

# GIST Senior Researcher Hongkyu Kang Receives Gwangju Mayor's Award for contribution to energy industry development

- Recognized for contributing to the growth and development of the energy industry in Gwangju Metropolitan City by establishing a close network of industry-academia-research cooperation, planning and operating various customized energy programs for each region



▲ GIST Research Institute for Solar and Sustainable Energies Senior Researcher Hongkyu Kang (third from the left) is taking a commemorative photo after receiving a commendation from the Mayor of Gwangju Metropolitan City on Friday the 9th for his contribution to the development of the city's energy industry.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that Hongkyu Kang, a senior researcher at the Research Institute for Solar and Sustainable Energies, received a commendation from the Mayor of Gwangju Metropolitan City on Friday, the 9th, for his contribution to the development of the energy industry in Gwangju Metropolitan City.

On this day, the award was received jointly by GIST Senior Researcher Hongkyu Kang and Gwangju Global Motors (GGM) Production Headquarters Manager Seok-bong Kim, who is leading the production of Casper electric vehicles.

Hongkyu Kang, a senior researcher, was recognized for his contribution to the growth and development of the energy industry in Gwangju by establishing a close industry-academia-research cooperation network among GIST, Gwangju Free Economic Zone Authority, Gwangju City Hall, Korea Electric Power Corporation, and local related organizations (Gwangju Technopark, Gwangju Regional Industry Promotion Agency, Gwangju Research Institute, research institutes, and local companies) to plan and operate various energy programs.

GIST Energy Valley Technology Institute is promoting various corporate support projects such as prototype development, technology support, and commercialization consulting to help Gwangju City's energy companies advance into overseas markets. In addition, it is working to derive projects that will contribute to the development of Gwangju's energy industry by forming a planning committee for each

energy division to plan energy policies and R&D to achieve the city's carbon neutrality.

Senior Researcher Kang is also working to enhance local residents' understanding of the energy sector and strengthen their capabilities by planning programs to develop the energy industry in Gwangju City at large-scale events such as the 'Korea Climate, Environment, and Energy Expo (KEET 2024. 8. 28. ~ 30.)' and the 'Bitgaram International Electric Power Technology Expo (BIXPO 2024. 11. 6. ~ 11. 8.)' to be held at the Kim Dae-jung Convention Center in August.

In addition, as a member of the Energy Division of the Investment Attraction Advisory Group of the Gwangju Free Economic Zone Authority, he actively participates in various consultations and discussions for attracting companies and is also cooperating in preparing the '2024 International Investment Attraction Forum' program scheduled to be held by the Gwangju Free Economic Zone Authority on November 29.

Senior Researcher Hongkyu Kang said, "I am proud and happy to be able to plan and implement various programs for the development of the energy industry in Gwangju. I will continue to contribute to the development of the energy industry in the Gwangju region and, in particular, work to further increase GIST's contribution in the region."

