

GIST's "Integrity Focus Week" concluded with a positive response from faculty, students, and staff

- From September 1st to 5th, the Integrity Focus Week will be held under the theme of "Integrity, Spoken Through Code"... This week, tangible activities such as self-assessment of integrity, identification of integrity leaders, legal consultations, and pledge challenges will drive real change
- Three "Na-Cheong-Ryeom" (self-integrity practitioners) will be selected, and the president will personally participate to emphasize the university's commitment to integrity... A floating "Integrity Swan" inflatable sculpture will be placed on the fountain in front of the university headquarters to visualize the university's commitment to integrity



▲ On Thursday, September 4, President Kichul Lim attended the GIST 'Integrity Focus Week' event and participated in the Integrity Photo Booth with students, sharing the meaning of practicing integrity.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced on the 8th that it held the "2025 GIST Integrity Focus Week" for all GIST members from September 1st to 5th.

This year's Integrity Focus Week was held under the theme "Integrity, Speaking with Codes." It was designed to encourage all members to share the values of ethics and transparent management and to promote a culture of integrity in their daily lives. In particular, customized programs utilizing "symbolic codes for each day of the week," along with experiential and educational activities, were well-received.

* Symbols by day of the week: Monday - quotation mark (" "), Tuesday - comma (,), Wednesday - question mark (?), Thursday - exclamation mark (!), Friday - period (.)

The program was conducted according to the theme of each day of the week.

- ▲ On Monday the 1st, "Integrity Quotation Mark ("), the president's letter on integrity was sent via email, and online integrity education was launched.
- ▲ On Tuesday the 2nd, at the 'Integrity Comma Day' event, 'All Members' Integrity Self-Diagnosis' and 'Finding Hidden Integrity' events were held. Professor SeungJun Kim (Department of AI Convergence), graduate student Jiyeon Oh (Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), and employee Myeong-jin Jeon (Contract Team) were selected as 'Hidden Integrity' (excellent in integrity practice) and received integrity certificates.



▲ On Tuesday, September 2, at the 'Finding Hidden Integrity' event, Professor SeungJun Kim (second from the left) of the Department of AI Convergence was selected as an outstanding example of integrity practice and received a plaque of integrity.

- ▲ On Wednesday, the 3rd, "Integrity Question Mark Day," attorney Jaehoon Shim of Ilsam Law Firm was invited to provide various legal information related to integrity through an open lecture by a security lawyer and 1:1 customized legal consultation.
- ▲ On Thursday, the 4th, "Integrity Exclamation Mark Day," an integrity pledge challenge and photo zone were held, and President Kichul Lim personally participated to emphasize the university's commitment to integrity.

On the final day, Friday, the 5th, "Integrity Dot Day," GIST concluded the week with a statutory education session on integrity and anti-corruption.

Through this Integrity Focus Week event, GIST aimed to foster an organizational culture where integrity permeates everyday life and provides an opportunity for its members to recognize ethical values and responsibilities.

Moving beyond simple campaigns, GIST strengthened tangible programs, such as ▲ promoting the Safe Reporting Attorney System, ▲ providing customized consultations, and ▲ identifying hidden individuals with integrity, to drive real change.

Additionally, during the event, a sculpture of a 'clean swan (Petitou)' with a QR code around its neck was displayed in the fountain in front of the university headquarters (administrative building), attracting attention.

The swan, which carries the message of "practicing integrity faithfully even in unseen places," symbolizes the commitment to consistently uphold integrity even in moments that are not visible, like the stillness on the water and the ceaseless footsteps beneath the water.



▲ The "Integrity Swan" sculpture was installed in the fountain in front of the GIST administration building during the event. QR codes provide information about the "Integrity Focus Week" event.

President Kichul Lim said, "GIST Integrity Focus Week was a meaningful opportunity for faculty, researchers, students, and staff to all participate and share the value of integrity." He added that this event will serve as a catalyst for continued efforts to ensure that integrity practices are not a one-time event but become deeply ingrained in the organization's culture.