

KOOKMIN BANK  
Form 6-K  
February 27, 2006

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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 February 2006

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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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Yes  No

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**Grant of Stock Option**

On February 27, 2006, the board of directors of Kookmin Bank approved and ratified stock option grants to certain of its senior executive vice presidents, executive vice presidents and heads of its regional head offices and to its chief audit executive, chief executive vice president and non-executive directors.

The resolution by our board is subject to approval and ratification at our general shareholders' meeting to be held on March 24, 2006.

The purpose of these stock option grants is to motivate our management towards meeting internal business targets and conducting responsible management practices. The methods through which we may grant these stock options are provided in more detail below.

**1. List of Grantees and the Stock Option Details**

**Non-executive directors**

Grantees		Number of shares	Additional Shares to be Granted <sup>1</sup>	Notes
Title	Name			
Non-Executive Directors	Dong Soo Chung	10,000	10,000	Granted over two years
	Doo Hwan Song	10,000	10,000	Granted over two years
	Chang Kyu Lee	10,000	10,000	Granted over two years
	Dam Cho	10,000	10,000	Granted over two years
	Nobuya Takasugi	10,000	10,000	Granted over two years
	Young Soon Cheon	5,000	5,000	Granted over one year
	Kee Young Chung	30,000	15,000	Granted over three years
	Bo Kyung Byun	30,000	15,000	Granted over three years
	Bae Kin Cha	30,000	15,000	Granted over three years
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9 people</b>	<b>145,000</b>	<b>5,000~15,000<sup>1</sup></b>	

<sup>1</sup> If a non-executive director is appointed as the chairman of our board at a subsequent board meeting after the general shareholder's meeting, such director will be granted additional stock options entitling him or her to receive additional shares equal to the amount set forth opposite his or her name. Such additional amount will be adjusted pursuant to note 6 to reflect the shorter tenure of non-executive directors.

**Executive directors**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Grantees</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Chief audit executive		Hyung Duk Chang	<b>20,000</b>	Granted over two years
Chief executive vice president		Ki Hong Kim	<b>210,000</b>	Granted over three years
Senior executive vice presidents		Kap Joe Song	<b>45,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Dal Soo Lee	<b>20,000</b>	Granted over two years
		Won Sik Yeo	<b>20,000</b>	Granted over two years
		De Oak Shin	<b>20,000</b>	Granted over two years
Executive vice presidents		Choong Won Cho	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Yook Sang Kwon	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Haing Hyun Choi	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		In Gyu Choi	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Kwang Chun Shon	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Han Mok Cho	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
Heads of regional head offices		Soon Hyun Kim	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Seung Joo Baik	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Kwang Mook Park	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Se Yoon Hong	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Sang Rak Jang	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Jin Sun Paeng	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
		Shin Og Joo	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years
	Young Hee Jeon	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years	
	Bae Young Lee	<b>30,000</b>	Granted over three years	
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>21 people</b>	<b>785,000</b>	
<b>Total</b>		<b>30 people</b>	<b>930,000<sup>2</sup></b>	

**2. Grant Date:** March 24, 2006

**3. Exercise Price (Index-Linked Stock Option)**

**Exercise price = (Base price) Won x (1 + TRS of the three major competitors x 0.4)**

(1) Rounded up to the nearest 100 Won.

(2) Base price shall mean the arithmetic mean of the following three numbers: the sum of the daily closing price multiplied by the daily trading volume divided by the daily trading volume for the

<sup>2</sup> The aggregate number of shares to be granted to non-executive directors and executive directors pursuant to additional stock options could increase from 930,000 shares to up to between 935,000 shares and 945,000 shares.

common shares during each of the following periods: (i) two months prior to, but excluding, the grant date; (ii) one month prior to, but excluding, the grant date; and (iii) one week prior to, but excluding, the grant date.

- (3) TRS of the three major competitors shall mean (the sum of each of the three major competitor's total market cap at the expected exercise share confirmation date *less* the sum of each of the three major competitor's total market cap at the grant date) divided by the sum of each of the three major competitor's total market cap at the grant date multiplied by 100.

Total market cap at the expected exercise share confirmation date shall mean the expected exercise share confirmation date closing price multiplied by the number of outstanding shares as of the expected exercise share confirmation date. The expected exercise share confirmation date closing price shall be the arithmetic mean of the following three numbers: the sum of the daily closing price multiplied by the daily trading volume divided by the daily trading volume for the common shares during each of the following periods: (i) two months prior to the expected exercise share confirmation date; (ii) one month prior to the expected exercise share confirmation date; and (iii) one week prior to the expected exercise share confirmation date.

Total market cap at the grant date shall mean the grant date closing price multiplied by the number of outstanding shares as of the grant date. The grant date closing price shall be the arithmetic mean of the following three numbers: the sum of the daily closing price multiplied by the daily trading volume divided by the daily trading volume for the common shares during each of the following periods: (i) two months prior to, but excluding, the grant date; (ii) one month prior to, but excluding, the grant date; and (iii) one week prior to, but excluding, the grant date.

- (4) Three major competitors shall mean the Shinhan Financial Group, Hana Financial Group and Woori Financial Group.

- (5) In the event of (i) a grantee's early retirement, the day before such retirement date and (ii) the expected exercise share confirmation date falling on a holiday, the day before such holiday, each such day shall be deemed the expected exercise share confirmation date.

- (6) If the growth rate of the three major competitors' total market cap is negative, the exercise price shall be (Base price) Won.

#### **4. Method of Exercise**

Kookmin Bank may grant shares to a grantee who exercised his or her stock option by:

- Issuing new common shares
- Delivering treasury shares (which will be common shares)
- Giving grantees of the stock options cash or treasury shares for the value of which is equivalent to the difference between the exercise price and the market price

**5. Exercise Period:** From March 25, 2009 to March 24, 2014

#### **6. Adjustment to Exercise Price and Number of Stock Options**

In the event that there is a capital increase, stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split, merger or consolidation, capital reduction, reduction of retained earnings or cancellation of issued stocks as a result of the redemption of redeemable stocks and such event requires an adjustment in the exercise price or number of exercisable shares pursuant to these stock option grants, then such adjustment shall be made in accordance with a resolution passed by our board.

A non-executive director who is also appointed as chairman of our board will be granted

additional stock options entitling him or her to receive additional shares equal to the amount set forth opposite his or her name under the column Additional Shares to be Granted in the first table above. Such additional amount will be adjusted to reflect the shorter tenure of non-executive directors.

**7. Adjustment Following Resignation**

If any grantee resigns or ceases his/her office and the conditions for exercising his/her stock options have been satisfied, such grantee may exercise his/her options, adjusted pursuant to the formula below and rounded down to the nearest whole share.

**Formula**

Exercisable number of shares shall mean the number of shares granted by the stock options multiplied by the number of days at work divided by three years.

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**Nominees for Directors of Kookmin Bank**

On February 27, 2006, Kookmin Bank disclosed a list of our board of directors nominees to be appointed at the general shareholders meeting to be held on March 24, 2006.

The nominees are as follows:

**List of Nominees for Executive Directors**

				<b>Nominated</b>
				<b>for members</b>
				<b>of Audit</b>
<b>Name</b>				<b>Committee</b>
<b>(Date of Birth)</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Career</b>	
<b>Ki Hong Kim</b>	Chief Executive Vice President, Kookmin Bank	Ph.D in Business, University of Georgia	Non-Executive Director, Kookmin Bank	No
(Newly Appointed)				
(01/10/1957)		M.B.A., University of Missouri	Assistant Governor, FSS	
		B.A. in Business, Barat College	Professor, Chungbuk Nat 1 University	
			Research Director, Korea Insurance Development Institute	

**List of Nominees for Non-Executive Directors**

				<b>Nominated</b>
				<b>for members</b>
				<b>of Audit</b>
<b>Name</b>				<b>Committee</b>
<b>(Date of Birth)</b>	<b>Current Position</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Career</b>	
<b>Kee Young Chung</b>	Professor, Accounting	Ph.D. in Accounting, Univ. of Texas, Austin	Non-executive Director, LG Corporation	Yes
(Newly Appointed)				
(09/07/1948)	Keimyung Univ. (C.P.A)	M.A. in Business, Seoul Nat 1 Univ.	President, Korea Accounting Institute	
		B.A. in Business, Seoul Nat 1 Univ.	Chairman, Korea Accounting Association	
			Member, Examination Committee, FSS	

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<b>Bo Kyung</b>	CEO, Kolon Data Communication Co., Ltd	B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Seoul Nat 1 Univ.	CEO, LG-IBM PC Co., Ltd.	Yes
(Newly Appointed)				
(08/09/1953)				
<b>Bae Kin</b>	Vice President,	Ph.D. in Economics, Univ. of Minnesota	Director of Research, Vice	No
<b>Cha</b>	Korea Institute of Finance	B.A. in Economics, Seoul Nat 1 Univ.	President, KIF	
(Newly Appointed)			Professor, Economics & Finance, Hong Kong City Univ.	
(07/23/1958)			Professor, Economics, Univ. of Texas	
<b>Dong Soo</b>	Professor,	M.A. in Public Administration,	Deputy Minister, Ministry of	No
<b>Chung</b>	Sangmyung Univ.	Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison	Environment	
(Reappointed)		B.A. in Business Administration,	Assistant Minister,	
(09/24/1945)		Seoul Nat 1 University	Planning & Management Office, Ministry of Planning & Budget	



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				Nominated
				for members
Name				of Audit
(Date of Birth)	Current Position	Education	Career	Committee
<b>Nobuya</b>	Executive Advisor,	Waseda University,	Chairman & CEO, Fuji Xerox	No
<b>Takasugi</b>	Fujixerox Korea	Japan	Korea	
(Reappointed)			Chairman, Seoul Japan Club	
(09/03/1942)			(present)	
<b>Doo Hwan</b>	Representative	B.A. in Law, Seoul	Executive Director of the Korean	No
<b>Song</b>	Partner,	Nat 1 Univ.	Bar Association	
(Reappointed)	Hankyul Law firm		Judge, Seoul District Court	
(05/29/1949)				
<b>Chang Kyu</b>	CEO,	B.A. in Economics,	Chief Economic Correspondent	No
<b>Lee</b>	Joongang Ilbo News	Sogang Univ.	/Executive Director, Joongang Ilbo	
(Reappointed)	Magazines	Journalism course,	Managing Editor/Director,	
(05/20/1950)		Missouri Graduate School	Joongang Ilbo	
<b>Dam Cho</b>	Professor,	Ph.D in Finance,	President, Korean Financial	Yes
(Reappointed)	Chonnam Nat 1 Univ,	Korea Univ.	Management Association	
(08/01/1952)		M.S in Business	Lecturer, Hongik Univ.	
		Administration, Korea Univ.		
		B.A. in Business		
		Administration, Korea Univ.		
<b>Young Soon Cheon</b>	Professor,	Ph.D in Accounting,	Assistant Professor, Kyunghee	Yes
(Reappointed)	Chungang University	Univ. of Georgia	Univ.	
(02/01/1961)	(C.P.A)	M.Acc, Univ. of	Senior Research Fellow,	
		Georgia	FSS	
		B.B.A, Chungang	Assistant Professor, Baruch	
		Univ.	college, CUNY	

**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: February 27, 2006

By /s/ Kap Shin  
(Signature)  
Name: Kap Shin  
Title: CFO / Senior EVP Executive Director