

GIST hosts the Hope Concert with the Hope Room Orchestra

- Kwonik Human Rights Center, cultural experience education to improve awareness of disabled people in the workplace
- A moving stage combining performances, lectures, and quizzes... Communicating with the audience through various forms of content, successfully held with great response



▲ On Tuesday, July 1, the Hope Room Orchestra is performing as part of a cultural experience-based education program to improve awareness of the disabled in the workplace at the CT Art Hall in the GIST Administrative Building.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it invited the 'Hope Room Orchestra', comprised of people with developmental disabilities, to hold a moving music performance as part of a cultural experience-based education program to improve awareness of the disabled in the workplace.

The event was held on Tuesday, July 1 at the CT Art Hall in the GIST Administrative Building, and around 200 people, including President Kichul Lim, Vice President for Public Affairs Yonghwa Chung, faculty members, and students, attended the event to have a meaningful time renewing awareness of disabilities.

The Hope Room Orchestra performed a lively performance of 'Hooked on Tchaikovsky,' a pop-style reinterpretation of Tchaikovsky's famous song, as well as 'Flying,' and the 'James Bond Theme.'

Then, in collaboration with soprano Seon-yeon Ju, they completed a resonant stage with 'Think of Me', 'O Sole Mio', and 'Beautiful Country', giving the audience an unforgettable impression.

The audience gave a warm applause and cheers to the performers' united performance and passion for overcoming their disabilities, and they all said, "It was a time to understand and sympathize with each other."

A GIST official said, "We will continue to actively work to break down prejudice against disabilities through art and create a culture where everyone can come together."

The Hope Room Orchestra was founded in Gyeongsangnam-do in 2012 and has continued to perform music with people with developmental disabilities, and has been active on national and international stages beyond the region. In 2019, it was invited to perform at an international workshop held at the Yakutia State Conservatory in Russia and received a special award.

The Hope Room, a non-profit organization that operates the orchestra, carries out various activities through culture and art to help people with disabilities become independent.

This performance was hosted by the GIST Human Rights Center and supported by the Korea Employment Promotion Agency for the Disabled. The Korea Employment Promotion Agency for the Disabled has been operating a cultural experience-type education program to improve awareness of people with disabilities since 2020 in order to increase the effectiveness of legal education.

