

## Republic of Korea Ambassador, Han Duk-soo, Visits the United States Capitol to Speak with Congressman Rothman

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(Washington, DC) - On Tuesday, December 8, 2009, Congressman Steve Rothman (D &ndash; NJ), a senior member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations was pleased to welcome Han Duk-soo, the South Korean Ambassador to the United States to the Capitol Building. They discussed the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and the status of negotiations between their two countries. Congressman Rothman also invited Ambassador Han to visit his Congressional District, which is home to the largest concentration of Korean-Americans on the East Coast. Palisades Park, located in Congressman Rothman&rsquo;s district, has the highest concentration of people of Korean ancestry in the United States. The Ambassador graciously expressed his willingness to schedule a visit to Northern New Jersey in the near future.

Han Duck-soo was appointed Ambassador to the United States in February, 2009. He previously served as the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea from 2007 until February 2008. Prior to serving as the Prime Minister, Ambassador Han served as Finance Minister from 2005-2007. Han holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University (1984) and a B.A. in Economics from Seoul National University (1971).

Pictured L to R: Rep. Rothman and Ambassador Han in the Rayburn Room of the United States Capitol