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GIST to provide "Onsamiro Environmental Classes"

- GIST (President Kiseon Kim) will host nine "Onsamiro Environmental Classes" * this year from March to December by visiting nine children's centers throughout the Gwangju area.

* Onsamiro Environmental Classes (advisor: Professor Joon Ha Kim of the School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Engineering) is a program sponsored by the International Environmental Research Institute and the GIST Social Development Team. This program allows GIST students to volunteer their time and knowledge by providing free environmental science experiments to the kids at the children's centers.

- Onsamiro is a Korean word meaning "natural" and is the name of a GIST College club that was created to help inform the next generation about environmental issues affecting nature as well as the necessity of solving environmental problems.
- Onsamiro classes are designed to help students understand the risks of environmental pollution, efforts to improve environmental pollution, and related issues through easy-to-understand environmental projects. Student projects include making solar powered cars, wind powered generators, and other interesting topics.
- Members of Onsamiro visited the Hanam children's center on March 22 (Friday) to teach about methods of water conservation and water

purification, and the children experienced making their own water purifier.

- Jun-sung Hur, a second grade elementary student who also attend the Hanam children's center, said, "The experiment about making a simple water purifier was very interesting, and I never had an opportunity learn about it at school. Through this opportunity, I learned about the importance of clean water and environmental protection."

- Dean of International and Public Affairs Yong-Chul Kim said, "The GIST Social Development Team actively supports student clubs and activities that are focused on helping the local community, and we will continue to offer such support for civic-minded student clubs in the future."

- The GIST Social Development Team was created in 2017 and is actively engaged in various projects to support the local community, including: GIST Science School, science book donations, the Hope Water Purifier, Global Science camp (international), Science Camp (domestic), GIST Science Outreach Program, ICT Volunteer program, and a program for children from remote Korean islands.
 - Onsamiro classes will select scientific activities for young elementary school students, and they will perform various volunteer activities every month at local children's centers.



▲ Making a simple water purifier at the Hanam children's center