

GIST successfully holds the opening ceremony and 1st regular forum of the AI Policy & Strategy Graduate School

- There was great interest as about 200 domestic and foreign figures, including government officials and academia, attended the event to announce the launch of Korea's first AI Policy & Strategy Graduate School, which will open in September
- The 1st regular forum of the AI Policy & Strategy Graduate School was held under the theme of 'Artificial Intelligence: Social Change and Challenges'... "It will be reborn as a place to cultivate human insight in an era where the relationship between humans and AI has become important."



▲ On Friday, July 12th, an opening ceremony and commemorative forum were held at Oryong Hall to announce the start of Korea's first AI Policy & Strategy Graduate School, which will open in September, and attendees took a commemorative photo.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) successfully held an opening ceremony and commemorative forum to announce the start of Korea's first AI Policy & Strategy Graduate School, which will open in September, with the attendance of about 200 domestic and foreign dignitaries on Friday, July 12.

The event held at GIST's Oryong Hall was attended by members of the National Assembly, heads of public institutions, university presidents, and officials from Amazon Web Services, Microsoft, Google, and AI companies.

Welcoming remarks by GIST President Kichul Lim and opening remarks by AI Policy and Strategy Graduate School Dean Joon Ha Kim were followed by on-site congratulatory remarks from National Assembly members Jin-wook Jeong, Do-geol Ahn, Gyun-taek Park, Jin-sook Jeon, Buk-gu Mayor In Moon, Director of KDI Graduate School of International Policy Jong-il Yoo, Honam University President Sangcheol Park, Gwangju University President Dongjin Kim, Dongshin University President Joo-hee Lee, and video congratulatory remarks by Presidential Digital Platform and Government Committee Chairman Jin Ko and National Assembly members Hyeong-bae Min, In-cheol Jo, and Sang-hwi Lee.

In particular, the attending lawmakers promised cooperation at the National Assembly level, saying, "The National Assembly will also actively sympathize with and cooperate with the vision and goals of the AI Policy & Strategy Graduate School."

At the first regular forum held under the theme of 'Artificial Intelligence: Social Change and Challenges', experts from various fields in the field of AI policy strategy were invited to discuss current issues and global trends in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) through keynote presentations and talks. Each person shared their perspectives and discussed major challenges.

▲ 'Global AI trends and cooperation strategies' (Presenter In-hyuk Cha, GIST Distinguished Professor and Digital Platform Government Committee member)
▲ 'Current status and response status of the generative AI ecosystem' (Presenter Kyeong-hoon Bae, LG AI Research Institute Director) ▲ a keynote presentation with the theme of 'Activities and Challenges of Artificial Intelligence' (Presenter Yong-dae Kim, President of the Korean Society of Artificial Intelligence).

After the keynote presentation, a conversation and Q&A was held with Professor Sook-kyung Cho of the Korea Institute of Energy Technology as moderator, and GIST Distinguished Professor In-hyuk Cha and LG AI Research Institute Director Kyeong-hoon Bae participated as a panelist to discuss global AI trends and response directions.



▲ At the first regular forum, Professor Sook-kyung Cho of the Korea Institute of Energy Technology (left) moderated the event, and LG AI Research Institute Director Kyeong-hoon Bae (center) and GIST Distinguished Professor In-hyuk Cha (right) participated as panelists and conducted a conversation and Q&A.

President Kichul Lim said in his welcoming address, "Gwangju has recently been attracting attention as an artificial intelligence-centered city in name and reality by actively promoting projects in the AI field, including an AI industry convergence complex. Among these, the establishment of the AI Policy & Strategy Graduate School will be a very timely and profound leap forward, and GIST will foster talents who will lead future 'AI governance' through the AI Policy & Strategy Graduate School."



▲ GIST President Kichul Lim is giving a welcoming speech.

AI Policy and Strategy Graduate School Dean Joon Ha Kim said, "We will achieve a good harmony between humanity and AI by training AI policy experts who integrate AI technology with various fields including economy, society, and culture. We hope that this forum will bring together various stakeholders, including the public and private sectors, academia, and research circles, with artificial intelligence as a topic, to present the direction in which we should move in the AI era, and serve as an important opportunity for everyone to rethink 'humanity'."



▲ AI Policy and Strategy Graduate School Dean Joon Ha Kim is giving an opening speech.

Meanwhile, GIST AI Policy and Strategy Graduate School is a graduate school that trains master's and doctoral AI policy strategy experts and will open for the first time in Korea in September 2024.

The AI Policy and Strategy Graduate School aims to cultivate AI policy strategy experts who can apply AI technology to solving problems in various fields of society. GIST has provided Chief Technology Officer (CTO)-level professors from domestic and foreign global companies with information on how to use AI in real life. Education and research will be conducted at the headquarters and the Seoul Campus and Sejong Campus of the AI Policy and Strategy Graduate School.