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Jay Biggs is the Deputy Senior Commercial Officer in the U.S. Embassy Seoul's Commercial Section. His career spans academia, public service, and international trade relations.

### Academic

### Background

Mr. Biggs has a bachelor's degree in economics from Arizona State University. Mr. Biggs also has two master's degrees: International Economic Policy from American University in Washington, DC, and a degree in International Relations from Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. His early career included teaching English in rural Japan, providing valuable cultural immersion experience.

### Professional Experience

At the U.S Department of Commerce, Mr. Biggs developed expertise in Asian markets while serving on the Japan and China desks. In the Office of Health and Consumer Goods, he analyzed medical regulatory regimes across Asia. He was also selected as a Mansfield Fellow (2007-2008), where he was seconded to Japanese government institutions, including METI, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, and a senior Diet member's office.

### Foreign Commercial Service

Since joining the U.S. Foreign Commercial Service in 2011, Mr. Biggs has held several strategic positions:

- Commercial Officer in Guangzhou and Beijing, China (2011-2017)
- Head of Commercial Section, U.S. Consulate in Osaka (2019-2021)
- Deputy Senior Commercial Officer, U.S. Embassy Seoul (Current)

In his current role, Mr. Biggs leads team initiatives to optimize client outcomes and strengthen U.S. commercial interests in South Korea.