

Dr. Il Ok Choo passed away on February 21, 2017 in Seoul Korea. Condolences from members of MWIA all over the world were received for her funeral. We all are grieving deeply.

She was born in 1927 in Okchun, Korea and finished her medical education in Korea University College of Medicine in 1949. She finished her residency training in OB&GYN in Cleveland, OH and Brooklyn, NY, USA in 1959.

On her return to Korea, Dr. Choo was appointed as an instructor at the department of OB&GYN at Korea University. She served the Korean community for more than 40 years with her exceptional educational background and skill with medical services in a private practice in downtown Seoul since 1961.

She was the 11th president of the Korean Medical Women's Association (KMWA) in 1978~1980 and an advisor for Korean Medical Association (KMA) and KMWA. Dr. Choo nourished the field of OB&GYN in Korea in many ways including the responsibility of president of the Korean Academy of OB&GYN.

Dr. Il Ok Choo served MWIA as the 22nd president for 3 years from 1989 - 1992. She was elected as the President-Elect during the International Congress of MWIA in Sorrento, Italy in 1987. There were 3 candidates and the competition was quite challenging.

In 1989 the 21st International Congress of MWIA was held at Walker Hill Hotel in Seoul where she was inaugurated as the president. Most members of MWIA said the "Seoul Congress was the best one!" This could not have been possible without her leadership and dedication.

She was awarded KMA Pfizer International Cooperation award by KMA in 2009 and a Medical Leadership Award in memory of Dr. Seo Jae-Pil in 2013.

With her tender loving personality as well as her professional excellences she has been a real role model and mentor for many people in Korea and abroad.

She will be remembered by the global community of MWIA as well as the Korean people. She is survived by her husband and two daughters.

We all miss her very much and pray that she may rest in peace.

With respect,

**Kyung Ah Park
Immediate Past President
MWIA**