

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

### CHUN DOO HWAN

#### President of the Republic of Korea

President Chun was little known on the Korean political scene until his emergence following the death of President Park Chung Hee in October 1979.

#### 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

President Chun is 52 years old. He is married and will be accompanied on his visit to Canada by his wife, Lee Soon Ja.