

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

CHUN, DOO HWAN

President of the Republic of Korea

President Chun was little known on the Korean political scene until his emergence as the leader of the "mini-coup" within the military following the death of President Park Chung Hee in October 1979.

Age: 51

Career Highlights:

- 1955 Graduated from Korean Military Academy as part of the influential 11th class, the first class to complete the full four year program
- 1955-61 Military assignments including Acting Planning Director of the ROK Army Special Warfare Bureau
- 1961-62 Domestic Affairs Secretary to the Chairman of the Supreme Council for National Reconstruction
- 1966 Executive Officer of 1st Airborne Special Forces Group
- 1967 Commander, 30th Battalion of Capital Garrison Command
- 1970 Commander, 29th Regiment - action in Vietnam
- 1978 Commander, 1st Infantry Division
- 1979 Commanding General, Defence Security Command (This Command is concerned with internal military security.)
-Headed investigation into assassination of President Park
- 1980 April: Director of Korean Central Intelligence Agency
- May: Chairman of new Standing Committee of the Special Committee for National Security Measures, which in effect ran the country
- August: Retirement from military service to be elected as eleventh President of Korea
- 1981 February: re-elected as President by the 5278 - member Electoral College