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Mr. Hee Seok Byeon joined the Public Procurement Service in 1990 and served in key government procurement positions for over 30 years, including chief managerial positions, Director of Construction Works, Director of Procurement Service, and Director of New Technologies & Services. Mr. Byeon concluded his public service as the Head of the Seoul Regional Public Procurement Service.

Most notably, Mr. Byeon received the world's first public service award from the United Nations (2002) for his contribution in the digital transformation of government procurement (G2B, Nara Market Place) during his five years as the Head of Information Planning Division. This e-procurement system was established during the early 2000s when public trust remained low and budget execution was inefficient due to the unfair and non-transparent nature of offline bidding. Despite these issues, at the time, the total annual volume of public procurement was KRW 60 trillion.

Afterwards, Mr. Byeon served as the Director of three bureaus- New Technologies & Services Bureau, Procurement Service Bureau, and Construction Works Bureau- in charge of public contracts worth KRW 32 trillion. Through this, Mr. Byeon gained a deep understanding in purchase contracts, construction contracts, and handling of disputes arising from such contracts.

Professional Career

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| 2020-Present | Senior Advisor, Shin & Kim LLC |
| 2018-2019 | Seoul Regional Public Procurement Service Commissioner |
| 2017-2018 | Director of Purchasing Business Bureau, Public Procurement Service |
| 2015-2017 | Director of NewTechnology Service Bureau, Public Procurement Service |
| 2011-2014 | Director of Construction Bureau, Public Procurement Service |
| 2009-2011 | Director of Quality Control Bureau, Public Procurement Service |

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| 2005-2007 | Buying Office, Embassy of China (Overseas dispatch) |
| 2004 | Purchasing Office, Consulate of San Francisco (Overseas dispatch) |
| 1999-2003 | Information Planning Division, Public Procurement Service |
| 1990 | Entered the Public Procurement Service |

Education

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| 1997 | Ohio State University (M.S. in Mechanical Engineering) |
| 1990 | Yonsei University (B.S. in Mechanical Engineering) |

Languages

Korean, English, Chinese

Awards

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| 2015 | Order of Service Merit (Red Stripes) |
| 2002 | Presidential Citation |