

## Fun GIST alumni donates to the Development Fund

- Five Korean alumni who are continuing their research activities at Stanford University and other institutions... The first alumni meeting held in San Francisco, USA on Friday, August 23rd, brought together the ideas of

- "I think even a small amount of money will help in the establishment and operation of the alumni association in the future... I was able to grow thanks to the support of the school, and now I am happy that I can contribute to the development of the school."



▲ (From left) International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim, graduate Jin-ho Park, and President Kichul Lim

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced on the 27th that graduates living abroad have participated in the donation of the school development fund.

The donation ceremony was held on the 5th floor of the administrative building with President Kichul Lim, International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim, and other officials in attendance.

The alumni who participated in this fundraising are: ▲ Gun-mook Kang, BS/MS/PhD graduate (currently a postdoctoral researcher at Northwestern University); ▲ Jin-ho Park, BS graduate (currently a postdoctoral researcher at Stanford University); ▲ Seok-kyung Yoon, BS graduate (currently a graduate student at the University of Chicago); ▲ Yeon-jae Lee, BS/MS/PhD combined graduate (currently a postdoctoral researcher at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory/UC Berkeley); ▲ Su-young Han, BS graduate (currently a postdoctoral researcher at the University of California, San Diego).

Last August, the Office of international and Public Affairs (Dean Jae Gwan Kim) held a GIST alumni meeting in San Francisco, focusing on alumni residing in the western United States. This meeting was organized to expand human infrastructure through the establishment of a network of alumni in America and to discover excellent overseas talent in the future.



▲ On August 23, GIST held an alumni gathering in San Francisco, USA, and International and Public Affairs Dean Jae Gwan Kim (second from the right in the front row), took a commemorative photo with attendees.

Alumnus Jin-ho Park said, "I thought it would be meaningful to donate even a small amount to the development of the school, and I thought it would be a little helpful in launching and running the alumni association for the future, even if a small number of people came together this first time. We are very happy to be able to contribute to the development of the school because we were able to grow thanks to the support of the school"

Alumnus Gun-mook Kang said, "Thanks to GIST's excellent research environment and Professor Yong-Chul Kim's dedicated guidance, I have been able to continue my research to this day. I think it is only natural to give back even a small amount of money, and I hope that small donations can become a welcome gift and establish a culture of donations for the development of my alma mater among alumni."

Alumnus Seok-kyung Yoon said, "I received many benefits while attending GIST, and thanks to that, I was able to continue my research through various opportunities. I wanted to give back a little bit of my gratitude and hope that the support would continue for my juniors, so I participated in the donation. I would like to continue to help if I have the opportunity in the future."

President Kichul Lim said, "We would like to express our gratitude to the warm hearts of overseas alumni for their support of the school's development. We hope that the small but valuable contributions will serve as a foundation for GIST to grow further, and we look forward to more voluntary donations from alumni in the future."

Meanwhile, GIST officials said that they plan to use this American alumni meeting as an opportunity to strengthen their overseas alumni network.

