



Awards for Outperforming Research Institutes in 2016



Professor Dong-June Ahn received the Grand Prize (center)

Korea University is employing various methods to increase its academic research competencies. One such method entails a system that evaluates its affiliated research institutes on a regular basis and awards the outstanding institutes. In 2016, the activities and operations in 2015 for 124 affiliated research institutes (23 in liberal arts, 27 in social sciences, 18 in natural sciences, 21 in engineering, and 35 in medical studies) were evaluated. Eight top performing institutes and five outstanding institutes were awarded and presented as role models to other research institutes.

The institutes are evaluated over three areas, namely, organization and support system, research activities, and research operations. The institutes that have been designated as top performing institutes for three times consecutively or five or more times over the last ten years are chosen as honorary research institutes.

In 2016, the Institute of Convergence Chemical Engineering Systems (Director Dong-June Ahn) was designated as the honorary research institute. Since its establishment in 1997, the Institute has brought together different research efforts to innovate and develop various and wide-ranging academic and tech-

nological domains within chemical engineering into convergence studies. It can be said that the Institute is leading interdisciplinary and convergent research trends, which are increasingly needed today.

Ranging from a research institute established in 1957 that has progressed to become one of the finest research institutes in Korea to the latest research institute established in 2015, various research activities are in progress. Korea University (KU) is taking steps towards "Research KU" by promoting and encouraging research activities through continuous evaluation and support.

