



(Photo: Korean Central News Agency) Kang Sok-ju participates in the August 2009 meeting between former US President Bill Clinton and Kim Jong-il.

Kang Sok-ju

Current positions:

Senior Vice-Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Councilor, National Defense Commission

Member, Central Committee, KWP

Delegate (deputy), 12th SPA (Representing Electoral District 48)

Born: 19 August 1939, Pyongwon, South Pyongan

Family: Kang Sok-ju is younger brother of the late Kang Sok-sung, former director of the Party History Institute. They are cousins of Kim Il-sung on his maternal (Kang Pan-sok) side.

Education:

Pyongyang University of Foreign Languages

Positions held:

1972: Cadre, International Department, KWP

Kang Sok-ju became a protégé of Kim Yong-nam, then department director.

1981: (April) Secretary, DPRK UNESCO Mission to Paris

1983: (March) Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, State Administration Council

1986: (November) Delegate (deputy) 8th SPA

1987: (April) Senior Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1991: (December) Elected, Member, Central Committee, KWP

1990: (April) Delegate (Deputy), 9th SPA

1992: (April) Awarded, Order of Kim Il-sung

1994: (July) Member, Kim Il-sung Funeral Committee (#114)

1995: (February) Member, O Jin-u Funeral Committee (#102)

1998: (July) Delegate (deputy), 10th SPA (Representing Electoral District 131)

2003: (September) Delegate (deputy), 11th SPA

2007: (June) Councilor, National Defense Commission (concurrent to his MOFA position)

Kang Sok-ju may have replaced Kim Yang-gon, who was appointed in 2007 to concurrently manage the KWP United Front and International Departments.

2009: (April) Delegate (deputy), 12th SPA (Representing Electoral District 48)