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GIST holds farewell ceremony for the 7th President

- □ GIST (President Seung Hyeon Moon) A ceremony was held for the 7th President of GIST on February 22, 2019, which was attended by key faculty and staff members of GIST.
 - The ceremony was held on the 2nd floor of the GIST Administrative Building and included: △ an opening statement, △ a general proclamation, △ major achievements, △ a plaque of appreciation, △ a commemorative album, △ a farewell address, △ and a commemorative photo session.
- □ President Seung Hyeon Moon was a research in the United States in 1994 when he was appointed as a professor at GIST when GIST was established. He has been with GIST for 25 years as a professor in the School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Engineering. Since his inauguration as the 7th President of GIST on February 25, 2015, he has been working to improve GIST's educational and research capabilities while increasing GIST's community involvement.
 - During President Seung Hyeon Moon's tenure, he played an important role in transforming GIST from a regional university into a globally recognized research-oriented university. Under his

leadership, GIST also contributed to regional development by cooperating with local communities groups, businesses, governments, and social welfare projects.

- □ Dean Hong Kook Kim of the Office of Planning who is also a professor in School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science reported the following achievements of President Moon's administration:
 - In education: △ Mirror to Window (M2W) educational philosophy of convergence and openness △ Fusion Technology Institute to train students for the 4th Industrial Revolution △ liberal arts college educational convergence with project-based learning such as the Infinite Challenge Project, and the △ Software Education Center to help students become more proficient with computers and artificial intelligence.
 - In research: △ QS World University Rankings for citations-perfaculty, including being ranked No. 3 in the world for the past four consecutive years, ranked No. 1 in Korea for the past 11 years, and ranked No. 2 in the world between 2015-2016, and △ establishing the Laboratory Animal Resource Center and the Artificial Intelligence Research Center, which improved GIST's research infrastructure and ability to expand artificial intelligence related research.
 - In performance: △ Maekyung-GIST Forum held to develop personnel and an entrepreneurial ecosystem suitable for the 4th Industrial Revolution to become a center of artificial intelligence research △ ranked No. 1 for entrepreneurship by Maekyung for two consecutive years △ ranked No. 1 in Korea for technology transfer income △ artificial intelligence-based industrial convergence complex project was adopted because of GIST's outstanding performance and will contribute to national and regional development.

- In management: △ 25th Anniversary Project for the concluding the last 25 years with a new vision of research and innovation for the next 25 years △ earned the highest rating from the Ministry of Science and ICT for training highly skilled scientists and engineers
- □ GIST President Seung Hyeon Moon said, "Over the past four years, we have been able to achieve many accomplishments together as an institution, and through our outstanding research and start-up programs, GIST has been able to contribute to regional economic development as well as help create a happier society. GIST will continue to actively carry out its role as a science and technology institute and fulfill its social responsibilities by creating new economic growth for the local community by faithfully carrying out research on artificial intelligence."
- □ President Seung Hyeon moon plans to return to his position as a professor in the School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Engineering to focus on energy research. Meanwhile, the election of the next president of GIST is underway.



▲ From left: President Seung Hyeon Moon, Dean of International and Public Affairs Yong-Chul Kim, and Section of Public Affairs Section Chief Mi-Yeon Kim



▲ President Seung Hyeon Moon