

**NAM Kyung-pil** was inaugurated as the 34<sup>th</sup> Governor of Gyeonggi Province on July 1, 2014. He was elected to office by popular vote during the 6th local elections of the Republic of Korea, succeeding former Governor Kim Moon-soo.

Prior to the governorship, Nam served 5 consecutive terms as member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, representing his

constituency in Suwon City of Gyeonggi Province from 1998 to 2014. His first term in office saw his appointment as the Deputy Floor Leader for the Grand National Party (now the Saenuri Party) in 1998, Spokesman of the Grand National Party in 2001, and Chief Deputy Floor Leader for the Grand National Party from 2004 to 2005.

Concurrent with his tenure in the National Assembly, Nam assumed a number of chairmanships including that of the Korea Ice Hockey Association for the Disabled from 2004 to 2016. Nam has also served as the Chairman of the International E-culture Festival Organizing Committee since 2008, and of the Economic Democratization Caucus of the Saenuri Party since 2012. From 2013 to 2014, he served as Chairman of the Korea Internet & Digital Entertainment Association.

Nam served as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Unification Committee of the National Assembly from 2010 to 2011, taking the lead in foreign policy formulation and diplomatic initiatives for the nation. He also served as Chairman of the Korean-German Parliamentary Friendship Group from 2012 to 2014, fostering bilateral exchanges while examining German experiences and their effective applicability to circumstances on the Korean Peninsula.

Now, as leader of the largest local autonomy, leading cultural bastion and key economic engine of Korea, Nam Kyung-pil is initiating a governmental coalition for provincial residents based on communication and cooperation with opposition parties. He is also actively engaging in public diplomacy on the international stage so as to propel multifaceted growth while preparing both Korea and the world for Korean reunification.

Nam Kyung-pil was born on January 20, 1965, and graduated from Yonsei University in 1988 with a degree in Social Welfare. He later undertook graduate studies at Yale University in the United States and obtained his master's degree in Public and Private Management in 1996.