



Draft:Sohn Jin-Kwan

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Sohn Jin-kwan (손진관, August 7, 1931 – March 20, 2020) was a South Korean businessman, executive, and certified public accountant. He held leadership roles in shipping, oil, and machinery industries.

Early Life and Education

Sohn Jin-kwan was born on August 7, 1931, in Daegu, South Korea.^[1] His ancestral home (본관) was Wolseong.^[1] He earned a Bachelor of Economics from Sungkyunkwan University (1955–1959) and a Master’s degree from the Graduate School of Public Administration at Seoul National University (1962–1964).^[1]

Military Service

Sohn served in the South Korean Air Force during the Korean War from 1951 to 1961. He was a central supply officer and held the rank of Jungnyeong (Lieutenant Colonel).^[2] He received the Hwarang Order of Military Merit in 1953.^[1]

Career

Sohn began his career in public service and business in the early 1960s. His notable positions include:

- Director of Planning at Korea Machinery Industry (1961–1962), now part of HD Hyundai Infracore.^[1]
- Vice President at Korea Oil Corporation (대한석유공사) (1963–1980), now part of SK Energy.^[1]
- President of Heungkuk Trading Company (1975–1980), now part of SK Group’s oil division, SK Innovation.^[1]

Sohn Jin-kwan	
	손진관
Born	7 August 1931 <div>Daegu, South Korea</div>
Died	20 March 2020 (aged 88) <div>Seoul, South Korea</div>
Nationality	South Korean
Education	<u>Sungkyunkwan University</u> (B.A. in Economics), <u>Seoul National University Graduate School of Public Administration</u> (M.A.)
Occupation(s)	Businessman, Certified Public Accountant
Notable work	Leadership roles in Bumyung Shipping Co. Ltd., Korea Oil Corporation, and various other companies
Spouse	Jeon Kyung-nam (전경남)
Children	1 son, 3 daughters
Awards	Hwarang Order of Military Merit (1953), Ministry of Commerce and Industry Award (1968)

- Vice President of Korea National Oil Corporation (한국석유개발공사) and President of its drilling operations (한국석유시추) (1981–1986).^[1]
- President of Bumyung Shipping Co. Ltd. (1992–1995), now part of Pan Ocean.^{[1][3]}

In April 1992, Sohn was appointed as President of Bumyung Shipping Co. Ltd. by Seoul Trust Bank as part of a court receivership to stabilize the company.^[3] Under his leadership, the company underwent significant restructuring, ensuring its continued operation.^[4] Key restructuring measures included the appointment of new executives to critical roles, while Sohn retained his position as President.^[4] These efforts were part of a broader strategy approved by Seoul District Court to ensure the company's financial stability.^[4]

Sohn also contributed to the development of the Korean oil and shipping industries through his leadership in organizations such as the Korea Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Association and the Korea Shipowners' Association.^[1]

Personal Life

Sohn married Jeon Kyung-nam in 1956.^[1] They had four children: one son and three daughters. His son, Sohn Sang-Kyoon, formerly served as an executive at Samsung C&T Corporation.^[5]

Legacy and Awards

Sohn Jin-kwan was recognized for his contributions to South Korea's industrial development. His awards include:

- Hwarang Order of Military Merit (1953)^[1]
- Ministry of Commerce and Industry Commendation (1968)^[1]

Death

Sohn Jin-kwan passed away on March 20, 2020, in Seoul, South Korea.^[5] His funeral was held at Samsung Seoul Hospital on March 22, 2020.^[5]

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