

GIST operates 'GIST Holdings', a hub for startup ecosystem in the Honam area

- The goal is to create 30 unicorn-level companies according to 'GIST Vision 2053'
- Expected to build a profit-generating-reinvestment virtuous cycle model that reinvests technology commercialization profits into research and development



▲ On the 17th (Wednesday), the opening ceremony of 'GIST Holdings Co., Ltd.' was held at the GIST Industry-Academia Collaboration Research Center and a congratulatory tape cutting ceremony was held (From left) GIST Audit Office Director Sang-Hoon Jeon, Planning Dean Hisam Kim, Vice President for R&D Kwanghee Lee, GIST Technology Holdings Co., Ltd. CEO Min-Gon Kim, GIST President Kichul Lim, Chairman of the Industry-Academic Development Committee Chairperson Ki-su Na, Rapinej Co., Ltd. CEO Il-seung Jeon, Jointtree Co., Ltd. Vice President Jongmin Kim, Korea Mobility Co., Ltd. CEO Jeong-seok Park, GIST International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) held an opening ceremony for its holding company, 'GIST Holdings (CEO Min-Gon Kim/Professor of Chemistry)' at the Industry-Academic Cooperation Research Center on the 17th (Wednesday) and announced that they will expand collaboration with local companies and revitalize entrepreneurship through innovation.

Since taking office, President Lim has expressed his determination to create a 'practical science and technology central research institute,' and he has mentioned the need for 'GIST Technology Holding Co., Ltd.', a specialized organization that can support the entire cycle of technology commercialization in order to spread excellent research results within the institution.

At the opening ceremony, a tape cutting ceremony and a sign hanging ceremony were held to celebrate the opening, attended by GIST President Kichul Lim, CEO Min-Gon Kim, deans, other officials, representatives of companies in the Honam region, and Industry-Academic Development Committee Chairperson Ki-su Na.



▲ On the 17th (Wednesday), a 'GIST Holdings' signboard hanging ceremony is being held at the GIST Industry-Academia Collaboration Research Center. From the signboard (right) President Kichul Lim and (left) CEO Min-Gon Kim.

'GIST Technology Holdings Co., Ltd.', which will be in full operation starting this year, aims to establish 50 investment companies and achieve total sales of 200 billion won by 2030 by ▲ support for establishment of investment companies through discovery of promising technologies and support for technology commercialization ▲ customized acceleration for each field, including product development, commercialization, and technology marketing ▲ promoting large-scale planned start-ups through strategic partnerships with investors ▲ by carrying out investment support through the formation and operation of an investment fund.

GIST President Kichul Lim said, "The establishment of GIST Technology Holding Co., Ltd. is the first step toward achieving 30 unicorn-class companies, a key goal of GIST Vision 2053, which was held last year to commemorate the 30th anniversary of our institution. It is expected to revitalize the local economy by building a virtuous cycle model and lead the innovation economy with promising local companies."

GIST Technology Holdings Co., Ltd. CEO Min-Gon Kim said, "GIST is achieving remarkable results in the field of performance diffusion, such as start-ups and technology commercialization. With the establishment of GIST Technology Holdings Co., Ltd., we will do our best to support local companies and GIST so that they can grow and develop together through more systematic technology commercialization and entrepreneurship activation."