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After working several years in academia, Dr. Cho joined KINS in 1989 as safety inspector. Later on, he had served as the head of the departments for radiation protection, radiation safety research and international policy. He had also served as the director of the radiation regulation division and the vice-president for the office of radiation safety. In KINS, he is now mainly working for the development and implementation of radiation protection rules and regulations at Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) safety department.

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Off-duty, Kun-Woo likes playing tennis with friends and hiking.