

GIST donates science books to future science dreamers... Contributing to the community for 21 years

- GIST social contribution group 'Pium' & GIST Development Foundation donated books worth approximately 5 million won to three elementary schools and childcare centers in Gwangju and Jeonnam... Donation project carried out every year since 2003



▲ GIST social contribution group 'PIUM' and GIST Development Foundation are holding a science book delivery ceremony at Cheonggyebuk Elementary School in Muan and taking commemorative photos. (From left) Cheonggyebuk Elementary School Principal Yu-dong Kim, GIST Development Foundation CEO Hae-myeong Kim, GIST Development Foundation Director Seung-jong Na

To mark the end of the year, the Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Lim Ki-cheol)'s social contribution group 'PIUM'* and the GIST Development Foundation (Hae-myeong Kim) are working to spread a sound scientific culture in the local community and foster future science dreamers. To this end, science books were donated to elementary schools and childcare facilities in the Gwangju and Jeonnam regions.

The GIST Social Contribution Group has donated science books to local children's centers and elementary schools in underprivileged areas every year since 2003. Since 2017, they have been conducting a donation project with the GIST Development Foundation.

* PIUM (P: positive, I: interaction, U: understanding, M: mind): Like blooming flowers, it means spreading the scent of GIST by sowing seeds and providing water and fertilizer to make flowers bloom in our society.

This year, science books worth a total of 5 million won were delivered to three places, including Cheonggyebuk Elementary School in Muan, Jeollanam-do, Haeui Elementary School in Shinan, and Gwangju Orphanage, and the book delivery ceremony

was held at Cheonggyebuk Elementary School in Muan on the 28th (Tuesday) with GIST Development Foundation CEO Hae-myeong Kim, GIST Development Foundation Director Seung-jong Na attending.

GIST Development Foundation CEO Hae-myeong Kim said, "We hope that the donated books will help students grow by developing their creativity and imagination. The GIST Development Foundation will continue to actively take the lead in supporting the study and education of children and adolescents in underprivileged areas.

Cheonggyebuk Elementary School Principal Yu-dong Kim said, "We are grateful for the book donation that GIST and the Development Foundation sent to our children. We will encourage reading activities in various ways so that children can develop their dreams of science."



▲ Students from Cheonggyebuk Elementary School in Muan are taking a commemorative photo holding donated science books.

Since its establishment in 2016, the GIST Development Foundation has been supporting local science and technology talent development and educational activities. In connection with the GIST social contribution group 'Pium', they are actively supporting social contribution activities such as a project to provide books and goods to underprivileged areas and a project to supply water purifiers to developing countries with water shortages.

Meanwhile, based on the continuous social contribution activities of the social contribution group 'Pium' and the GIST Development Foundation, in a recently announced university evaluation by a domestic media outlet, GIST attracted attention by ranking first in the community contribution university category by region (Jeolla-Jeju region).