

Miracle on the Han River

Until the 1960s, South Korea was a poor country with a predominantly rural population, relying heavily on foreign aid, mainly from the United States.

The significant development began under the leadership of Park Chung-hee during the so-called Miracle on the Han River. Programs aimed at modernizing the industry, increasing exports, enhancing infrastructure, and massive investments in education positioned South Korea among the Asian Tigers—emerging economies in Asia that experienced rapid economic growth between the 1960s and 1990s.



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