

Roh Moo-hyun

Curriculum Vitae

■ Birth: August 6th, 1946; Kimhae, South Kyeongsang Province

■ Present Residence: # 302, Hyundai Villa, Myung-Ryun 1-ga, Chongno-gu, Seoul

■ Title: Millennium Democratic Party Presidential Candidate

■ Education

1959. 2. Graduated Daechang Elementary School, Kimhae, South Kyeongsang Province

1963. 2. Graduated Jinyoung Middle School, Kimhae, South Kyeongsang Province

1996. 2. Graduated Pusan Commercial High School

■ Career

2001. 11. Standing Advisor, Millennium Democratic Party (MDP)

2001. 10. Supreme Council Member, Millennium Democratic Party

2001. 9. Declared Presidential bid

2000. 8. - 2001. 3. Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

2000. Lost Pusan precinct National Assemblymanship bid (16th General Election)

1998. Arbitrated Hyundai Motors strike

1998. 7. Elected to National Assembly (National Congress for New

Politics) through by-election, 15th General Election (Chongno District, Seoul) – Chairman, Special Committee for Worker Exploitation Prevention; Budget Committee Member; Education Committee Member

1997. 11. Vice-president of the National Congress for New Politics (MDP predecessor)

1995. 6. Vice President, Democratic Party (merged); Lost Pusan Mayorship bid

1993. 10. Director, Institute for Municipal Administration Research

1993. 3. Democratic Party Supreme Council Member (youngest)

1992. Lost Pusan precinct National Assemblymanship bid (14th General Election)

1991. 10. Initiated new Democratic Party from merger with another opposition party; appointed Spokesperson

1990. Rejected membership in three party merger initiated by Kim Jong-pil and Kim Young Sam, opposition party leaders, and then President Noh Tae-woo of the ruling party; Initiated the Democratic Party

1988. Earned a nationwide fame as “star” lawmaker at the 5th Republic (Chun Do-hwan Administration) Irregularities Parliamentary fact-finding hearing

1988. 4. Elected to National Assembly, 13th General Election (Dong District, Pusan)

1987. 4. Standing Executive Committee Chairman of the nationwide “People’s Movement for Democratic Constitution,” Pusan Branch

1985. Standing Chairman, Pusan Democratic Citizens’ Association

1984. Director, Pusan Pollution Research Institute

1981. BooLim Incident inspired a human rights lawyer career: Two-dozen students were arrested by government authorities without warrant and tortured for 57 days for reading banned ideological literature. Roh, taking the case at risk and seeing one of the students' toe nails torn off from torture, was shocked into decision to act on behalf of the underprivileged and disenfranchised.

1978. 5. Began private law practice

1977. 9. Judge, Taejon Regional Court

1975. 4. Passed state-administered bar exam (National Judiciary Exam)

1973. Married Kwon Yang-sook

1971. Fulfilled military service

1968. Began mandatory military service

1966. 2. Graduated Pusan Commercial High School (vocational)

1963. 2. Graduated Jinyoung Middle School, Kimhae, South Kyeongsang Province

1959. 2. Graduated Daechang Elementary School, Kimhae, South Kyeongsang Province

General

Blood type: O

Height/Weight: 168cm, 62kg

Family: Wife, one son, one daughter

Education: High school graduate

Motto: "Be hard on yourself and generous to others."

English proficiency: Intermediate

Favorite foreign literature: Abraham Lincoln biographies; *Between Hope and History* by former President Bill Clinton

Most moving fiction: Les Misérables

Most respected person: Abraham Lincoln; Kim Gu, national spiritual leader during Japanese colonial rule, assassinated by a right-wing extremist after Korean liberation

Favorite sports: Hiking and Bowling

Alcoholic beverage: Half a bottle of Soju, popular Korean distilled spirit

Favorite exercise: Yoga (half an hour a day)

Favorite food: Chicken Soup with Ginseng

Sleep: Six hours a day

Favorite movies: Schindler's List (foreign); Green Fish (Korean)

Nickname: Roh-Jjang! (Roh Cool !, nickname from Roh's Internet fan club RohSaMo, or *I Love Roh*)

Best consultant in times of trouble: Wife

Roh developed computer program: Knowhow 2000 (Name directory management program)

Roh authored books: *Honey! Please Help Me!* (1994); *Ready Today for Tomorrow* (1996, coauthored); *Roh Moo-hyun Meets Lincoln* (2001)