

Preface

This book is the outgrowth of many years' thinking and research. I have long contemplated to undertake a comprehensive study on the Korean question in the United Nations, which has exerted an important influence on the world organization as well as on inter-Korean relations. The genesis of the work goes back to my association as a senior fellow with the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (IFANS), the research arm of South Korea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in 1977. There I had the opportunities to observe South Korea's foreign policy and North Korean problems for almost three years, which helped gain an insight into the process of Korea's foreign policy.

This book entitled "Korea and the United Nations" is the first systematic and in-depth study on the Korean question in the United Nations, which shows the essence of the conflict between South and North Korea at the international level. It attempts a comprehensive analysis of the political and legal issues of the Korean question in the United Nations, which have been raised during the past fifty years. The book covers not only the much discussed issues during the Cold War but also the recent problems of North Korea's nuclear program and refugees in the post-Cold War era.

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