



1994 PAC Winner

I. Kyun Byun

Mr. Byun is the Vice Chairman of Hankuk Glass Industries Co., Ltd., the President and CEO of Hankuk Electric Glass Co., Ltd. and the Chairman of Hankuk Specialty Glass Co., Ltd. He was born in 1926 in Seoul, Korea and attended middle school there, graduating in 1944. His education continued, in Chemical Engineering at Seoul National University with graduation in May 1950.

Mr. Byun pursued graduate work in chemical engineering at Michigan Institute of Technology, graduating in June 1956. Mr. Byun then studied glass technology research at Alfred University with graduation in June 1957.

Mr. Byun's career began at Hankuk Glass Industries Co., Ltd. as Vice Chief Engineer in March 1957 where he was responsible for all glass manufacturing technology. Recognized for his technical and managerial leadership, he was promoted to Director of Hankuk Glass Industries Co., Ltd. in May 1966. In 1982, he was elevated to the position of Vice Chairman of Hankuk Glass Industries Co., Ltd., currently the largest manufacturer of glass products in Asia (outside of Japan), and one of the top 10 glass companies in the world.

During his work at Hankuk, he continued his interest and participation in the scientific community as he was Vice President from 1987 to 1990 of "The Korean Federation of Science & Technology Societies".

Mr. Byun is credited with being instrumental in bringing the flat glass industry to life in Korea and for his development of mass production of borosilicate glasses used in microwave ovens and headlight lenses.

When Hankuk Electric Glass Co. began producing television glass bulbs in 1974, Mr. Byun was made President to direct this company to become the sixth largest such producer in the world.