

Chong-Moon Lee

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Business/Career

1995-Present Founder and Chairman, AmBex Venture Partners, Sunnyvale, California
2003-2011 Chairman, Nara Bancorp, the holding company of Nara Bank, currently Bank of Hope, Los Angeles
1999-2010 Chairman, Silicon Valley Venture Fund, Sunnyvale, California
1982-1995 Founder, Chairman & CEO, Diamond Multimedia Systems, San Jose, California (Initial Public Offering: April, 1995; and Appointed as IBM Business Partner, and Designated as Hardware Supplier to IBM: 1988–1995)
1981-1990 Representative, The Santa Clara Valley World Trade Association (The Chinese Government invited him as Delegation of California International Trade Association to give presentations in Beijing, Shanghai and Nanjing on high technology and international trade in the Silicon Valley)
1975-1982 Founder & CEO, Adak Inc., Exporters and US-Asia Business Consultants, Los Altos, CA
1965-1975 Executive Vice President, Chong-Keun Dang Pharmaceutical Co., Seoul, Korea
1961-1965 Executive Director, Korea Library Association
1960-1965 Lecturer, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea
1954-1962 Assistant Librarian & Deputy Director, Western Publication Department, National Central Library, Seoul, Korea

Academic & Civic Activities

2009-2013 Trustee, Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST), Daejeon, Korea
2009-2012 Trustees, Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), Washington, DC
2007-2009 Advisory Board Member, CSIS
2006-2010 Council Member, California Arts Council, California State Government, Sacramento, California
2004-2009 Advisor, STVP (Stanford Technology Venture Program), Engineering School, Stanford University
2003-2016 Founding Member & Trustee, US Asia Pacific Council, Washington, DC
2002-2010 Trustee, Asian American Multi-Technology Association (AAMA), America's largest Asian American high-tech entrepreneurship organization, San Jose, California
2002-2005 Co-Director, Greater China Project, Stanford Project on Regions of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Stanford University

- 2001-2013 Chaired Professor Emeritus, KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology) in Entrepreneurship, Korea
- 2000-2018 Charter Member, The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), World's largest high-tech entrepreneurship organization of Indo-Americans, Santa Clara, California
- 1997-Present Trustee, The Asia Society, New York
- 1999-2003 Helped Graduate School of Business, Stanford University create SEIT (Strategy & Entrepreneurship in IT Industry) Program; brought 240 young Korean entrepreneurs to Stanford for summer program for 5 years.
- 1998-Present Trustee & Trustee Emeritus, The Asia Foundation, San Francisco
- 1998-2008 Member, Council on Foreign Relations, New York
- 1998-2004 Member, World Affairs Council, San Francisco
- 1997-2002 Consulting Professor, Asia Pacific Research Center, Stanford University
- 1996-Present Chairman, The Chong-Moon Lee Foundation (publicly chartered foundation), Sunnyvale, California
- 1996-2005 Trustee & Founding Member, The Tech Museum of Innovation, San Jose, California
- 1996-2003 Board Member, US-PECC (US-Pacific Economic Cooperation Council), Washington, DC
- 1996-2002 Chairman, Organizing Committee, US-Asia Information Technology Summit
- 1995 -2000 Board Member, American Red Cross, Santa Clara Chapter, California
- 1993-Present Commissioner and Trustee, Asian Art Museum, Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art and Culture, San Francisco
- 1966-1974 Chairman, Korea Cycling Federation, Korea
- 1966-1974 Board Member, National Olympic Committee, Korea
- 1966-1974 Board Member, Korea Amateur Sports Federation, Korea
- 1962-1966 Board Member, UNESCO, Korean Chapter

Awards

- 2018 Global Leadership Award: World Affair Council, San Francisco
- 2017 Outstanding Korean Immigrant Leader Award, Korean-American Community Foundation, New York
- 2013 Selected as Immigrant of the Year by Carnegie Corporation
- 2013 Lotus Leadership Award: Asia Foundation, San Francisco
- 2012 New Silk Road Award: California-Asia Business Council, San Francisco
- 2010 Liberty Award: Institute for Corean-American Studies, Philadelphia
- 2008 Distinguished CEO Awards: Money Today, Seoul, Korea
- 2007 "Innovator of 1999" Award: PC Magazine for introduction of MP3 Chips into industry and development of MP3 based products
- 2006 Business Impact Award: Asian Law Alliance, San Jose, California
- 2005 Distinguished Korean Grand Award, Korea Journalism Assoc.
- 2005 Outstanding Asian American Entrepreneur Award: Asia Society, New York
- 2003 Distinguished Alumni Award: Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

- 2001 The First Philip Jaisohn Medal of Honor: Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation, Philadelphia
- 1999 Order of Civil Merits (Mugungwha Medal, The highest national recognition): Government of Republic of Korea, for the dedication to innovate Korea's Science and Technology in Education and Technology Venture Industry
- 1999 Asian of the Year Award: Asian American Federation, New York
- 1998 Distinguished Asian Leadership Award: Asian Business League of America
- 1998 Freedom Award: Asian American for Community Involvement
- 1997 Immigrant Building a Stronger America Award: Asian Pacific American Community Fund, San Francisco
- 1995 Cyril Business Leadership Award: American Chamber of Commerce
- 1995 Asian Businessman of the Year: Asian American Chamber of Commerce, Washington DC
- 1993 & 1994 Finalist, Entrepreneur of the Year, Northern California: INC. Business Magazine
- 1993 America's Fastest Growing Private Company (17th): INC. Business Magazine
- 1993 Fastest Growing Private Company (8th) in Silicon Valley: Business Journal, San Jose, California

Education & Honorary Degrees

- 2007 Honorary Doctorate Degree (Engineering), KAIST (Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology)
- 2005 Honorary Doctorate Degree (Business Management), Chung Ang University, Seoul, Korea
- 2001 Honorary Doctorate Degree (Philosophy), Seton Hall University, New Jersey
- 1998 Honorary Doctorate Degree (Engineering), University of Seoul, Korea
- 1996 Honorary Doctorate Degree (Economics), John F. Kennedy University, California
- 1967 MBA equivalent, Graduate School of Management, Korea University, Seoul, Korea
- 1959 MS, Library Science, George Peabody College, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1953 LLB, Chung Ang University, Seoul, Korea

Publications & Lectures

- 2000 "The Silicon Valley Edge", Editor and Co-Author, Stanford University Press, Stanford, California (translated into Chinese, Japanese and Korean languages)
- 1996-Present Frequent Speaker on Knowledge based Economy, High-Tech Entrepreneurship and MoT (Management of Technology) for American, Chinese, Japanese and Korean universities and conferences