

GIST social contribution group 'PIUM' launch ceremony

- Conducting social contribution activities since 2010... Fulfilling social responsibilities and growing together with the region
 - Providing career experiences in science and engineering for underprivileged youth and efforts to discover excellent science talents



▲ Commemorative photo after the launch ceremony for the 3rd year of 'PIUM', the social contribution group of GIST

GIST (Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology, Acting President Raekil Park) held the 3rd launch ceremony of the social contribution group 'PIUM' at Haerim Hall on Friday, April 14.

The GIST social contribution group 'PIUM' was formed to fulfill social responsibility as a science and technology education and research institute that grows together with the local community. It has been actively promoted for the third year, and it is carrying out mentoring activities for youth from underprivileged families. The 3rd year is operated with 38 GIST students.

PIUM (Positive, Interaction, Understanding, Mind), the name of the GIST Social Contribution Group, means to bloom as flowers in society and spread the scent of GIST through social contribution activities, just like planting seeds and giving water and fertilizer to make flowers bloom.

Since 2010, GIST has been conducting various science camps and educational services for elementary, middle, and high school students. A more systematic and efficient operation plan was prepared by integrating and expanding the existing social contribution and career mentoring programs. In particular, it aims to

provide students from underprivileged areas with opportunities to improve their science learning ability and creative thinking through various education and career experience programs that are difficult to access.

The GIST knowledge sharing program consists of four types, including camp programs

- ▲ LAN mentoring: Online learning and career mentoring using a real-time meeting platform so that participants can participate anytime, anywhere without time and space constraints
- ▲ Visiting science camp: Science camp by visiting middle schools in underprivileged areas
- ▲ GIST Science camp at GIST: Science camp (GIST faculty lecture program, GIST research center and experience program, etc.),
- ▲ AI Dream Camp: Providing hands-on, hands-on AI education using GIST's excellent infrastructure.

Acting President Raekil Park, "We are delighted that GIST, which was established for national science and technology and balanced regional development, can practice knowledge sharing and fulfill its social responsibility by utilizing its excellent infrastructure. In the future, we will continue to carry out various social contribution activities specialized in science and engineering to contribute to the spread of science culture and the cultivation of future talent."

Meanwhile, since 2021, GIST has been selected for the 'University Career Exploration Camp Operation Project' hosted by the Ministry of Education and the Korea Foundation for the Advancement of Science and Creativity for three consecutive years and is conducting the project with excellent evaluations. The University Career Exploration Camp is a program designed to narrow the gap in career experience for students from underprivileged areas by selecting universities with well-equipped career experience infrastructure and providing high-quality career experience programs to middle and high school students.