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Food War 2030

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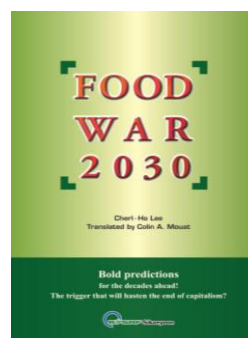
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The Food War: hastening the collapse of capitalism.

For the past half-century, the history of the world has been a desperate attempt to satisfy the wants of the haves in the name of globalization, free trade, and economic development. Based on the theory of comparative advantage, Western capitalism has sought to subordinate the countries of the world into a division of labor, and the developing countries that neglected their own food production prior to WTO trade liberalization now face a situation of crisis amid fluctuating grain prices. "Food" is a byword for the momentous changes that will be shaking the world in the very near future. The food war has been a long time coming, and it is already under way. Based on the insights and knowledge gleaned from more than four decades of research in food science, the author presents a picture of the future that now awaits our world.

About the Author

Lee Cherl-Ho was born in Hamhung on August 18, 1945, just three days after Korea's liberation from Japanese rule. A graduate of Seoul's Jangchung High School, he studied agricultural chemistry at Korea University and served as an ROTC artillery officer. In 1970, he was selected to study in Denmark with the support of the Danish government (the DANIDA program). After six years studying in the country, he received a Ph.D. in food science from the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University. He worked as a researcher for four years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before being invited back to Korea University as a professor in its Department of Food Technology. In 2010, he retired after thirty years in teaching to found the Korea Food Security Research Foundation, where has been working to alert the public to the coming world food crisis and educate people in preparation for it. His honors include the Pomegranate (Seokryu) Medal for Civil Merit and the Red

Stripes Medal given by the Republic of Korea, as well as membership as a Fellow of the Institute of Food Technologists in the United States. He has written over twenty books, including *Food Orchestra*, *White Paper on Food Hygiene Cases*, and *Introduction to Korean Food Science*, as well as over 270 research papers. He has advised 193 master's graduates and 24 doctoral graduates in food science, twenty of whom now teach as professors at universities in Korea and overseas.

Summary

This book delves into attempts by advanced Western nations to use food as a weapon, a strategy that became overt around the time of the Uruguay Round negotiations. It also looks at real-life cases of misguided economic and food-related policies in developing nations. Examining the ways in which the gains of biotechnology have been used for the weaponization of food and the impact that universally recognized intellectual property rights have had on global agriculture and food supply, it ventures predictions about how this will all end. It focuses on the consciousness of the Korean public in the wake of the mad cow disease scare, during a post-WTO period that has seen an ever-widening gap in food wealth. Finally, it offers a vision of Korea's contributions to the world's future prosperity.

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