

Biography

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Dr. NAM Jaecheol has been appointed as the Administrator of Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) since July 2017. He is also the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea with WMO and Vice-President of Commission for Atmospheric Sciences (CAS) of WMO after serving as the Vice Administrator of KMA (2016~2017), President of National Institute of Meteorological Sciences (NIMS) (2012~2015) and Director-General of KMA (2011~2012).

Contributions to Regional and Global Communities

His international career began as a Director of International Cooperation Division of KMA (2006~2009). He contributed to creating close international relations through multi- and bi-lateral cooperation under the framework of WMO. He successfully organized major WMO Sessions to Korea, including the WMO Extraordinary Session of the Commission for Basic Systems in 2006, the 15th CAS in 2009, and the 32nd IPCC in 2010, and 4th JCOMM in 2012 and hosted the International Coordination Office (ICO) of Subseasonal to Seasonal (S2S) Prediction Project at NIMS. As part of contributions to WMO activities, he hosted the International Collaborative Experiments for Pyeongchang Olympic and Paralympic 2018 winter games (ICE-POP 2018) as well as the Regional Workshop on Impact-based Forecasts in RA II in 2017.

Activities in a variety of areas

His commitment to national responsibilities spans decades since 1988. During his early career with NIMS, he developed in-depth scientific knowledge as a research scientist, and then as a Director of several laboratories responsible for the research of agrometeorology, marine meteorology, remote sensing, applied meteorology and weather forecast from 2000 to 2006, he gained science-based managerial expertise. His experiences at the University of Reading, UK and University of Oklahoma, USA have afforded him excellent opportunities to further advance meteorological knowledge and broaden networking.

Academic Background

Dr. Nam obtained his bachelor's degree in agronomy and M.S. in meteorology from Seoul National University. Using a British Council Scholarship, he moved to the University of Reading in the U.K. and completed in 1999 his MPhil course in Meteorology under the supervision of Professor Alan Thorpe (former Director of ECMWF). By 2002, he had earned his PhD in Atmospheric Sciences at the Seoul National University.