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De Heus and Topigs Norsvin expand pig genetics business in South Korea

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The acquisition of a 150-boar capacity artificial insemination centre supports plans to expand livestock breeding and animal nutrition services across Asian markets.



De Heus Korea completed the acquisition of its first artificial insemination centre in Hongseong, South Korea, marking its entry into the commercial pig genetics business. Through its strategic partnership with Dutch breeding company Topigs Norsvin, De Heus aims to combine livestock genetics with animal nutrition, production analysis and farm management services.

The facility, designed to accommodate approximately 150 boars, will support semen collection, quality control and distribution. De Heus Korea plans to upgrade the centre and gradually expand into great-grandparent and grandparent breeding operations to supply replacement breeding gilts to domestic pig farmers.

De Heus and Topigs Norsvin also plan to sign a memorandum of understanding on 9 December 2026 in Vietnam to expand their partnership in South Korea and the Philippines. The proposed agreement builds on their existing collaboration in Vietnam, Cambodia and Myanmar.