BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Jim Yong Kim President of the World Bank Group



Jim Yong Kim, M.D., Ph.D., became the 12th President of the World Bank Group on July, 2012. Dr. Kim has dedicated himself to international development for more than two decades, helping to improve the lives of under-served populations worldwide. Dr. Kim is a co-founder of Partners In Health (PIH) and a former Director of the HIV/AIDS Department at the World Health Organization (WHO). Dr. Kim was President of Dartmouth College

Dr. Kim held professorships and chaired departments at Harvard Medical School, the Harvard School of Public Health and Brigham and Women's Hospital. He also served as Director of Harvard's François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights.

In 1987, Dr. Kim co-founded Partners In Health, a Boston-based non-profit organization now working in poor communities on 4 continents. As Director of the World Health Organization's HIV/AIDS Department, Dr. Kim led the 3 by 5 initiative, the first-ever global goal for AIDS treatment.

He was awarded a MacArthur Genius Fellowship (2003), was named one of America's 25 Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report (2005), and was selected as one of TIME magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World (2006).

Born in 1959 in Seoul, South Korea, Dr. Kim moved with his family to the United States at the age of five and grew up in Muscatine, Iowa. Dr. Kim graduated with an A.B. magna cum laude from Brown University in 1982. He earned an M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1991 and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Harvard University in 1993.

He is married to Dr. Younsook Lim, a pediatrician, and has two sons.