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Kim Yang-gon

**Current Positions:**

Director, United Front Department, CCKWP

Member, Central Committee, KWP

Delegate (Deputy), 12<sup>th</sup> SPA (Representing Electoral District 67)

Member, Presidium, 12<sup>th</sup> SPA

Born: 1938, Anju, South Phyongan

**Education:**

1959: baccalaurate, Kim il Sung University

**Positions Held:**

1986: (September) Vice Director, International Affairs Department, CCKWP  
(October) Member, Korea Foreign Affairs Association

1990: (April) Delegate (Deputy), 9<sup>th</sup> SPA

1991: (February) Vice Chair, Korea Foreign Affairs Association  
(July) Chair, DPRK-Japan Amity and Friendship Association

1995: (October) Awarded, Order of Kim il Sung

1997: (April) Appointed, Director, International Affairs Department, CCKWP

1998: (July) Delegate (Deputy), 10<sup>th</sup> SPA (Representing Electoral District 84)

Kim Yang-gon was removed from the directorate of the International Affairs Department. He was temporarily purged from the CCKWP leadership while a background and corruption investigation were initiated.

2005: Councilor, National Defense Commission

2007: (March) Appointed, Director, United Front Department, CCKWP

2009: (April) Delegate (Deputy), 12<sup>th</sup> SPA (Representing Electoral District 67)  
Member, Presidium, 12<sup>th</sup> SPA

Kim Yang-gon has participated as Kim Jong-il's second in two high profile meetings in August 2009—one with former US President Bill Clinton, and another with Hyundai Group Chair Hyun Jeong-eun—which may indicate that he has a concurrent position in the KWP as the department director of the International Affairs Department. It is also unclear whether Mr. Kim relinquished his position as a councilor to the National Defense Commission.