

GIST holds inauguration ceremony for new Development Foundation chairman, pledges sharing and advancement

- On Thursday, November 6th, at Oryong Hall, the GIST Development Foundation announced the retirement of its 4th Chairman, Hae-myeong Kim, and the inauguration of its 5th Chairman, Eun-mo Choi... Chairman Kim laid the foundation for the foundation's growth and contributed to expanding its development fund.
- Chairman Choi presented a new vision with the keywords "People, Integrity, and Future"... SOS Lab CEO Ji-seong Jeong, Saehan Plus Chairman Won-man Kim, and Seongil Livestock Cooperative CEO Yong-gi Lee were appointed as new directors



▲ Attendees celebrate the inauguration ceremony for the 4th and 5th chairmen of the GIST Development Foundation held at GIST Oryong Hall on Thursday, November 6th.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kichul Lim) announced that it held the inauguration ceremony for the 4th and 5th chairmen of the GIST Development Foundation at GIST Oryong Hall on Thursday, November 6th.

Approximately 50 people, including GIST management, faculty, and Foundation executives, attended the event. They expressed gratitude for the hard work of the 4th chairmen, Hae-myeong Kim (Chairman of MSL Co., Ltd.) and congratulated the inauguration of the 5th chairmen, Eun-mo Choi (Chairman of Mujin Service Co., Ltd.).

Established in 2016, the GIST Development Foundation supports GIST's education and research activities and serves as a key partner organization that supports GIST's sustainable growth through the promotion of a culture of donation, industry-academia cooperation, and community contributions.

In addition to supporting the strengthening of national research and development capabilities, the foundation also strives to resolve local community issues. It has consistently carried out social contribution activities based on “sharing and coexistence,” such as donating books to children in underprivileged areas and providing scholarships to students with excellent academic performance.

During his tenure, Hae-myeong Kim, the fourth chairman of the board, promoted a culture of donation by hosting "Night of Sponsorship," organized a music concert commemorating the 30th anniversary of GIST and planned an outdoor exhibition of the installation art "Whales Swimming in Space," promoted a science book donation program, and supported the GIST Techno Management Business Academy (GT MBA) alumni association and social contribution education. He further enhanced the foundation's standing and strengthened its donation base through various initiatives.

He significantly contributed to the development of the school by donating approximately KRW 460 million to the foundation, including approximately KRW 160 million before taking office and KRW 300 million afterward. This donation is being used to improve student welfare and lay the foundation's foundational foundation for sustainable growth, including the stable operation of the on-campus gift shop "Genie Scoop" and the "1,000 Won Breakfast" program for students.

The foundation also donated 100 million won of Chairman Kim's donation to GIST to support the establishment of the GIST Graduate School of Technology Management and curriculum development, contributing to the realization of the school's vision for future education.

Eun-mo Choi, the fifth chairman of the board, is recognized as an industry leader who, since founding the company in 1988, has grown the domestic battery manufacturing equipment industry into a global top three.

He has received numerous awards, including the "Trader of the Month" designation and the "Industrial Medal of Honor." He is a GT MBA alumnus and a founding member of the GIST Development Foundation, maintaining a long-standing relationship with GIST.



▲ At the inauguration ceremony for the 4th and 5th chairmanships of the GIST Development Foundation, GIST President Kichul Lim (right) poses for a commemorative photo after presenting plaques of appreciation and letters of appointment to Hae-myeong Kim (center), the 4th chairman, and Eun-mo Choi (left), the new 5th chairman.

GIST President Kichul Lim stated, “The GIST Development Foundation has been a key partner in driving GIST’s development and the mutual prosperity of the local community.” He added, “I deeply appreciate Chairman Hae-myeong Kim’s dedicated leadership, and I look forward to the new Chairman Eun-mo Choi’s entrepreneurial spirit and compassionate leadership as he leads the foundation to new heights.”

Hae-myeong Kim, the fourth Chairman of the Board, stated, “It has been a great reward to be able to share in the growth and transformation of GIST through the Foundation. The Foundation has grown significantly thanks to the passion and interest of donors and the GIST family. I now entrust the leadership of the Foundation to the outstanding new Chairman Eun-mo Choi, and I will continue to wholeheartedly support the school’s development.”

In his inaugural address, Chairman Choi stated, “I will work with donors, supporters, and the local community to create a greater future for GIST. I will take the Foundation to the next level with a management philosophy that confronts reality, prioritizes people, and maintains integrity.” He then emphasized, "Let's respect and cooperate with one another without prejudice, and create a warm community where all members of the school dream together."

Meanwhile, at the event, plaques of appreciation were presented to Woosung Precision Co., Ltd. Chairman Hwa-seok Park and the late Hyojin Co., Ltd. Chairman Seung-jong Na, whose terms as directors have expired. SOS Lab CEO Ji-seong Jeong, Saehan Plus Co., Ltd. Chairman Won-man Kim, and Seongil Livestock Co., Ltd. CEO Yong-gi Lee were newly appointed as directors of the Development Foundation and received their certificates of appointment.



▲ A commemorative photo is taken after awarding plaques of appreciation to Woosung Precision Co., Ltd. Chairman Hwa-seok Park and the late Hyojin Co., Ltd. Chairman Seung-jong Na, whose terms as directors of the GIST Development Foundation have expired. (From left) New Chairman Eun-mo Choi, Chairman Hwa-seok Park, Chairman Seung-jong Na's son Hyeok-ju Na, and President Kichul Lim



▲ SOS Lab CEO Ji-seong Jeong, Saehan Plus Chairman Won-man Kim, and Seongil Livestock Farming Cooperative CEO Yong-gi Lee were appointed as new directors of the GIST Development Foundation. They pose for a commemorative photo after receiving their appointment certificates. (From left) Chairman Won-man Kim, new Chairman Eun-mo Choi, CEO Yong-gi Lee, and CEO Ji-seong Jeong