

GIST constructs new 'Kojeong-ju Community Lounge'... President's residence becomes an open space for all

- The opening ceremony was held on Thursday, November 13th... Completed with the generosity and dedication of 1,057 donors, GIST's first entirely donated building consists of two buildings: one newly constructed and one remodeled residence, totaling 861.57 square meters
- A multi-purpose community space featuring a restaurant, lodging, conference rooms, and a rooftop garden... The installation of a "Donor Wall of Fame" commemorates the values of donation and sharing... "A new plaza for communication and cooperation"



▲ At 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 13th, donors including President Kichul Lim, GIST Development Foundation Chairman Eun-mo Choi, and KBI Hanam Chairman Jeong-ju Ko, along with faculty and staff, pose for a commemorative photo at the opening ceremony of the "Go Jeong-ju Community Lounge" on the GIST campus.

The Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Lim Ki-cheol) announced that it held an opening ceremony for the "Kojeong-ju Community Lounge," which was completed on the GIST campus, at 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 13th.

This opening ceremony commemorated the birth of GIST's first purely donated building, completed with the warm hearts and dedication of 1,057 donors. It was designed to express gratitude to the donors and open the door to a new space for open communication between GIST members and the local community.

The opening ceremony was attended by approximately 100 people, including GIST President Kichul Lim, GIST Development Foundation Chairman Eun-mo Choi (Chairman of Mujin Service Co., Ltd.), Knowledge Industry Center KBI Hanam Chairman Jeong-ju Ko (GIST Honorary Doctor of Engineering), and major donors, faculty, and students. The 'Kojeong-ju Community Lounge' is a space completed through the combined efforts of 1,057 donors, including Chairman Jeong-ju Ko, who donated the largest amount of 1 billion won, Eun-mo Choi, Eok-geun Oh, Ki-seon Kim, Dae-hyeon Jeong, Yun-seop Kim, Hyo-cheol Lee,

Seong-su Ko, Gi-seok Ko, Chang-deok Jeon, Yong-beom Lee, Seok-jong Kim, Yong-Chul Kim, Shin-hyeok Lim, Gyeong-ho Jeong, Sang-don Kim, Seon-jae Lee, Ji-hwan Park, Yeong-rak Lee, Yeong-su Jeon, Seung-jong Na, Jae Gwan Kim, Yeong-hee Choi, Yung Kim, Mi-seon Jin, Tae Kim, and Hyo-jeong Kim.

The community lounge, comprised of two buildings—one newly constructed (two floors) and one remodeled from the existing president's residence—has a total floor area of 861.57 square meters (approximately 263 pyeong).

Notably, the refurbishment of the president's residence into an open space for members and the community alike, embodying the values of "sharing and openness."

The total construction cost of 3 billion won was funded by 1.5 billion won in designated donations and 1.5 billion won in general development funds. Construction began in April 2025 and was completed in October of this year.

The lounge features two restaurants, three accommodations, two conference rooms, and a rooftop garden. It is intended to function as a multi-purpose community space where GIST members and visitors can relax, connect, and collaborate.

In particular, the "Donor Wall" is engraved with the names of all donors who contributed to the establishment, ensuring that their dedication and sharing for the development of GIST will be remembered for a long time.



▲ The "Donor Wall" was unveiled at the opening ceremony of the "Ko Jeong-ju Community Lounge" on the GIST campus at 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 13th. The names of 1,057 donors are engraved, reflecting the significance of GIST's first purely donated building.

In his commemorative address, President Kichul Lim stated, "The Ko Jeong-ju Community Lounge will be a space that symbolizes GIST's new leap forward and a place where the culture of giving and sharing lives and breathes." He added, "We will carry on the legacy of our donors, fostering growth for all members and building a GIST that reaches out to the region and the world."

GIST Development Foundation Chairman Eun-mo Choi expressed his congratulations, saying, "I hope this space, created through the warm hearts of donors, will become a 'new plaza' where GIST members can communicate and collaborate."

Knowledge Industry Center KBI Hanam Chairman Jeong-ju Ko, who attended as a representative of the donors, said, "I hope GIST will grow alongside the region and become a space where young talents can freely interact and collaborate." He added, "We will continue to work together for the development of GIST and the future of the region."



▲ At 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 13, Chairman Jeong-ju Ko of the Knowledge Industry Center KBI Hanam delivered remarks as a representative of the donors at the opening ceremony of the newly completed 'Knowledge Industry Center Community Lounge' on the GIST campus.

The opening ceremony consisted of a ribbon-cutting ceremony, commemorative photos, a lounge tour, and a dinner. Attendees toured the newly created space, reflecting on how donations and sharing form a solid foundation for GIST's development.



▲ At 4:30 PM on Thursday, November 13, GIST President Kichul Lim and major donors cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony for the newly completed 'Gohyeongju Community Lounge' on the GIST campus.