As it is often found in a heroic narrative, Noh was raised up in poverty. But apparently it is said that he was not so unhappy because one of his older brothers took care of him much and encourage him to study actively.

I think that was the reason Noh became an attorney although he didn’t enter an university. Anyway, a high school graduate was also highly educated in that era though.

And he got married when he was studying for bar exam. And he confessed in his autobiography that he committed a domestic violence. It’s clearly his fault but he didn’t want to hide it and he opened it to the public. I don’t understand his thought doing such a thing. If I were him, I would not do the same thing due to shame I can’t resist.

Noh had imperfection but he recognized it and tried to correct it. That’s one thing I respect him. That is very important since there is no perfect man in the world.

Anyway, ever since he became a lawyer, he was on a roll earning good money from his works. But one day, he got related to ‘Burim case’ which put his life on the way of human rights lawyer.

Burim case was remembered one of worst case that the government put the blame on innocent citizens. Noh couldn’t stand seeing that injustice. He persisted hard in claiming people’s innocence. And finally, some people got declared not guilty.

On the occasion of the case, he tried to fight against the government of President Jeon giving up his stable life as an up-and-coming lawyer. Then, the government illegally cancelled his lawyer license. But he was elected a member of National Assembly and he was able to keep on standing opposite the injustice.

His faithful behaviors made him a star for people. And he became the first politician who has a fanclub named ‘노사모’.

At the end of twists and turns, he won the general election and inaugurated as the 16th president of Korea.

I won’t say what he did as president was all right. But I want to impress that he tried to break down regionalism which was promoted by President Park Jeong hee.

And he tried to accomplish the genuine meaning of democracy.

He always stood on the side of the common people and many people including me still miss the day when we had a ‘good person’ as the president.