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**GIST and Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci of France promote mutual agreement to**

**foster global specialists**

□ Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology (GIST, President Kiseon Kim) and the Graduate School of Engineering (ESILV) at the Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci (PULV) have signed a cooperation agreement to promote various activities, including student exchanges.

∘ Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci is a new university founded in 1995 in La Defense, France. The Leonardo da Vinci Institute of Technology is classified as Grandes écoles \* and is divided into a business school, engineering college, and IT-related departments.

\* Grandes écoles: A high-quality educational institution unique to France, which selects new students from a small number of elite schools after rigorous pre-production, and trains the elite of French society through the highest level of education in each field.

□ In January of this year, the Director of International Cooperation and the Dean of Engineering from Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci of France visited GIST and discussed plans to actively promote exchange student programs as well as research cooperation, which formed the basis of the agreement signed between the institutions.

□ GIST President Kiseon Kim said, "We hope that this agreement will serve as an important opportunity to strengthen our global competitiveness by promoting student exchanges and international cooperation between both institutions. Furthermore, we hope that this will have a positive effect on the revitalization of human exchanges and technical cooperation between Korea and France."

□ Based on the agreement, GIST and Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci plan to promote various cooperation activities, including mutual exchange of students.



▲ Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci (Photo source:

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