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▲ (From the left) GIST Vice President for External Affairs Yonghwa Chung, Jae-kyung Ban, CEO of Geomyeong & C Co., Ltd., Sang-gyun Kim, former Secretary General of the Community Chest of Korea, and GIST President Kichul Lim

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it had appointed Jae-kyung Ban, CEO of Geomyeong & C Co., Ltd., and Sang-gyun Kim, former 8th Secretary-General of the Community Chest of Korea, as vice presidents of the GIST Development Support Association. As a result, the GIST Development Support Association was established with Chairman Joo-seon Park as the leader, Jae-kyung Ban, and Vice Chairman Sang-gyun Kim.

Vice Chairman Jae-kyung Ban is contributing to regional development and economic revitalization as the CEO of Geomyeong & C, a specialized plant construction company located in Gwangyang-si, Jeollanam-do. He is currently serving as the

Chairman of the Jeollanam-do Regional Council of the National Integration Committee under the President.

Vice Chairman Sang-gyun Kim served as Secretary General of the Jeonnam Branch of the Community Chest of Korea and the 8th Secretary General of the Fruit of Love and was recognized for his abilities as the first internally promoted Secretary General since the establishment of the Community Chest of Korea.

The GIST Development Support Association, which was launched in 2016, is working to raise development funds and spread a culture of donations, with former Vice Chairman of the National Assembly Joo-seon Park (currently President of the Korea Petroleum Association) serving as the second Sponsor Chairman, following the first Chairman Hwang-sik Kim.

Vice Chairman Jae-kyung Ban said, "I believe that our region's future industries will be able to become competitive if great universities like GIST join forces with the local community and companies to achieve mutual growth. Thank you for the opportunity to join forces with GIST."

Vice Chairman Sang-gyun Kim said, "The most important thing about donations is creating a culture. We will strive to create a culture of sharing and donation so that GIST's sharing model can become a model for Korea's donation culture and further a global model for donation and sharing."

President Kichul Lim said, "GIST, which has grown with the love of the local community for 30 years, will work with the Development Support Association to discover sponsors with a passion for sharing and spread the donation culture in the local area to move toward a healthy society. We ask for the warm love and continued interest of local residents and sponsors so that GIST can stand tall as a world-class university in name and reality."