until 1992, worked as an Assistant Director for several divisions of KMPA being in charge of Marine Environment and Ship Inspection. During this period, he worked on the Ships Safety Act and developed and amended relevant ship inspection acts of Korea to comply with the provisions of IMO SOLAS Convention. He also worked on the amendment and advancement of Marine Pollution Prevention Act and relevant orders, following the amendment of the MARPOL annexes covering such requirements as double hull. In particular, he initiated and reorganized the system for the prevention of large-scale marine pollution in Korea to comply with the OPRC Convention.

In April 1979, he joined Sanko Shipping Co. of Japan and worked as a second officer and a chief officer, ranging from car/dry bulk carrier, oil tanker to mineral carrier. In October 1983, upon completing onboard work,

he started his career in Busan branch of Chunkyung Shipping Co. as a manager of maritime affairs.

In February 1977, after graduating KMOU, he served on board navy vessels as an officer and finished his services as a sub-lieutenant in March 1979.

#### **Leadership**

In 1991, he served as a course representative at the Department of Maritime Safety Administration with a major in navigation at the WMU.

In 1999, he launched AIG in the member nations of IMO and served as its first chairman.

From 2000 to 2001, he served as the president of IMO's Maritime Attaché club.

From 2002 to 2004, he served as Chairman of Sub-Committee of IMO FSI.

In 2004, he was elected as Chairman of the Port State Control Committee in Asia-Pacific region.

Also he serves as President of Seapower League of Busan, Busan Rowing Association, and Busan Sea Scouts.

#### **Professional Award**

In 1994, he received the President Prize for Excellent Public Officials.

In 2007, he was awarded with the Prize for Excellent Expatriate Diplomats from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In 2014, he received the Grand Prize for the CEO of the Year 2014 (The Korea Economic Daily)

#### **Family and Hobby**

Mr. Lim is married to Ms. Jung-ae Do, and they have two sons.  
He enjoys playing golf, tennis, game of Go, and reading.

#### **Research**

Master's Degree (February 1990): A Study on the Development of Korea's Ship Inspection System.

Master's Degree (December 1991): A Study on the Roles of Maritime Accident Investigation for the Promotion of Maritime Safety.

Several papers on major maritime safety issues including VMAS.