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## Pension fund gets private managers

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CHINA'S social security fund will allow Hony Capital and CDH Venture Partners to manage its investment in private equity funds, said Dai Xianglong, chairman of the National Council for Social Security Fund.

Earlier this month, the council issued a statement stating China's social security fund, or SSF, has got approval to invest up to 10 percent of its assets in industry investment funds and private equity funds.

Traditionally, it invested in treasury bonds, corporate bonds and the stock market.

The council has decided to inject money into Hony Capital and CDH Venture Partners. It is expected that the council will issue rules soon to regulate the investment of SSF in private equities, said Dai during a forum in Tianjin, according to Shanghai Securities News yesterday.

He did not elaborate on how much would be pumped into the two companies.

Meanwhile, Hony Capital and CDH Venture Partners announced they would establish a fund management unit in Tianjin.

Beijing-based Hony Capital is an arm under the Lenovo Group that deals in private equity investment.

According to its Website, it manages over US\$700 million worth of funds and has invested in some of China's top enterprises, including the world's largest vitamin C producer, Asia's largest fiberglass manufacturer and China's largest listed flat glass company.

CDH Venture Partners was the former direct investment department of China International Capital Corporation Ltd and later became independent.

The value of China's SSF was 516.1 billion yuan (US\$73.4 billion) by the end of last year. It is estimated the value can exceed 1 trillion yuan by 2010, said Dai.(Shanghai Daily)

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