

## **Meet International President - Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi of Busan, Republic of Korea, was elected to serve as International President of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

A member of the Busan Jae-il Lions Club since 1977, International President Choi has held many offices within the association, including club president, cabinet secretary, district governor and international director. He also served numerous times as a DGE Group Leader and served on 11 committees as a member of the International Board of Directors. In addition, he was a chairperson of the 39th OSEAL Forum in 2000 and a host committee chairperson at the 95th Lions International Convention in Busan in 2012, the largest convention ever held in Lions history.

In recognition of his service to the association, International President Choi has received numerous awards, including the Humanitarian Partnership, Senior Master Key Award, 100% District Governor Award, International President's Leadership Awards, International President's Awards and an Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, International President Choi is chief executive officer of Koala Company, Ltd., an international trading company, and is also a past director of the Busan Sports Association.

International President Choi and his wife, Seung-Bok, have one son, four daughters and two granddaughters.