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**Paul's summary**

Earlier this month, the Saenuri Party scored a major win in the general elections. Unfortunately, the conservative party's political victory has quickly become **bittersweet**. Last week, two of their newly elected lawmakers were **mired in controversial scandals**. In particular, the former taekwondo Olympic gold medalist, Moon Dae-sung is now **embroiled in a plagiarism scandal** over his Ph.D. thesis. Moon worked as a professor of taekwondo at the Donga University in Busan since 2006 and **received his doctorate degree** from Kookmin University in August 2007. His thesis was based on the study of neuromuscular strength and stretching of taekwondo athletes.

Beginning in the election campaign, rumors of his **dissertation** being plagiarized have now escalated to full investigations by Kookmin University and ethics committees by the Saenuri Party. Preliminary reports showed much of Moon's **thesis** to be highly similar to a student's thesis at another university. Moon has since subsequently **resigned from** the Saenuri Party, after they publicly threatened to expel him. Even though being labeled an academic cheat, Moon has defended himself and chosen to **keep his seat in the National Assembly**. He denied accusations of plagiarism saying that he had merely **cited** other research but forgot to **give references**. Plagiarism is essentially a form of lying, **claiming someone else's work as your own**. Now the public has to ask themselves, "Can we trust a politician who lies and copies work? Should we allow them to become leaders in our society?"

**Key Words**

1. 논문 dissertation, thesis, paper
2. 인용하다 reference, cite, give reference
3. 탈당하다 break away from the party; withdraw from the party; resign from the party
4. 국회의원직을 사퇴하다 resign from the seat in the National Assembly
5. 당에 부담을 주지 않기 위해 not to be a burden on the party; not to bring shame to the party; not to tarnish the image of the party; for the greater good
6. 묵인하다 condone, overlook, look past, forgive, excuse
7. 다른 분야에서 성취한 것이 있으면 논문 표절 정도는 묵인해 주다 look past wrongdoings if they have previous accomplishments in other areas; Koreans condone celebrities' mistakes because of their past accomplishments
8. 학벌중시 풍토 putting too much focus on a person's academic backgrounds; putting too much emphasis on education(al) background
9. 학벌 academic background, academic credential, educational background
10. 타인의 창작물을 훔치는 행위다 plagiarism is (like) stealing someone else's work; you're taking advantage of someone else's hard work
11. 표절하면 결국 자신만 손해다 plagiarism is like doing a disservice to yourself; plagiarism is like doing a discredit to yourself
12. 표절은 타인 뿐 아니라 나에게도 수치스러운 짓이다 plagiarism is discrediting yourself, not just other people

**More Key Words**

1. 인용 목록 bibliography
2. 국회의원 자리 유지하다 keep his seat in the National Assembly
3. 다른 사람의 저작물을 두고 내 것인 양 하다 claiming someone else's work as one's own
4. 표절 논란에 휩싸이다 embroiled in plagiarism scandal