

"Korea and China Join Hands in Science and Technology"

GIST Hosts Academic Exchange Program with Prestigious China's Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST)

- Faculty and outstanding undergraduate students from the Department of Chemical Engineering at HUST visited the GIST campus, strengthening the academic collaboration network through exchanges between outstanding students and researchers... This is part of a Korea-China collaborative project supported by the National Research Foundation of Korea
- In-depth exchanges between the two universities will lay the foundation for long-term, sustainable joint research and future-oriented international cooperation



▲ Professors and students from both GIST and HUST pose for a commemorative photo on the GIST campus following the conclusion of the "GIST-HUST Academic Exchange Program."

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced the successful conclusion of its academic exchange program with the prestigious Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST, President You Zheng) in China on July 24th.

This program, funded by the National Research Foundation of Korea, aims to expand the academic network between the two universities and establish future research collaboration channels. HUST is a nationally recognized key university directly under the Ministry of Education, located in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. With approximately 3,000 faculty members and 63,000 students, it boasts a global competitive edge through active international research collaboration and exchange.

As a university selected for the 'Double First-Class' initiative, a policy of specializing in science and engineering by the Chinese Ministry of Education, it is evaluated as a top-tier comprehensive research-

oriented university in China, and is ranked within the top 300 of the QS World University Rankings and the top 10 among comprehensive universities in China.

This event was attended by four professors from the Department of Chemical Engineering at HUST and five outstanding undergraduate students. The program began with a welcoming address by Professor Eunji Lee of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at GIST. The program included a campus tour led by G.OnNaRae student ambassador and a tour of the Central Research Institute's cutting-edge analytical equipment. Participants demonstrated deep interest, asking many questions and experiencing GIST's cutting-edge research infrastructure firsthand.

Furthermore, researchers from the Central Research Institute introduced equipment usage, and a lunch meeting with GIST students included a Q&A session about graduate school life and the research environment. Various exchanges ensued.

A HUST student who participated in the program said, "Seeing and hearing explanations of the cutting-edge research equipment firsthand reaffirmed the importance of research infrastructure. I hope this exchange will lead to continued collaboration and exchange between GIST and HUST students."

Professor Eunji Lee stated, "This was a meaningful opportunity to showcase GIST's excellent educational and research environment and strengthen academic exchanges with the outstanding talents of HUST." She added, "Going forward, we plan to build diverse international cooperation models, including customized educational programs and joint research initiatives, beyond academic exchanges."



▲ Professor Eunji Lee of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering at GIST welcomes students at the 'GIST-HUST Academic Exchange Program.'

