

GIST holds a council of university presidents in Gwangju and Jeonnam regions

- Presidents from 15 schools attended the 3rd meeting of 2024 held on Thursday, June 27... held at GIST for the first time in 15 years.
- An awards ceremony for the GIST-Honam Startup Idea Contest, which expanded participation eligibility to universities in the Honam region, was also held...
"We will actively support local students by utilizing the GIST startup infrastructure to help them realize their dreams of starting a business."
- AI research achievements such as AI teacher start-up company (Professor Hong Kook Kim) and AI composer demonstration (Professor Chang Wook Ahn) was also introduced



▲ The 3rd Gwangju/Jeonnam Regional University Presidents' Council of 2024 was held at GIST on Thursday, June 27, and a commemorative photo was taken.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced on the 27th (Thursday) that it held the 3rd Gwangju and Jeonnam Regional University Presidents' Council (Chaired by Chodang University) of 2024 in the conference room on the second floor of the administrative building.

About 20 people, including presidents of universities in the Gwangju and Jeonnam regions and key officials, attended the meeting.

In line with the will of the management under President Kichul Lim, who emphasizes win-win development and cooperation with local universities, the President's Council was held at GIST for the first time in 15 years since 2009.

At the meeting on this day, after discussing the agenda, the results of the 'GIST-Honam Startup Idea Contest' were reported and an awards ceremony was held.

At the 1st President's Council of 2024 held at Gwangju University in February, President Kichul Lim proposed expanding the scope of the 'GIST Startup Idea Contest', which has been held as an on-campus event, to the Honam region starting this year. Accordingly, eligibility to participate in the 2024 competition was granted to undergraduate and graduate students attending universities in the Honam region.

▲ GIST School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science student Ha-eun Lee won the grand prize, followed by ▲ Chonbuk National University's Department of Mechanical Systems Engineering students Tae-jung Lim and Ji-seok Oh received the Excellence Award, and ▲ Chosun University Artificial Intelligence Engineering Department student Seung-woo Ko won the Encouragement Award and received congratulations and encouragement from the president.

Following the award ceremony, the president's group experienced improvised composition by AI composer 'Evom' developed by Institute for Artificial Intelligence Director Chang Wook Ahn (AI Graduate School Professor) and collaboration with human performers, and they had time to enjoy artist Han Hee-won's invitation exhibition 'Birth, From Being', which was displayed at Oryong Art Hall, with an introduction by art director Soon-im Choi.



▲ On June 27th (Thursday), the presidents attending the Gwangju and Jeonnam Regional University Presidents' Council are experiencing impromptu compositions by AI composer 'Evom' developed by GIST Institute for Artificial Intelligence Director Chang Wook (AI Graduate School Professor).

In particular, AunionAI, founded by Professor Hong Kook Kim of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, attracted the attention of the president by introducing AI voice recognition translation technology that transmits Korean lectures with English subtitles in real time so that foreign students can attend seminar classes in Korean.

GIST President Kichul Lim said, "By utilizing GIST's start-up infrastructure, we will actively support local students to pursue their dreams of starting a business, and by building a strong network between universities, and we will take the lead in overcoming the crisis of declining school-age population and concentration in the metropolitan area."

Twenty-one four-year universities are participating in the Gwangju and Jeonnam Regional University Presidents' Council, and meetings are held every two months to promote close cooperation between local universities.

The meeting was attended by 15 universities, including GIST, Gwangshin University, Gwangju University of Education, Gwangju University, Nambu University, Dongshin University, Mokpo Catholic University, Mokpo Maritime University, Sehan University, Songwon University, Suncheon National University, Chonnam National University, Chosun University, Chodang University, and Korea Institute of Energy Technology. The 4th council meeting in 2024 is scheduled to be held at Mokpo University.

