

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.