

JUDGE SANG-HYUN SONG

President, International Criminal Court

Judge Song was elected Judge of the International Criminal Court in 2003 and President of the Court in 2009.

Judge Song has extensive practical and academic experience in the area of court management, criminal procedure and the law of evidence. He was professor of law at Seoul National University Law School from 1972 to 2007, and visiting professor to a number of law schools, including Harvard, NYU and Melbourne. He also worked as Judge-Advocate in the Korean Army and as foreign attorney in a New York law firm. As a member of the advisory committee to the Korean Supreme Court and Ministry of Justice, he participated in the reform of the national litigation system, in particular in relation to criminal procedure. He is Vice-President of UNICEF/KOREA and co-founder of the Legal Aid Centre for Women and of the Childhood Leukemia Foundation in Seoul. Judge Song has experience in relevant areas of international law, notably international humanitarian law and human rights law. He is the author of several publications on relevant legal issues.

Judge Song graduated from Seoul National University Law School with an LL.B. degree in 1963. He obtained a J.S.D. degree at Cornell Law School (U.S.A., 1970). He was admitted to the Korean Bar in 1964.