

JD Co., Ltd., which grew through GIST startup support, donates 2,000 of its hand sanitizers to GIST

- Following the donation of hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, hand sanitizer was delivered to GIST students at the end of this year for their health and hygiene



▲ Jae-yeol Yang, CEO of JD Co., Ltd., donated 2,000 hand sanitizers to GIST and is holding a donation ceremony at Office of International and Public Affairs in the GIST administrative building on Friday the 22nd. (From left) GIST Development Fund Team Leader Ga-young Cha, JD Co., Ltd. CEO Jae-yeol Yang, and GIST International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that JD Co., Ltd. (CEO Jae-yeol Yang), a company fostered by the Technology Commercialization Center, donated 2,000 hand sanitizers worth about 20 million won.

The donation ceremony was held on the 22nd (Friday) at the Office of International and Public Affairs in the GIST Administrative Building with International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim and Jae-yeol Yang, CEO of JD Co., Ltd. in attendance.

CEO Jae-yeol Yang donated 2,000 hand sanitizers to prevent the coronavirus to GIST in 2020, when the coronavirus was at its peak. This time, he donated 2,000 units of his company's 'Clean Hason' hand sanitizer for GIST students' health and hygiene during the winter.

JD Co., Ltd. moved into the GIST Corporate Support Center (currently the Technology Commercialization Center) in 2014 to develop a saline solution

injection device for water and sewerage, and through the center's continuous technical guidance and management mentoring, the company changed its business model to manufacturing sterilized water for domestic use. Since then, the company has grown into a company that supplies various government offices and exports overseas as the demand for sterilized water and hand sanitizers has surged in recent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CEO Jae-yeol Yang said, "We're always grateful to GIST for helping us grow as a company, and we're thrilled to be able to show our appreciation with the products we've created in 2020 and beyond."

President Kichul Lim said, "We are grateful that local startups that have grown with GIST's support have not forgotten their roots and continue to provide supplies for students even after success. Starting next year, GIST will do its best to encourage startups and expand collaboration with local companies through its holding company, 'GIST Holdings.'"

Meanwhile, GIST has recently been ranked first in the startup performance category of the '2023 Korea's Best Startup Universities' selected by the Korea Startup Incubation Association and <Maeil Business Newspaper>, making outstanding achievements in terms of faculty and student startup performance and startup infrastructure and support.