

“What’s important is an unbreakable spirit” GIST, 2025 academic year entrance ceremony held... 30 countries’ flag raising ceremony held for global international students

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▲ The 2025 entrance ceremony is being held at 11:00 AM on the 27th (Thursday) in the GIST Oryong Hall auditorium.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it held the 2025 entrance ceremony at the Oryong Hall auditorium at 11:00 AM on Thursday, the 27th.

The new students admitted that day are a total of 518, including 247 undergraduate students, 188 master's students, 52 integrated master's and doctoral students, and 31 doctoral students.

The entrance ceremony began with the academic report by Academic Affairs Dean Sukwon Hong, followed by the declaration of admission by President Kichul Lim, and the 'Oath of Admission' and the reading of the 'GIST Spirit' by the new student representatives: Seung-beom Won (School of Mechanical and Robotics Engineering, Ph.D.), Yang-hyeon Joo (Department of Biomedical Science and Engineering, Master's), and Hyeon-seung Ryu (Challenge and Exploration Program, Bachelor's), and 10 students with excellent entrance grades were awarded the President's Scholarship.

On February 21 (Friday), Dr. Jin-Hwi Park, who graduated from the GIST AI Convergence Department and is scheduled to take up a professorship at Chung-Ang University in March, gave a welcoming speech to encourage his juniors for their future.

Dr. Jin-Hwi Park, who said, “Today is my birthday,” recalled, “I remember unpacking my bags in the GIST dormitory five years ago on this day and imagining what path I would take in the future,” and recalled his experience as the head coach of the student basketball team while attending school. Dr. Park said that the basketball team members were initially overcome with a sense of defeat, thinking, “We are a small school, and we have never beaten another university in the past 10 years.”



▲ Dr. Jin-Hwi Park is giving a congratulatory speech at the entrance ceremony.

However, “After going through pre-season training and participating in competitions with strong teams from all over the country, we did not give up and challenged ourselves, and in the end, we achieved our first victory in 10 years at the Stadium* Basketball Tournament held at the Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology (DGIST) last November, and we grew enough to play with a tie score against the strong team, POSTECH, until the very end,” he said, emphasizing that “the spirit of ‘unbreakable spirit’, or ‘the important thing is not to break,’ is the most important.”

* Stadium: An annual sports competition held by students from the six science and technology specialized universities, including GIST, KAIST, DGIST, UNIST, POSTECH, and KENTECH, since 2017.

President Kichul Lim said, “I sincerely welcome you who have climbed the steep hill and arrived at the base camp called GIST. If the freshmen’s lively curiosity and passion are added to GIST’s ceaseless efforts to enhance global competitiveness and expand the education and research system, we will all be able to change and grow together in a progressive way.”



▲ GIST President Kichul Lim speaking at the entrance ceremony.

President Lim also urged, “As a pathfinder who asks questions and finds answers, the path you explore is the future of the country and humanity, and you should not be afraid of failure in the process of taking on challenges. We all gathered at GIST, which is attractive because it is a ‘university that is not yet complete,’ should happily participate in this project to complete a wonderful university and complete our own personalities and lives along with it.”

Meanwhile, at 10 am on that day, the ‘Global Horizons: A Flag Raising Ceremony’ was held at the parking lot at the main gate of Oryong Hall as a pre-entrance ceremony event, attended by international students and new students.



▲ A pre-entrance ceremony event representing 30 countries is being held at the parking lot at the main gate of GIST Oryong Hall.

In order to foster a global campus culture and allow members with diverse cultural backgrounds to interact and form bonds, the flags of about 30 countries, including Pakistan, Vietnam, and Kazakhstan, which have a high percentage of international students, were raised. In particular, international students representing each country directly participated in raising the flags, adding to the meaning of creating a multicultural campus.

President Kichul Lim said, “This flag-raising ceremony is more than just a simple ceremony; it contains the meaning that students are taking on challenges and growing in Korea as representatives of their homeland, and that the spirit of harmony and inclusion where diverse cultures are in harmony is taking root and spreading on our campus. GIST will continue to provide generous support so that all students, regardless of nationality, can fully unfold their potential and grow into global talents.”

