

Special Issue in the Honor of Prof. Young Ho Kim



It gives me great pleasure to write this dedication for the special issue of Natural Product Sciences in honor of Professor Dr. Young Ho Kim's remarkable contribution to the field of Pharmacognosy.

Prof. Kim received his bachelor's degree from the College of Pharmacy at Seoul National University in 1980. He then completed his master's and doctoral studies under the guidance of the late Professor Bo-Sup Chung at the Graduate School of the same university. He completed his Ph.D. thesis in the field of Pharmacognosy in 1987.

From 1987 to 1996, Prof. Kim worked as a principal researcher at the Korea Research Institute of Bioscience and Biotechnology. In September 1996, he was appointed as a Professor at the College of Pharmacy, Chungnam National University. Since joining the faculty of Chungnam National University, Prof. Kim has been actively engaged in research related to Pharmacognosy, constituents, and efficacy of natural products, achieving a level of research excellence that serves as a model for others.

He has published over 700 papers in domestic and international journals, written four books, and registered 55 patents. As an educator and researcher, he has excelled in both areas, supervising the graduation of 45 doctoral students and 43 master's students. Notably, his influence extends beyond national borders. He has been actively involved in international research collaborations with countries such as Vietnam, China, and Indonesia. This international collaboration has produced many significant outputs and contributed to advancing of academic disciplines in each country. In addition, his leadership has facilitated the success of many international students, contributing to the academic advancement of their home countries.

In addition, he contributed significantly to the development of the College of Pharmacy and Chungnam National University by serving as Dean, Director of Priority Research Institute, Director of Drug Development Research Institute, and Director of the Medicinal Herb Garden. Regarding academic activities, he served as Academic Director, General Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Korean Society of Pharmacognosy. In 2014, he served as President of the Korean Society of Pharmacognosy, successfully leading the Spring Symposium (Hoam Art Hall), Summer Herbal Medicine Resource Survey (Jiri Mountain), KSP-JSP-CCTCNM Joint Symposium (Fukuoka, Japan), and the Annual General Meeting and Conference (Seoul, The K Hotel).

In recognition of his contributions, he was awarded the Namgang Academic Award (1982), the Best Paper Award (1990), the Wuje Natural Drugs Academic Award (2011), the Academic Grand Prize (2016), and the Gasan-Kwangdong Academic Award (2019). He also served as Chairman of the Natural Products Division of the Pharmaceutical Society of Korea and received the Academic Encouragement Award (2004) and the Kwang-Yull Yoon Pharmacy Award (2016). In addition, he served as Chairman of the Natural Drug Research Committee, Chairman of the Medicinal Herb Garden Council, and Chairman of the Pharmacognosy Professors Association, making significant contributions to the development of herbal medicine and natural products.

It has been more than 15 years since I began my journey with Prof. Kim. I learned everything I needed from him, including how to do research and how to guide students as a professor, and this privilege and teaching we received from him will continue to be passed on to future generations, not only through me but also through his students who are working as professors and researchers around the world. I will never forget his sincere research, how he always did his best in everything, and how he always taught us with a gentle smile. I hope he will continue to guide us well, and I wish him good health and happiness.

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