

GIST donates science books to local children for 22 years

- GIST Development Foundation & GIST Social Contribution Group 'Pium' donated 300 science books to 4 elementary schools in Jeonnam including Damyang Subuk Elementary School... Continued donation project every year since 2003
- “We want to spread children’s reading culture and share knowledge to convey dreams and hope to the local community”



▲ The GIST Development Foundation and GIST Social Contribution Group 'PIUM' are holding a science book delivery ceremony at Damyang Subuk Elementary School and taking a commemorative photo with children. (From left) GIST Development Foundation Chairman Hae-myeong Kim, Subuk Elementary School Principal Jin-hong Kim, GIST Development Foundation Director Geun-shin Lee

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that its social contribution group 'PIUM'* and the GIST Development Foundation (Chairman Hae-myeong Kim) donated science books to elementary schools in the Jeonnam region.

GIST Social Contribution Group PIUM has been donating science books to local children's centers and underprivileged elementary schools every year since 2003 and has been working with the GIST Development Foundation since 2017.

* PIUM (P: positive, I: interaction, U: understanding, M: mind): It means to spread the fragrance of GIST by sowing seeds and providing water and fertilizer to bloom flowers in our society, just like making flowers bloom.

This year, in order to improve the reading environment of local elementary schools and to allow more students to access the latest scientific knowledge at the end of the year, a total of 300 science books were delivered to four schools: Suncheon Nam Elementary School (Suncheon City), Jangheung Seo Elementary School (Jangheung County), Subuk Elementary School (Damyang County), and Jinwon Elementary School (Jangseong County).

The book delivery ceremony was held on Thursday, the 7th, at Subuk Elementary School and Jinwon Elementary School, with the attendance of GIST Development Foundation Chairman Hae-myeong Kim.



▲ The GIST Development Foundation and GIST Social Contribution Group 'PIUM' are holding a science book delivery ceremony at Jangseong Jinwon Elementary School and taking a commemorative photo with children. (From left) GIST Development Foundation Director Geun-shin Lee, Jinwon Elementary School Principal Jae-eun Moon, GIST Development Foundation Chairman Hae-myeong Kim

The GIST Development Foundation, established in 2016, supports the development of science and technology talent and education activities in the region, and actively participates in social contribution activities such as providing books and supplies to underprivileged areas in cooperation with the GIST Social Contribution Group Pium.

Chairman Hae-myeong Kim said, "In order to spread children's reading culture and share knowledge to convey dreams and hope to the local community, GIST donates science books every year. In the future, the GIST Development Foundation plans to expand its donation project so that children can dream of a brighter future."

Damyang Subuk Elementary School Principal Jin-hong Kim said, "We are grateful for the warm heart that GIST has sent us. I believe that it will be a great help in helping our children get closer to science and develop their dreams for the future."

Jangseong Jinwon Elementary School Principal Jae-eun Moon said, "Thank you for sending good books to children, the leaders of the future. We will encourage reading activities so that children can feel the joy of reading and develop dreams about science."