



Prof. Hwang Leaves for US

South Korean stem cell scientist Hwang Woo-suk Wednesday left for the United States to attend a stem cell event, his office said.

Hwang is scheduled to deliver an address at a two-day academic gathering from Saturday at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, with Gerald Schatten, a professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, also attending.

At the ``Stem Cell Policy and Advocacy Summit,'' Hwang will receive the first ``Global Achievement Award'' from the Genetics Policy Institute for successfully producing embryonic stem cells that have the potential to genetically match injured or sick people, the office said.

The researcher will be flying with Korean Air, which has granted him free first-class domestic and international flights for 10 years.

Hwang will return home on Monday.

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