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Mr. Changhee Yi is a Senior Advisor at Shin & Kim, and provides advisory services on defense policy, defense acquisition policy and systems, force planning, program management, research and development, foreign military sales, and defense exports.

Mr. Yi was commissioned as an Army infantry officer upon graduating from the Korea Military Academy in 1984 and served for approximately 34 years. Following his battalion command, he was selected as a specialist officer in the defense capability improvement field, serving in key positions related to defense capability improvement and acquisition policy at the Ministry of National Defense, Army Headquarters, and the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA). Notably, in 2004, he served as the secretary of the Defense Acquisition System Reform Task Force under the Office of the Prime Minister, participating in the development of defense acquisition system reform measures, the amendment of the Government Organization Act, and the enactment of the Defense Acquisition Program Act. After the establishment of DAPA, he held key positions including Chief of Staff, Deputy Director of the Strategic Innovation Planning Group, and Chief of the Acquisition Policy Division, contributing to the establishment and advancement of the defense acquisition system.

Following his retirement from military service, he served as Vice Chairman and Secretary of the Defense Reform Committee, participating in the formulation and implementation of the government's defense reform policy. As President of the Defense Agency for Technology and Quality (DTaQ), he led initiatives to advance technology planning, quality management, and defense export support systems, as well as the establishment of the Korea Institute of Defense Technology Promotion and Support (IDTPS).

Drawing on this extensive experience, he currently provides advisory services across the full spectrum of defense capability improvement programs, including defense policy and program management, technology development and fielding, and defense exports.

Professional Career

2026-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2021-2024	Policy Advisory Committee Member, Defense Agency for Technology and Quality
2018-2021	Policy Advisory Committee Member, Defense Agency for Technology and Quality
2017-2018	Vice Chairperson/Secretary, Defense Reform Committee
2017	Special Advisor on National Security, Democratic Party Campaign Committee for the 19th Presidential Election
2006-2015	Chief of Staff, Deputy Director of the Strategic Innovation Planning Division/Head of Policy Team, and Head of the Acquisition Policy Division at the Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2004-2005	Secretary to the Head of the Acquisition System Improvement Task Force, Office of the Prime Minister; Chief of Staff to the Head of the Establishment Task Force for DAPA
2001-2003	Director of Research and Development, Acquisition Bureau, Ministry of National Defense; Director of External Cooperation, Army Force Development Group
1998-2000	Staff Officer and Battalion Commander, Army Frontline Units
1995-1999	Instructor (Assault Tactics), Advanced Military Course, Army Infantry School

Key Experience

- Defense Policy, Defense Procurement Policy and Systems, Force Planning, Project Management, Research and Development, Foreign Procurement, Defense Exports

Education

2001-2006	Korea National Defense University (M.S. in Program Management)
1980-1984	Korea Military Academy (B.A. in History)

Languages

Korean, English

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