KIOST is a state-run institution tasked with discovering new scientific knowledge about the ocean for the benefit of the people, as a better understanding of the sea surrounding us is related directly to the creation of new jobs. To that end, KIOST strives to develop cutting-edge scientific technology and acquire new knowledge in order to discover advanced life, minerals, and energy resources in the ocean and establish future-oriented port city infrastructure, including port and coastal landscapes. In doing so, KIOST is contributing to the development of the national economy and producing talented, next-generation human resources that will sustain the prosperity of this nation. **KIOST functions:** To perform basic and applied research to promote the efficient use of coastal and ocean resources

- To undertake comprehensive surveys and studies of Korea's seas and open oceans
- To conduct scientific research in polar and tropical regions, especially in Antarctica and south Pacific
- To develop technologies related to the coastal & harbor engineering, ships & ocean engineering, and maritime safety
- To support and cooperate with other government agencies, universities and private industries towards the
- development of marine resources and the protection of the ocean environment
- To coordinate and participate in the international cooperation concerning oceanographic research projects

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