

KOOKMIN BANK  
Form 6-K  
December 14, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## Form 6-K

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December 2004

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## Kookmin Bank

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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9-1, 2-Ga, Namdaemun-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul, Korea 100-703

(Address of principal executive office)

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Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

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**Nomination of Interim Executive Director and Standing Member of the Audit Committee**

On December 14, 2004, Kookmin Bank announced that *Mr. Hyung Duk Chang* was nominated as an interim executive director and standing member of the audit committee effective December 13, 2004. He will serve in both capacities until a successor nominee is appointed.

Due to the absence of the standing member of the audit committee since April 20, 2004, Kookmin Bank appointed Mr. Chang as the interim executive director and standing member of the audit committee under the approval of the Korean court. The reasons for Mr. Chang's appointment are (a) to improve the transparency of Kookmin Bank's accounting methods and (b) to ensure that a standing member of the audit committee is present and involved in reviewing the figures of Kookmin Bank for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Kookmin Bank  
(Registrant)

Date: December 14, 2004

By: /s/ Kap Shin

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(Signature)

Name: Kap Shin  
Title: Senior Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer