

SWSD 2016

JOINT WORLD CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WORK,
EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

HISTORY OF THE CONFERENCE

The 2010 world conference on social work and social development in Hong Kong (Sponsored by International Federation of Social Workers and International Association of Schools of Social Work, and International Federation of Social Work) identified four pillars of social work and development:

1. Promoting social and economic equalities
2. Promoting the dignity and worth of peoples
3. Promoting environmental and community sustainability
4. Strengthening recognition of the importance of human relationships.

SWSD 2016 was the second stage of The Global Agenda process to gather information from across the world to illustrate how social work and social development promoted respect for human dignity and worth of peoples.

KEY THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

“Promoting the dignity and worth of peoples”

Respect is an active concept. To show respect implies more than an attitude or a state of mind, but also action and behavior.

Dignity is defined as being ‘the state of quality of being worthy of honor or respect’ (Oxford English Dictionary Online).

Worth implies the recognition of value and significant

Peoples uses plural of the word to emphasize that not only individuals but also groups and communities should be shown respect and be valued.



MY INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

As an international student, my past experiences globally led me to explore my passion and interest in International Social Work. As a Korean citizen who spent most of teenage and college years in the United States, it was fascinating to learn more about social work in my own country.

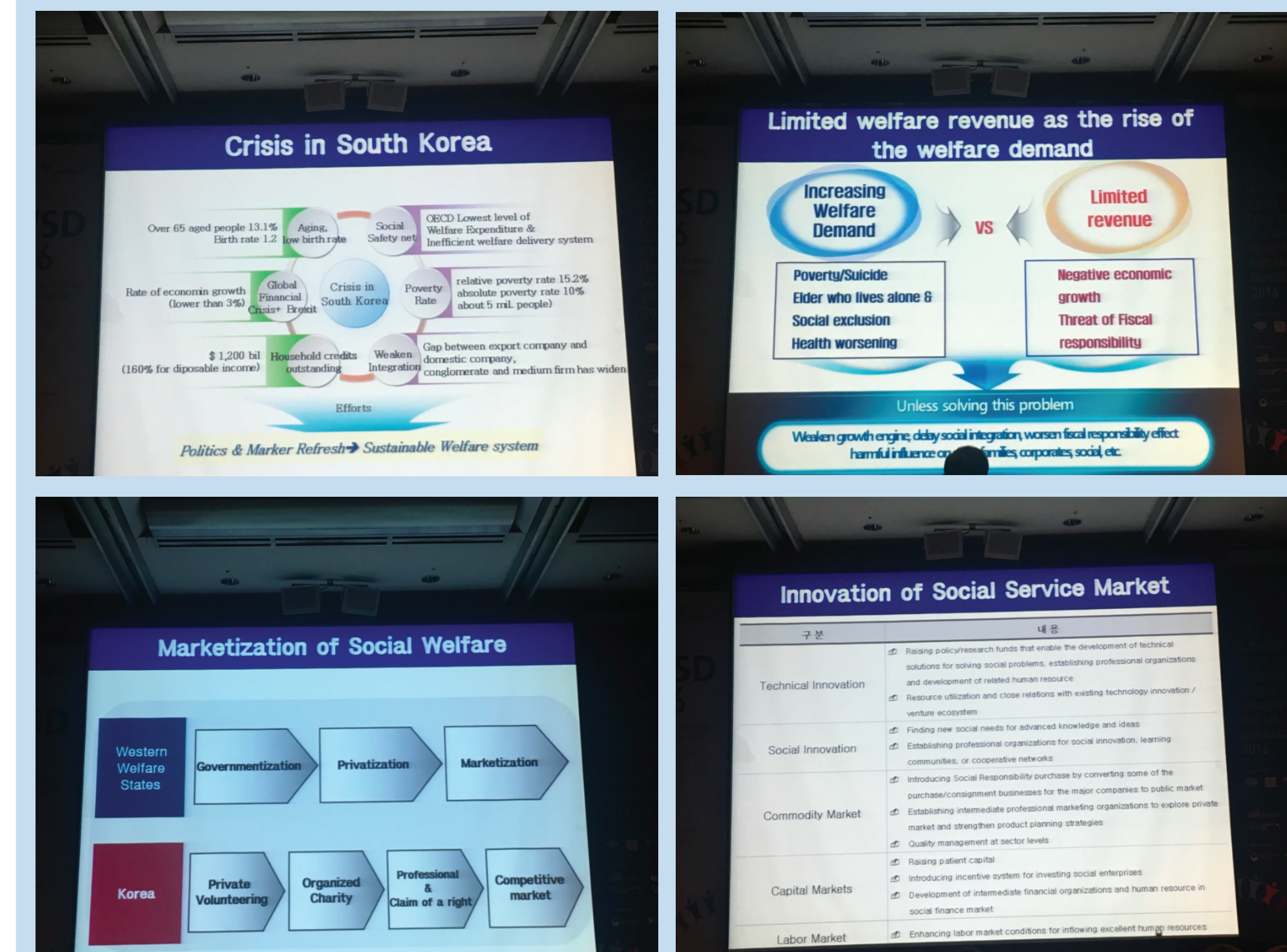
- 1992 Born in Korea
- 2006 Moved to USA [New York, USA]
- 2010 Bachelor's in Architecture [Michigan, USA]
- 2013 Student Research [South East Asia]
- 2015 Master's of Social Work [Michigan, USA]
- 2016 SWSD Conference [Seoul, Korea]



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For the conference, I conducted an independent research to understand global perspective of the millennial and future leaders in the field of Social Work. As I was exploring new ideas for social welfare, I attended workshops about social enterprise and social innovation.

In a oral workshop, “Social Enterprise: SK’s Experience in corporate Role to solve problems, I learned the importance of innovation of social service market in technology innovation, social innovation, commodity market, capital market, and labor market. Traditional non-profit management and its reliance on donations, funds and volunteers result in limited revenue as the welfare demand is increasing. As a solution to this problem, SK Social Enterprise plays a role as a consultant to contribute to sustainability of the non-profit organization.



Sources: Social Enterprise: SK’s Experience in Corporate Role to Solve Social Problems

From my experience at SWSD conference, I am looking forward to continue my education to find an innovative way to support social services as a management in social services student. Also, I am planning to continue networking with people I met at the conference to advance in my future career.