

# Opening ceremony held for Gwangju Science City landmark the 'Scientist's Path'

– With GIST as the starting point, the first course covers 7 km to the the Advanced Science Industrial Complex



▲ Photo of the commemorative sign installation ceremony for the first course announcing the promotion of the 'Path of Scientists'

GIST (Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology, President Kiseon Kim) held an opening ceremony to create a 'Scientist's Path' in front of GIST's main gate on Monday, January 17th.

The opening ceremony was held with GIST President Kiseon Kim, National Assembly member Hyeong-seok Lee (Democratic Party of Korea, Gwangju Buk-gu), Mirae Namdo Research Institute President Professor Seong-soo Park, Korea Institute of Optical Technology President Young-jin Shin, Gwangju National Science Center Director Seon-ok Kim, Korea Industrial Complex Corporation Gwangju Director Sang-Hyun Hwang, Gwangju Science and Technology Promotion Agency Director Seok-gu Yoon, Gwangju Techno Park Policy Planning Director Woon-seop Kim, and GIST Vice President for Public Affairs Young-jip Kim.

The 'Scientist's Path' is linked with research institutes in the Gwangju Advanced Science Industrial Complex to create a walking path where citizens can feel science in their daily life and walk, and the plan is to make it a landmark of Gwangju by using it as a place for communication and leisure activities.

The Scientist's Path Promotion Committee (Chairperson Park Seong-soo Park, president of Mirae Namdo Research Institute), consisting of GIST and other high-tech science and industrial complex institutions, first held a ceremony to mark the installation of a guide sign for the first course of the 'Scientist's Path.'

The first course is about 7km away from Gist → Gwangju National Science Museum → Korea Industrial Complex Corporation → Gwangju Techno Park → Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology → Gwangju Forest → Gwangju Institute of Advanced Science and Technology → Gwangju Institute of Production Technology → Gwangju Electronics & Telecommunications → Gist.

The 1st course starts at GIST → Gwangju National Science Museum → Korea Industrial Complex Corporation → Gwangju Technopark → Korea Institute of Optical Technology → Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology → Gwangju Citizen's Forest → Gwangju Advanced Science National Industrial Complex → Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology Promotion → Gwangju Institute of Industrial Technology → Gwangju Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute → Gwangju Institute of Design Promotion → Ssangam Park → It returns to GIST and is about 7km long.

In addition, additional courses for the 'Scientist's Path' will be expanded sequentially through course development in the future.

National Assembly member Hyeong-seok Lee said, "Promoting the path of a scientist is significant in many ways. As if paving a new path for future students, I hope that this creates a science city where everyday life becomes science and that will become a cultural and scientific powerhouse."

Scientist's Path Promotion Committee Chairperson Park Seong-soo Park said, "The Path of Scientists will be actively planned and promoted to make it a science city attraction where you can think and heal while walking."

GIST President Kiseon Kim said, "As a high-tech central institution, GIST will actively support the creation of a path for scientists so that it will become an opportunity for citizens to become more familiar with science."

Meanwhile, the Scientist's Path Promotion Committee decided to install additional information boards for each major branch, hold a scientist's path walking campaign event in April, and establish a scientist's road master plan to secure government budgets.