

# **GIST doctoral student's grandmother donates 10 million won to "help my grandson's school in some small way"**

- GIST Department of Physics and Photon Science student Seung Jae Hwang's grandmother, Mrs. Ohn-soon Lee, decided to donate to help science and engineering colleges that are struggling... emphasizing the importance of giving and sharing  
- Student Seung Jae Hwang "I am proud and happy about my grandmother's donation to the school, which helped us to grow steadily through various supports"... The donated money will be used to support students in the Department of Physics and Photon Science and to develop the department



▲ On the 12th (Friday), the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST) held a development fund donation ceremony for Mrs. Ohn-soon Lee (85 years old), the grandmother of Seung Jae Hwang, a doctoral student in the Department of Physics and Photon Science, and took commemorative photos. (From left) GIST Department of Physics and Photon Science Vice Dean Unjong Yu, Professor Sang Yun Lee (Advisor), doctoral student Seung Jae Hwang, Mrs. Ohn-soon Lee, Vice President for External Affairs Yonghwa Chung, Mr. Jeong-tae Hwang (father of Seung Jae Hwang), and International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that Mrs. Ohn-soon Lee (85 years old), the grandmother of Seung Jae Hwang, a doctoral student in the Department of Physics and Photon Science, donated 10 million won in development funds.

The donation ceremony was held at the President's Office on Friday, April 12, and was attended by GIST Department of Physics and Photon Science Vice Dean Unjong Yu, Professor Sang Yun Lee (Advisor), doctoral student Seung Jae Hwang, Mrs. Ohn-soon Lee, Vice President for External Affairs Yonghwa Chung, Mr. Jeong-tae Hwang (father of Seung Jae Hwang), and International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim.

Mrs. Ohn-soon Lee said, "I have always emphasized a life of giving and have often talked to my grandchildren about the importance of sharing. Recently, I heard on the news that science and engineering universities were going through difficult times, so I decided to make a donation to help my grandson's school."

Mr. Jeong-tae Hwang said, "In the meantime, I felt grateful to the school as I saw my son receive a lot of support from GIST so he could focus on his studies without worrying. I hope the scholarship donated by my mother will help other students focus on their studies as well."

President Kichul Lim said, "We are grateful to Seung Jae Hwang's family for their affection and generosity toward GIST, and we expect that this donation will have a great impact in spreading GIST's donation culture. The school will do its best to support students so that they can focus on their studies."

Seung Jae Hwang, who is currently pursuing his doctoral degree at the Spin and Quantum Information Lab (Advisor Professor Sang Yun Lee), entered GIST in 2017, earned a bachelor's degree, and then entered the integrated master's and doctoral program. Mr. Hwang said, "I have felt that I am steadily growing through various supports from the school. I am proud and happy that my grandmother's donation can help the school develop."

GIST announced that it plans to use Mrs. Ohn-soon's donation to support students in the Department of Physics and Photon Science and to develop the department.

