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Inauguration of Park Sang-gue as the 28th chairman of KCUE

- The Korean Council for University Education (KCUE) announced on March 7 that Park Sang-gue, President of Chung-Ang University, will take office as the 28th chairman. The inauguration ceremony for chairman Park will be held at 4:00 PM on March 7 (Thursday) at the KCUE conference room in Gasan-dong, Geumcheon-gu, Seoul. The inauguration ceremony will be centered around the new and former executive boards. The new executive board includes Vice chairman Jung Sung-taek (President of Chonnam National University), Vice chairman Byun Chang-hoon (President of Daegu Haany University), and Vice chairman Kwak Ho-sang (President of Kumoh National Institute of Technology). Former executive board members, including chairman Chang Je-kuk (President of Dongseo University), will also be in attendance. The congratulatory speech will be delivered by Choi Eun-hee, Director General of the Human Capital Policy Bureau at the Ministry of Education.
- In his inaugural speech, which was distributed in advance, chairman Park remarked, "We are living in such turbulent times that it is difficult to offer greetings with kind words. The higher education sector is being shaken by a series of pressing issues, including the chronic financial problems of universities, the demographic cliff, the medical school quota issue, cuts to R&D budgets, and the introduction of the undeclared major system. I believe this is a crucial moment, where higher education stands at a crossroads—whether it will move forward towards development or regress. It is with this profound sense of responsibility that I assume the presidency of representing our universities during such a critical time."
- Chairman Park stated, "While addressing immediate issues is important, I will focus on tackling the fundamental challenges faced by our universities. This

includes efforts to improve regulations related to ▲tuition fees, ▲expand financial support for higher education, ▲reform various regulations to secure university autonomy, and ▲enhance global competitiveness."

- He also emphasized, "I ask the presidents of our member universities to lend their strong support to KCUE. I will always strive to communicate actively and do my utmost to transform the realities of our universities to be more positive."

- Chairman Park Sang-gue was born in 1961 and graduated from the Department of Applied Statistics at Chung-Ang University, where he also earned a Master's degree in Statistics. He later received his Ph.D. in Statistics from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Since 1995, he has served as a professor in the Department of Applied Statistics at Chung-Ang University, holding various administrative positions such as Director of Admissions, Director of Planning, Head of the Future Planning Division, and Vice President of Administration. He has been serving as the President of Chung-Ang University since 2020. Over the years, he has held several notable positions, including President of the Korea Association of University Deans of Planning, a member of the Pharmaceutical Benefit Evaluation Committee at the Health Insurance Review and Assessment Service, a non-executive director of the Korea Student Aid Foundation, a member of the joint task force on higher education policy between the Ministry of Education and KCUE, a member of the Conflict Management Review Committee of the Ministry of Education, and Senior Vice President of the Korea Association of Private University Presidents. He has also served as a member of the Central Pharmacy Advisory Committee and a member of the Drug Review Advisory Group of the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety, a member of the Ministry of Education's Structural Reform Committee (5th and 6th terms), Vice President of the Korea University Sports Association, and a member of the Advisory Committee of the Korea Society for Engineering Education. Chairman Park's term commenced on March 1 and is set to span one year.