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## GIST celebrates is 25th anniversary as a science and technology institute for people and society

- ☐ GIST (President Seung Hyeon Moon) held its 25th anniversary celebration at Oryong Hall on November 9 at 2:00 pm. The ceremony began with the unveiling of a sculpture to mark the 25th anniversary of GIST, and Honorary Ambassador Ji-Hae Park gave a violin performance, which was followed by opening remarks from President Seung Hyeon Moon, congratulatory remarks from Gwangju Metropolitan City administrator Kyung-jin Kim, the awarding of an honorary doctorate to National Assemblyman Byung-wan Jang, the awarding of appreciation plaques, the awarding of presidential commendations, and the declaration of the GIST 25+25 vision for the next 25 years.
  - The ceremony was attended by a total of about 600 people, including National Assemblyman Byung-wan Jang, Mayor Jong-je Jeong of Gwangju, local governments and related organizations, President Seung Hyeon Moon, GIST sponsors, students, and faculty.
- ☐ President Seung Hyeon Moon said, "GIST has grown into a researchoriented university with world-class research capacity within 25 years of its establishment thanks to the support and support of Gwangju and Jeonnam community. I would like to express my gratitude and

appreciation to those who have contributed to the development of GIST through the 25th anniversary commemorative event. In the next 25 years, GIST will become a science and technology institute for people and society."

- Representative Kyung-jin Kim said, "We will do our best to support the creation of an environment in which winners of the Nobel Prize in science and technology can come out in Korea within the next 5 years."
- In recognition of its 25th anniversary, GIST has awarded GIST an honorary doctorate degree to the National Assemblyman Byung-wan Jang, who has been working for the development of advanced scientific and technological talents and the development of national science and technology. Byung-wan Jang has ▲ provided a stepping stone to nurture advanced science and technology talents ▲ supported the establishment of undergraduate courses at GIST ▲ GIST's fifth honorary doctorate was awarded in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of Gwangju, South Jeolla Province, and national science and technology.
  - Byung-wan Jang said, "I think it is more meaningful and a greater honor to receive this honorary doctorate during GIST's 25th anniversary celebration. We will continue to make efforts to improve science and technology and to foster talent in our region while focusing on national development."
- GIST is a university specializing in science and technology that was established by a special law on November 17th, 1993. Since that time, GIST has graduated 5,598 students, including 1,247 doctoral students, 3,931 master's students, and 420 college students. GIST has firmly established itself as a cradle of creative science and technology, contributing to national science and technology development.
- □ GIST has been ranked as a top 3 university for the past four consecutive years in citations per faculty by the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), a UK global university evaluation group, becoming a research-oriented university with world-class research capacity.

- Furthermore, GIST has been ranked No. 1 for two consecutive years by Maekyung, and it was ranked 1st science and technology colleges by Hankyung for the second consecutive year.
- □ GIST will commemorate the achievements of the past 25 years and has prepared various celebrations to enjoy with local residents for their strong support of GIST, which will be required to achieve GIST's goals for the next 25 years.
  - The 25th anniversary celebration will be held at Oryong Hall on November 9 at 2:00 pm. A sculpture will be unveiled to mark the 25th anniversary of GIST and Honorary Ambassador Ji-Hae Park gave a violin performance. A total of 600 people attended the event, including foreign guests, faculty, and students.
  - On November 8, there will be a science and student festival in front of the School of Mechanical Engineering with performances by student clubs and guest singers as well as fireworks. Performances by Dynamic Duo, Tencentchi, and Chungha are expected to heighten the atmosphere of the GIST festival with fantastic performances and sweet songs.



▲ President Seung Hyeon Moon commemorates the 25th anniversary of GIST



▲ Group photo of the 25th anniversary of GIST



▲ Group photo of the 25th anniversary of GIST outside Oryong Hall