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Park Yong-sung takes the helm at Doosan

- The new group chairman is expected to push ahead with global strategies
- Mr. Park Yong-oh becomes honorary chairman of the Group
- Mr. Park Jeong-won rises to the position of vice chairman of Doosan Industrial Development

On the occasion of its 109th anniversary, the Group will welcome Mr. Park Yong-sung, the current chairman of Doosan Heavy Industries, as the new group chairman in a renewed effort to push ahead with the ambitious goal of joining the ranks of the world's top-ranking businesses. Mr. Park Yong-oh will assume the position of honorary group chairman. It is expected that the takeover process will start from August 1, the Group's foundation day, and be completed by the end of the year.

At a Group presidents' meeting held on July 18, Honorary Group Chairman Park Yong-gon said, "It has been decided that Park Yong-sung will assume the position of group chairman to help the Group secure its status as a world-class business, as he is thought to be the right man for the position, based on an international network of cooperation accumulated with business leaders all over the world. I would also like to express my gratitude towards Park Yong-oh, who has successfully led the Group since December 1996."

In December 1996, then Group Chairman Park Yong-gon ceded his position as helmsman of the Group to Park Yong-oh, one of his brothers, thereby conferring upon him responsibility for pushing ahead with the then ongoing restructuring.

Doosan, one of the oldest businesses in Korea, was established in 1896 by Park Seung-jik (1864-1950). The business's management structure was established by the founder's eldest son Park Doo-byung (1910~1973), who later became its first chairman.

After a period of intensive business expansion under the leadership of Chairman Chung Soo-chang (1919~1999), the position of helmsman was taken over by Park Yong-gon, the eldest son of Park Doo-byung. Under the leadership of Chairman Park Yong-gon until December 1996, the company grew as a conglomerate.

The Doosan Group has evolved into one of the top ten business groups in Korea, with nineteen affiliates, 11 trillion won in annual sales, and 12 trillion won in assets. Early this year, the group renewed its resolve to become a world-class business as soon as possible on the occasion of the takeover of Doosan Infracore.

Park Yong-sung, the new chairman of the Doosan Group, said, ;°I would like to ask all the Group family members to continue making concerted efforts to reach our shared goal of joining the ranks of the world;s leading businesses.;±

On July 18, Doosan Corporation Trading BG President Park Jeong-won (Park Yong-gon;s eldest son) was promoted to the post of vice chairman of Doosan Industrial Development. Since he was sworn in as the company president in 2001, Park Jeong-won has played a decisive role in reestablishing the business portfolio of Doosan Corporation Trading BG, with the emphasis on securing profitable business and putting the once vulnerable financial structure back on track, thereby helping the Group make a solid turnaround. A formidable business leader, he is known to have gone a long way in taking the San brand of soju to the leading position in the Japanese market in terms of market share.