

Biography:

Yonghwa Hong – Senior Counsel, Legal Vice Presidency, World Bank.

For the past 13 years, Yonghwa has been practicing law mainly in the field of criminal affairs, as incumbent prosecutor of South Korea. He has various investigation experience on the high-profile personnel white-collar crimes corruption cases, crime proceeds recovery as well as cybercrime cases.

In 2017, he participated in the UNODC Cybercrime Expert Meeting in Vienna, Austria, as head of Korean delegation.

Before being a prosecutor, Yonghwa worked at the Ministry of Strategy and Finance of South Korea for 2 and half years negotiating bilateral Free Trade Agreements with EU, Canada, India, ASEAN, GCC etc. in the Service & Investment Working Group.

Currently Yonghwa is assigned to the World Bank as senior counsel, on a secondment from the Ministry of Justice in South Korea. At the World Bank, he is participating in capacity building and Knowledge sharing projects on cybercrime and crime proceeds recovery program [a.k.a. StAR(Stolen Asset Recovery initiative)]

He has a BA from Korea University, master degree from University of Illinois law school.