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Dr. John Linton, better known as Ihn Yohan in Korea, is a 4th generation Missionary descendent. His great-grandfather, Eugene Bell, arrived in Korea in 1895. Over the last 129 years, his family has been involved in the foundation of numerous schools, hospitals, and churches in the Southwest Region of Korea. Dr. Linton received his M.D. degree from Yonsei University College of Medicine in 1987. After finishing his Family Medicine residency in New York, he returned to Korea in 1991, where he then earned his M.S. and Ph.D. degree in Physiology from Korea University in the year 2000 and 2003, respectively. He had served as the Director of International Health Care Center at Yonsei University Severance Hospital from 1991 to 2024.

The most remarkable contribution of Dr. Linton is his design for an ambulance system suitable for the Korean healthcare setting and his support in creating the first Korean EMS program in cooperation with the fire department in 1993. Since 1997, he has visited North Korea 29 times, in humanitarian effort specifically focusing on the eradication of tuberculosis. He received many awards from the government of South Korea, two of which include the Order of Civil Merit 'Mokryun' and the Order of Merit from the National Human Rights Commission of Korea. These awards were given for his work in developing prehospital care in South Korea and his humanitarian medical assistance in North Korea.

Dr. Linton's major interest lies in the poor state of public healthcare in North Korea. He strongly believes that humanitarian aid for North Korea should be considered as a separate issue and that political or national interest should not interfere with the task of improving healthcare for common North Koreans.