

# GIST Energy Valley Institute of Technology declares its vision of 'energy innovation that brightens the future'

- Vision declaration ceremony and performance report held... Announcement of industry-academia cooperation for energy innovation and global leap forward
- Since its establishment in 2015, it has been reborn as a hub for establishing a cluster to realize carbon neutrality and climate technology



▲ GIST Energy Valley Institute of Technology held the '2023 Energy Valley Institute of Technology Vision Proclamation Ceremony and Performance Reporting Session' at the Oryong Hall Multipurpose Hall on Wednesday, December 20th, and took a commemorative photo. (From left) Gwangju Regional Meteorological Administration Director Jang-won Seo, Gwangju Techno Park Director Young-jip Kim, Gwangju Metropolitan City Deputy Mayor of Culture and Economy Gwang-jin Kim, GIST President Kichul Lim, Energy Valley Institute of Technology Director Kwanghee Lee, Gwangju Green Car Promotion Agency Director Deok-mo Kim

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that Energy Valley Institute of Technology (President Kwanghee Lee) successfully held the '2023 Energy Valley Institute of Technology Vision Proclamation Ceremony and Performance Reporting Session'.

The event was held on Wednesday, December 20, at GIST's Oryogwan Multipurpose Hall and was attended by GIST President Kichul Lim, Gwangju Metropolitan City Deputy Mayor of Culture and Economy Gwang-jin Kim, Gwangju Techno Park Director Young-jip Kim, Gwangju Green Car Promotion Agency Director Deok-mo Kim, Gwangju Local Meteorological Agency Director Jang-won Seo, and more than 100 GIST researchers and energy sector employees.

On this day, the Energy Valley Institute of Technology reported its achievements over the past year and declared a new vision, 'Energy innovation that brightens the future, From Gwangju, Beyond Korea, Toward Global!'

The four chairpersons of the planning committee, comprised of GIST professors, researchers from regional innovation organizations, Gwangju Metropolitan Government officials, and local businessmen (Green Energy Research Institute Director Seung-heon Song, Korea Institute of Industrial Technology Director Kim Tae-won Kim, Korea Automobile Research Institute Center Director Hyeon-cheol Lee, Korea Institute of Energy Research Center Director Jung-jae Woo), presented the

results of Energy Valley Institute of Technology's year-long planning, and President Kwanghee Lee presented them with a plaque of appreciation and encouragement.



▲ Director Kwanghee Lee (center) and planning committee chairs are taking a commemorative photo after the appreciation plaque presentation ceremony.

President Kichul Lim said, "I hope that the Energy Valley Institute of Technology will become a key hub for energy innovation where solutions can be found through close cooperation with the local community and industry. GIST will also actively cooperate."

Director Kwanghee Lee said, "The Energy Valley Institute of Technology has grown and developed through cooperation with various organizations, including Gwangju Metropolitan City and KEPCO. The Energy Valley Institute of Technology will achieve energy innovation by discovering various solutions in the energy field to lead the future as a leader in sustainable energy innovation."

The Energy Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT) is an organization jointly established by Gwangju Metropolitan City, Korea Electric Power Corporation, and GIST in May 2015 to promote the successful creation of an Energy Valley and the development of the local energy industry. It is currently working to realize carbon neutrality and climate technology and is being reborn as a hub for building industry, academia, research, and government clusters.

To date, it has achieved remarkable results, including 29 energy new industry project plans, 6 R&D company start-up support, 119 energy company customized commercialization support, running seminars, workshops, and councils to create energy new industry cluster networks, and carrying out external consignment projects such as the 'Gwangju Energy New Industry Open Innovation Ecosystem Open Lab Creation Project'.