



Pak Myong Chol

Current Positions:

Councilor, National Defense Commission

Alternate Member, Central Committee, KWP

Born:

15 September 1941, Uiju, North Phyongan Province

Education:

1964: Pyongyang Physical Culture Institute

1974: (March) Dean, Pyongyang Physical Culture Institute

1976: (March) Appointed, Vice Chair, Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Commission

1992: (December) Appointed, First Vice Chair, Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Commission

1993: (April) Appointed, Chair, DPRK Olympic Committee
(October) Chair, East Asia Sports Games Committee

1994: (July) Member, Kim il Sung Funeral Committee (#159)

1995: (February) Member, O Jin-u Funeral Committee (#154)

1998: (July) Delegate (Deputy), 10th SPA

(September) Appointed, Minister, Physical Culture and Sports
1999: (November) Appointed, Chair, Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Commission

2003: Appointed, Vice Minister, Post and Telecommunications

In 2003, Mr. Pak was removed from his concurrent cabinet appointments due to his association with the then-senior Vice Director of Organization and Guidance Jang Song Thaek, under accusations of factionalization.

2005: Re-appointed, Vice Minister, Post and Telecommunications

2007: Appointed, Managing Director and President, Korea Post and Telecommunications Corporation

In 2007, Mr. Pak (on behalf of the CCKWP) became the managing director of the Korea Post and Telecommunications, a semi-privatized state corporation. Because of his prior inter-cultural contact and experience as the Chair of the DPRK Olympic Committee, Pak Myong Chol became the coordinating and negotiating executive in the DPRK (KWP)'s negotiations with the Orascom Group, making Mr. Pak one of the only names publicly associated with the development of the Ryugyong Hotel. Pak Myong Chol participated in the product roll-out of the DPRK's Koryolink 3G cellular network in December 2008. Mr. Pak obviously accomplished his tasks at Korea Post and Telecommunications and the initiation of Koryolink deemed success, because he was promoted to the National Defense Commission.

2009: (January) Councilor, NDC