

GIST officially launches the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, spurring the development of creative and innovative convergence talents

- Launching ceremony and symposium held on April 15 (Tue)... KAIST, DGIST, UNIST, POSTECH, etc. gather to share and discuss cases of convergence education among specialized science and engineering universities and look into the present and future of convergence education
- Expected to foster talent without academic boundaries... Dean Gunoo Kim “The goal is to help students deeply reflect on themselves and the world through humanities and social thought to thrive beyond science and technology.”



▲ On Tuesday, April 15, GIST held the inauguration ceremony and symposium for the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and cut the ribbon at the main entrance of Building A.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it successfully held the inauguration ceremony and symposium of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Building A on Tuesday, April 15.

This event was organized to share the vision and direction of convergence education pursued by GIST, a science and technology specialized university, internally and externally. On February 1, GIST established the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences through a reorganization of the academic organization, thereby establishing a full-fledged foundation for the convergence education system.

At the event, President Kichul Lim, faculty members, student representatives, and science and technology specialized university officials attended the event and celebrated the launch of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences by holding a plaque ceremony, cutting a ribbon, and taking commemorative photos at the main entrance of Building A.



▲ President Kichul Lim and Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Gunoo Kim are unveiling a plaque with students.

In his congratulatory remarks, President Kichul Lim said, “The School of Humanities and Social Sciences launch today is an important milestone for GIST as it prepares for its second leap forward,” and added, “We will foster creative and innovative talents through the convergence of the humanities and social sciences with science and technology, and fulfill our responsibilities as a research-oriented university expected by the nation and local communities.”

He continued, “We will continue to provide generous support so that talents with diverse perspectives and deep thinking skills can grow into integrated leaders who will lead changes in future society.”



▲ President Kichul Lim is giving a congratulatory speech at the inauguration ceremony and symposium of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The symposium, held in a lecture room of Building A of the university, under the theme of ‘How should we educate humanities and social sciences at specialized science and engineering universities?’, began with a presentation by the Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Gunoo Kim, and cases of humanities and social sciences education at major specialized science and engineering universities in Korea were introduced.

Dean Gunoo Kim introduced the vision of the school as follows: “The GIST School of Humanities and Social Sciences aims to help students deeply reflect on themselves and the world through humanities and social sciences thinking and practice beyond science and technology,” and explained, “It reflects GIST’s philosophy of expanding science and technology-centered education to approach fundamental questions about humanity and society.”



▲ Dean Gunoo Kim introduces the past, present, and future of GIST humanities and social science education at the inauguration ceremony and symposium of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences.

In the presentation sessions that followed, ▲ KAIST Department of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean Bong-gwan Jeon gave a presentation titled ‘KAIST Department of Digital Humanities and Social Sciences Current Status and Vision’, ▲ DGIST Department of Basic Science Professor Ha-eun Bae gave a presentation titled ‘DGIST Humanities and Social Sciences Education Optimization Model Using Online Open Courseware’, ▲ Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST) Department of Humanities Professor Hyo-min Kim gave a presentation titled ‘How Does Convergence Become Education: Current Concerns and Possibilities’, ▲ POSTECH Department of Humanities Dean Jeong-ah Woo gave a presentation titled ‘POSTECH Convergence Education Case’, and had a time to look into the present and future of convergence education and explore the possibilities of future cooperation and innovation.

The panel discussion that followed involved presenters and GIST faculty members, who held in-depth discussions focusing on the feasibility of convergence education between science and technology and humanities and its application in actual educational settings. Participants agreed that attempts to break

down boundaries between disciplines would serve as the foundation for nurturing talents who can fulfill their social responsibilities as leaders in science and technology.

GIST Student Council President Seong-woo Kim said, “The launch of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences is a meaningful starting point for broadening the horizons of GIST education,” and added, “I hope that students will have the opportunity to cultivate creativity and integrated thinking skills through diverse academic experiences and to view the world from a broader perspective.”

