

GIST, Haenam-gun MOU to foster AI science talents and exchange cooperation - High-tech and regional specialty industries such as artificial intelligence and robotics

- Decided to cooperate in five areas, including fostering high-tech industries, utilizing cutting-edge science and technology, discovering linked projects, cooperation in special development zones, and talent training
- "Expected to lay the foundation for nurturing local talent in the field of cutting-edge science and technology and fostering future new industries (cultural technology, experiential exhibitions, etc.) in the region using AI technology."



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The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it signed a business agreement (MoU) with Haenam-gun, Jeollanam-do (Governor Hyeon-gwan Myeong) to foster local talent in the field of cutting-edge science and technology and foster local specialized industries using AI technology.

The agreement ceremony was held on July 2 (Tuesday) in the Haenam County Office Situation Room with about 20 people in attendance, including GIST President Kichul Lim, Vice President for Public Affairs Yonghwa Chung, Director of the Korea Culture Technology Institute Kyung-Joong Kim (Professor of the School of Integrated Technology), Professor Hong Kook Kim of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Haenam-gun Governor Hyeon-gwan Myeong, Planning Director Mi-sook Kim, and Tourism Director Jae-young Lee.

The main contents of the agreement include: ▲ Fostering high-tech industries: Joint cooperation for training and nurturing local talent, etc. ▲ Utilization of cutting-edge science and technology: Education and technological cooperation and joint research in areas such as artificial intelligence (AI), metaverse, and autonomous driving, and joint use of research facilities and equipment. ▲ Discovery of linked projects: Joint cooperation to discover linked projects related to government 4th industry and select public offering projects ▲

Cooperation in special development zones: Joint cooperation to select special education development zones ▲ Talent training: This included cooperation in establishing the GIST Techno Management Business Academy (GT MBA) curriculum and selection of scholarship students.

On this day, the 'AI voice recognition translation technology' developed by Professor Hongkook Kim's research team in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science was demonstrated and received great attention from attendees, and they focused on providing new experiences to tourists by creating an experience space unique to Haenam-gun that deviates from the existing framework and fostering future new industries in the region that incorporate GIST's advanced AI technology.



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GIST President Kichul Lim said, "In the era of artificial intelligence, GIST is considering its role in contributing to the regional and national economy. We hope that we can achieve practical results together through new digitalization work by connecting Haenam-gun's precious resources with GIST's AI revolution."

Haenam-gun Governor Hyeon-gwan Myeong said, "I agree with the idea of creating meaningful results through a practical partnership between Haenam-gun and GIST. We believe that this is an opportunity for GIST and Haenam-gun to achieve mutual growth, and we will try to transform Haenam-gun's tourism industry and cultural and artistic resources with AI technology so that it can become the standard for rural areas in Korea."