THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Regents Communication

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement
Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

E. Han Kim, Ph.D., Everett E. Berg Professor of Business Administration and professor of finance, corporate strategy and international business in the Stephen M. Ross School of Business, retired from active faculty status on May 31, 2023.

Professor Kim received his B.S. (1969) degree from the University of Rochester, his M.B.A. (1971) degree from Cornell University, and his Ph.D. (1975) degree from State University of New York at Buffalo. He joined the faculty at the University of Michigan as an associate professor, with tenure, in 1980, and was promoted to professor, with tenure, in 1982. Professor Kim received his first endowed professorship appointment to the Fred M. Taylor Professorship in 1984.

Professor Kim made significant contributions as scholar, educator, and by bridging the gap between academia and the real world. He is a world-renowned scholar in the field of corporate finance. He studied the theory of capital structure, mergers and acquisitions, corporate payout policies, corporate governance, and labor and finance, publishing over 60 scholarly works, and became one of the most highly cited contributors to the field of financial economics. He also helped significantly improve the research environment in the business school by establishing Mitsui Life Financial Research Center and the NTT Program of Asian Finance and Economics by raising private endowments. He served as the founding directors for 30 and 25 years, respectively. As an educator, he developed an unprecedented global M.B.A. program that played a key role in globalizing Michigan Business School students and faculty and served as the founding director for over 25 years. In addition, he helped bridge the gap between academia and the corporate world by serving on seven corporate boards in the U.S. and Korea, which enabled him to bring the real world to the classroom, significantly improving the relevancy of the knowledge students learn in classroom. In recognition of these contributions, he received the Journal of Financial Economics’ 2009 Jensen Prize for Corporate Finance and Organizations, the Award of Appreciation by the Korea-America Economic Association (2019), the Eminent Scholar Award by The Financial News and Korea America Finance Association (2014), the inaugural Economist Award by the Maekyung Business News (2006), and the CORE Award (Contribution to the Research Environment) by the University of Michigan School of Business (2004).

The Regents now salute this distinguished teacher and scholar for his dedicated service by naming E. Han Kim, Everett E. Berg Professor Emeritus of Business Administration and professor emeritus of finance, corporate strategy and international business.

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