

# "To the future with the region, to add 'sharing' to science and technology" GIST holds a ceremony to declare vision for external cooperation (sharing)

- GIST, which was founded more than 30 years ago, pledges that all members will practice the 'value of sharing' and 'contribution to the local and international community'... Encouraging current students to participate in volunteer work for one hour a week and opening up the use of large-scale and precise research equipment to local universities
- Taking the lead in spreading the culture of sharing by holding a science imagination art contest for elementary school students (May) and a science writing contest for middle school students (October), as well as opening civic culture classes in conjunction with local broadcasting companies and Korean language classes for people with migrant backgrounds



▲ Guests and GIST members who attended the GIST External Cooperation (Sharing) Vision Declaration Ceremony held at Oryong Hall on the 23rd (Tuesday) are taking commemorative a commemorative.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) said it plans to contribute to improving the quality of human life through its core mission of science and technology research and development (R&D) and the diffusion of achievements (start-ups and technology commercialization), while also leading the way in spreading a culture of sharing where all members work together to 'grow bigger by sharing'.

GIST International and Public Affairs Team held the '2024 External Cooperation (Sharing) Vision Declaration Ceremony' at the multi-purpose hall on the first floor of Oryong Hall at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23 and announced this vision.

At the proclamation ceremony, a total of 200 people attended, including, ▲ GIST Development Support Association Chairman Ju-seon (Chairman of the Korea Petroleum

Association, Former Vice-Chairman of the National Assembly) ▲ Gwangju Metropolitan City's Buk-gu District Office Commissioner In Moon ▲ National Assembly of Bukgu-gap, Gwangju Metropolitan City, member Jun-ho Jung ▲ GIST Director Heeseung Beom ▲ GIST Director Hyeong-soon Kim ▲ GIST 7th President Seunghyeon Moon ▲ former GIST Vice President for External Affairs Bong-ryeol Yang ▲ former GIST Vice President for External Affairs Young-jip Kim (currently Director of Gwangju Techno Park) ▲ former GIST Development Foundation Chairman Jeong-ju Ko (GIST Honorary Doctor of Engineering) ▲ GIST Development Foundation Chairman Hae-myeong Kim ▲ GTMBA Alumni Association President Yunseop Kim ▲ GIST Development Supporters Association Vice President Sang-gyun Kim ▲ GIST Development Supporters Association President Jae-kyung Ban (Chairman of the Jeonnam Regional Council of the Presidential National Integration Committee) ▲ Presidential National Integration Committee Gwangju Regional Council Chairman Hoi-chang Yang ▲ KBC Gwangju Broadcasting President Chae-young Lim ▲ Gwangju University Vice President Gap-yong Kim ▲ and GIST students, alumni, and faculty.

The event started with an opening speech by the emcee, which was followed by ▲ GIST donation and sharing activity video ▲ External cooperation vision (sharing) announcement (Vice President for External Affairs Yonghwa Chung) ▲ Donation ceremony for folk painting work 'Chaekgado' (artist Hye-sook Seong) ▲ Thank you message from President Kichul Lim ▲ Congratulatory remarks by Development Support Group Chairman Joo-seon Park ▲ Congratulatory remarks by Buk-gu mayor In Moon ▲ National Assembly member-elect Jun-ho Jung (Buk-gu Gap) ▲ performances of the external vision declaration ceremony.



▲ 12 GIST member representatives stand on the podium and perform a sharing vision performance that makes sharing bloom.



On this day, artist Hye-sook Seong, who represents Gwangju Metropolitan City, donated a folk tale, "Book Road" (worth 20 million won), which attracted attention. Sung's "Book Road" has been on display\* since March at the "Oryong Art Hall," an exhibition space created by GIST on the inner walls of the first and second floors of Oryong Hall, a multipurpose building on campus, to create a place for community exchange and cooperation.

\* 2024 Oryong Art Hall 2nd exhibition 'Our paintings and folk paintings that convey good fortune' (March 11. ~ April 26.)

At the beginning of the 'Sharing' vision announcement, Vice President for External Affairs Yonghwa Chung said, "We are deeply grateful to the local residents who campaigned to donate trees to the GIST campus, which was like a wasteland in the early days of its opening, and carried out legislative activities and signature campaigns to open an undergraduate program. The love of local residents was a decisive factor in GIST growing into a research-oriented university representing the Honam region today."

Vice President Chung said, "The external cooperation (sharing) vision declaration is a pledge by all members of GIST to practice and spread the value of sharing and the mission of contributing to the local and international communities. Please pay attention and watch so that GIST can develop values and models that allow everyone to enjoy the benefits of science and technology without leaving anyone behind, and grow into a university that practices future values and models of cooperation for human prosperity in everyday life."

In particular, in addition to existing social contribution activities, it was emphasized that members should first practice sharing (sharing talent, technology, goods, and cash) in their respective positions as a new external cooperation plan.



▲ Vice President for External Affairs Yonghwa Chung is presenting the 'GIST External Cooperation (Sharing) Vision and Operation Direction (Plan)'.

In February, GIST signed an agreement with 20 universities belonging to the Gwangju and Jeollanam-do Regional Presidents' Council to utilize service equipment for joint utilization, opening up the use of GIST's large-scale and precision research equipment to the public, and established a "joint research fund" to provide opportunities for GIST students and university students in the Gwangju and Jeollanam-do regions to work together on various research topics.

In addition, they presented plans to practice sharing that local people can feel by ▲ participating in volunteer work for one hour a week for current students, ▲ donating to the development fund for GIST members with at least one account (5,000 won), ▲ holding a science imagination art contest for elementary school students (May), ▲ holding a science writing contest for middle school students (October), holding civic education lectures for the general public, and holding Korean language courses for people with migrant backgrounds. It also announced plans to actively participate in global environmental issues by establishing overseas campuses, expanding international exchanges through the International Volunteer Corps, and holding a national post-emergency adaptation forum centered on the International Environmental Research Institute.

In his thank you remarks, President Kichul Lim said, "GIST, which has grown with the love of the region over the past 30 years, plans to walk a 'new path' with the goal of adding 'sharing' to science and technology, using today's declaration of its external cooperation vision as an opportunity. We believe that as the 'culture of sharing' spreads, GIST will be able to move forward powerfully with the region into the future, and we hope for a lot of support and encouragement from local residents so that GIST can create more links to regional development in the future."



▲ President Kichul Lim is giving a speech at the GIST external cooperation (sharing) vision declaration ceremony.

GIST was established in 1993 under the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology Act to contribute to the development of national science and technology by fostering high-level scientific and technological talents who will lead innovation in advanced science and technology, conducting collaborative research with industry, exchanging education and research with foreign countries, promoting technology transfer and commercialization, and supporting start-ups.

GIST has been consistently carrying out social contribution activities at home and abroad through the PIUM group, science school, science camp, online mentoring, operation of the International Environmental Research Center, International Volunteer Group (WEK), and international internship program.

Since producing its first graduates in 1997, GIST has produced a total of 8,178 (1,891 doctoral, 5,023 master's, 1,264 bachelor's) outstanding talents in science and engineering\* and is a joint partner in the field of artificial intelligence



(AI) with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). It has a global R&D network and is actively engaging in international research cooperation. In addition, it stands out in the field of disseminating research results, recording a cumulative technology transfer contract amount of KRW 62.1 billion and being selected as an 'Excellent Startup University' by the Korea Startup Incubation Association. Last year, it was ranked first among universities contributing to the local community by region (Jeolla-Jeju region) in the national daily newspaper's university evaluation.

