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**2nd Future Scientist Invitation Event held**

□ GIST (President Kiseon Kim) – The 2nd GIST Future Scientist Invitation Event was held to invite elementary school students from the Sinan and Namhae regions to help them think about becoming future scientists and to instill in them a spirit for knowledge and learning.

∘ This event is a part of GIST's social contribution program to help children from the Sinan and Namhae regions to learn about and experience the convergence of science and technology by visiting the Gwangju National Science Museun, the Korea Energy Agency, the National Asia Cultural Center, and the Asian Cultural Center from September 18 to 19, 2019.

□ In particular, the event expanded from last year and had a total of 74 participants, including 59 students from two elementary schools in Sinan and Namhae (30 Sinan Jeungdo Elementary Schooland 29 Namhae Gohyeon Elementary School) along with 15 teachers. The event included ▲ Visit GIST research facilities, watching animation films, lectures on science schools (Professor Solkeun Jee, "role of airplanes and fluids") and environmental science classroom (making an environmentally friendly LED wind powered generator) ▲ Special Exhibition on the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing and 360 Space Science Experience (Gwangju National Science Museum) ▲ Energy Experience Center and making windmills (Korea Energy Agency) ▲ a variety of science and cultural events programs, cultural experiences, and activities (National Asia Cultural Center/Asian Cultural Center) that have been highly acclaimed by children.

∘ In addition, this year, the even prepared science experiments not only at GIST Science School but also at Onsami, a GIST environmental club, and the school children had time to experiment and work with GIST students and to share the importance of the environment and the development of science and technology.

□ GIST President Kiseon Kim said, "The influence of various social contribution activities is very important for children to develop their future dreams while spreading the culture of science and technology. Going forward, GIST will remain committed to science and technology research and education to enrich people's lives, and GIST will continue to provide the support for children who are marginalized from society so that they can grow without losing sight of their dreams."

∘ Kyung-hee Lee, vice principal of Jeungdo Elementary School in Sinan, and Geum Kim, vice principal of Gohyeon Elementary School in Namhae, said, "We have had a valuable experience with our children through the beneficial programs provided by GIST. We hope that our children will grow healthy to fulfill their dreams without losing their dreams of becoming scientists."

□ The GIST Social Contribution Team actively conducts events for future scientists, science schools, learning centers, scientific book donations, water purifier donation, global science camps, ICT volunteer groups, and other outreach activities.



▲ [Photo 1] 2nd Future Scientist Invitation Event group photo



▲ [Photo 2] Making windmills at the Korea Energy Agency