

Donald P. Gregg

Ambassador Donald P. Gregg, former U.S. Ambassador to Korea, is President and Chairman of the Board of The Korea Society. Ambassador Gregg retired in 1993 from a distinguished 43-year career in the United States government.

After serving in the United States Army, 1945-1947, he earned a B.A. (cum laude) in Philosophy from Williams College in 1954, and immediately after graduation joined the Central Intelligence Agency. Over the next quarter century, he was assigned to Japan, Burma, Vietnam, and Korea. He was special assistant to the U.S. Ambassador to Korea in 1973 and was decorated by the Korean government in 1975.

Ambassador Gregg was seconded to the National Security Council staff in 1979, where he was in charge of intelligence activities and was subsequently given responsibility for Asian policy affairs. In August 1982, he was asked by then Vice President George Bush to become his National Security Advisor, supporting the Vice President in the areas of foreign policy, defense, and intelligence. He retired from the CIA, and was awarded the CIA's highest decoration, the Distinguished Service Medal. From 1980 to 1989, Ambassador Gregg also served as a professorial lecturer at Georgetown University, where he taught a graduate level workshop entitled "Force and Diplomacy" to students in the Master of Science in Foreign Service program.

From September 1989 Gregg served as Ambassador to Korea. Prior to his departure from Korea on February 28, 1993, Gregg received the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, a decoration from the Prime Minister of Korea, and an honorary Ph.D. in International Relations from Sogana University.