

## Jeonju Technical College President Kim, Young-Man Plant QM Concept in Schools

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"If we think of schools as enterprises, students can be compared to goods. As enterprises must put high-quality products on the market, schools also have to cultivate excellent talent and send them out into society," said President Kim, Young-Man of Jeonju Technical College. President Kim stressed that practicing excellent education is not a matter of choice but a mission.

President Kim, who has taught students as a professor since the establishment of the college in 1976, has a particular affection for the college. He joked that due to so much work as president, much of his hair has disappeared. But he quickly added that there have been more meaningful achievements.

The year he took office as president, 2000, was a difficult time when many domestic colleges were experiencing stiff challenges. After overcoming all kinds of hardships, however, President Kim has made remarkable progress, small and great. Among others, he obtained a considerable support from the national budget by obtaining high marks in the appraisals of external organizations, including Ministry of Education and Human Resources.

President Kim has established a quality management system successfully, including acquisition of ISO 9001, expanded the facilities of the business start-up incubation center over two years and also built a student life guidance hall. In recognition of such remarkable achievements, Jeonju Technical College was honored at a quality management contest held by Jeollabuk-do province and also at an international system certification conference, a rarity for a college.

Owing to President Kim's strenuous efforts and belt-tightening policy over the past five years, his college's financial status has improved significantly as well. For this, he praises the cooperation of faculty members and professors.

As for the fact that Jeonju Technical College has acquired ISO 9001 and the qualification to vie in a nationwide quality management contest, President Kim modestly said, "Rather than moving along with others, our efforts were focused on pioneering the future. Above all, I very am pleased to have spread a quality management mindset among our faculty."

President Kim is a devout Christian. He has lived a religious life for over 50 years, since he first went to church when he entered elementary school. He became an church elder at the age of 34. Like a faithful Christian, he plans to become involved in missionary work after his retirement. Even if he does not become a missionary himself, he wants to support their work. To this end, he plans to develop an education course to foster specialized missionaries at his college in 2006.

President Kim's quality management vision stems from his warm heart to help others in difficulty to have hopes and dreams. Thinking from a student's perspective, he wants to develop the college into an academic venue with a dream for the future, which includes graduates who are strong contributors to society.