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Dr. SaKong chaired, 2009-2011, the Presidential Committee for the G20 Summit in the Office of the President which consists of concerned cabinet members and senior Presidential staff, among others.

He served in the Office of the President as Special Economic Adviser to the President from March 2008 to April 2009. He also chaired the Presidential Council on National Competitiveness from March 2008 to January 2009. The Council is considered to be the flagship of the Lee Myung-bak government. He also chaired the Korea International Trade Association (KITA) from February 2009 to February 2012.

Dr. SaKong previously served in the government of the Republic of Korea as Minister of Finance (1987-88), Senior Secretary to the President for Economic Affairs (1983-87), Senior Counselor to the Minister of Economic Planning Board (1982) and Senior Economist of the Council on Economic & Scientific Affairs for the President (1979-80).

He is the founder and Chairman & CEO of the Institute for Global Economics (IGE), a private non-profit research institute based in Seoul, from 1993.

He has received various honors and prizes, including the Korean government's Order of Civil Service Merit "Blue Stripes" (1990), the Republic of China's Order of the Brilliant Star with Grand Cordon (1987), the Kingdom of Belgium's Order of the Crown (1986), the Korean government's Order of Civil Merit "Moran Medal" (1983), Korea University's Grand Prize for Distinguished Policy Makers (2002), the Outstanding Achievement Award for 2008, AMCHAM Korea (2009), the Korean Association of Translators & Interpreters' Speaker of the Year (2009), and the Proud UCLA Alum Award (2010).

Dr. SaKong graduated from Seoul National University (1964) and received his MBA (1966) and Ph.D. (1969) from the University of California at Los Angeles.