



Kimi Springsteen, Ph.D. – Professional Biography – Advisor International Affairs

Kimi Springsteen serves as Community Liaison, Office of Community Affairs for the Board of County Commissioners, in Hillsborough County, Florida. A native of Seoul, Korea, Kimi Springsteen came to America as a student in 1961. Kimi was educated in both Korea and the United States (Bachelor and Masters of Arts in English Literature, and Ph.D. in Applied Management). In addition to being a former

University professor and public school educator, Kimi’s professional status and business expertise can be recognized through her service in many positions of leadership, both past and present. These include:

Chair, Asia/Pacific-US Foundation
National Deputy Chair, Asian-American Voters Coalition (AAVC)
Chair, Asian American Coalition of Florida (AACF)
Commissioner, Republic of Korea Gyeonggi Province International Promotion for Florida
Member, External Advisory Board, University of Florida International Center
Chair, Board of Directors, Florida-Korea Economic Cooperation Committee
Member, Incheon Metropolitan City Mayor's International Advisory Board
Member, Board of Directors, Florida-China Association
Member, Board of Directors, Southeast US-Japan Association
Member, Board of Directors, United Way of Tampa Bay
President, Asia Pacific American Chamber of Commerce of West Florida
Founding member, World Federation of Korean Chamber of Commerce
Tampa Bay Representative, Korea Trade and Investment Agency (KOTRA), a worldwide trade and investment organization operated by the Republic of Korea

International Member, Presidential Democratic Peaceful Unification Advisory Council, Republic of Korea. Appointed to the Council by the President of the Republic of Korea in 1994, Kimi was reappointed and served through 1999.

- Finalist, Tampa Bay Business Journal 2007 Business Woman of the Year (Government)
- Tampa Bay Women in Trade (WIT) 2007 International Business Person of the Year
- 2008 Graduate of FBI Citizens’ Academy
- Awarded the 2008 “Spirit of Florida Award” by the Department of Florida Korean War Veteran’s Association.

- Awarded the 2009 “Golden Eagle Award for Community and Country Builder” by the Florida Minority Community Reinvestment Coalition
- Inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Tampa Bay Asian American Chambers of Commerce,

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Kimi and her husband, Jim, have been married for 49 years. Jim is a retired US Air Force officer.

The couple has two sons and six grandchildren.