## 'GIST Embassy Welcome Day' held with invitation for embassies in Korea, 23 embassies in Korea including Czech Republic and France in attendance

- 25 officials from 23 countries including Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Nepal, Czech Republic, and France attended the event held at the Koreana Hotel in Seoul on Friday the 27th... This is the second time since last year
- GIST introduced excellent research results and had time for exchanges among participants to develop cooperation with each country... Foreign students and researchers also attended and directly introduced their research status and affiliated departments



▲ On Friday, September 27, GIST hosted the 'GIST Embassy Welcome Day' at the Koreana Hotel in Seoul, inviting ambassadors and officials from embassies in Korea, and took a commemorative photo. GIST President Kichul Lim (center, front row) and (left) Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Korea Nurhali Arystanov

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it invited ambassadors and related officials from embassies in Korea to host the 'GIST Embassy Welcome Day' and discussed ways to strengthen international cooperation.

The event, held on the 27th (Friday) at the Koreana Hotel in Seoul, was attended by Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Korea Nurgali Arystanov, Chargé d'Affaires of Pakistan to Korea Ali Waqas Malik, Chargé d'Affaires of Nepal to Korea Pusha Paj Bhattarai, and key figures from embassies in Korea of 23 countries, including the Czech Republic, France, the Netherlands, and Greece.

The second 'GIST Embassy Welcome Day' was organized to introduce the university's education and research capabilities and achievements to embassies in order to build a network overseas, following the invitation of Korean embassy officials to GIST's campus in November last year to celebrate its 30th anniversary.

This event introduced GIST's current status of international cooperation and excellent research results, and provided time for exchange among attendees to discuss future cooperation plans with each country.

In particular, 18 foreign students and researchers currently studying or working at GIST attracted attention by directly introducing their individual research status and achievements, as well as their departments and majors, through poster sessions.

President Kichul Lim gave a welcoming speech and said, "GIST has recently achieved remarkable research results in various core science and technology fields such as AI, carbon neutrality, and energy. Through the valuable network with you, GIST will make further leaps as a global research-oriented university, and I hope that today's event will be a meaningful time to share each other's wisdom and vision."

Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Korea Nulgali Arystanov said in his congratulatory remarks, "Science is the greatest driving force that can produce creative energy. As the Korean Wave (K-Wave) blows through each country, I hope that it will be an opportunity for more Kazakhstani students to become interested in GIST."

Ali Waqas Malik, Chargé d'Affaires of Pakistan to South Korea, said, "As Pakistani students account for the largest proportion of GIST international students, we hope to continue to expand exchanges, academic and research exchanges, and broader cooperation in cultural exchanges in the future."

Through this event, GIST will lay the foundation for promoting international joint research cooperation and, based on this, will focus on nurturing next-generation science and technology talents. Meanwhile, the GIST campus located in Buk-gu, Gwangju Metropolitan City has formed a 'small global village' where approximately 200 international students, exchange students, interns, and researchers from 40 countries are currently concentrating on their studies and research.

