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In financial circles, Mr. Koo was ranked 1st among over 100 economists covering Japan in the Nikkei Financial Ranking for 1995, 1996 and 1997, and by the Institutional Investor magazine for 1998. He was also ranked 1st by Nikkei Newsletter on Bond and Money for 1998, 1999 and 2000. He was awarded the Abramson Award by the National Association for Business Economics (Washington D.C.) for the year 2001. Mr. Koo, a native of Kobe, Japan, is married with two children.

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辜朝明先生出版了众多有关日本经济的著作，最新的著作《大衰退—如何在金融危机中幸存和发展》已经被翻译成四种语言发行。

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