

# Foreword by the Minister

## Great Impression on the STSP and Recognition of Its Superior Performance Rated the Best for Two Consecutive Years

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In as early as 2000, as the Deputy Minister of the National Science Council, I was already highly impressed by the superior annual performance of the Southern Taiwan Science Park (STSP). In August of 2004, I returned from the Academia Sinica to the National Science Council to assume the post of the Minister. After I listened to the development report in the STSP Administration (the Administration) office on 11 August in the same year, I highly expected that the STSP will achieve its mission of facilitating the industry development in southern Taiwan and I have great faith in it.

With the common efforts of the STSP enterprises, Tainan County Government, Kaohsiung County Government, local communities and the Administration, the STSP has achieved significant results. Within just 8 years, the STSP has created turnover of US\$8,288 million, 32,793 job opportunities, and recruited 157 enterprises, matching the performance of Hsinchu Science Park in its 14<sup>th</sup> year. The rapid development of the STSP has become the development model of science parks of the next generation. Based on its current development foundation, I am highly convinced that the STSP will be able to introduce more key technologies and industries to connect the Tainan Science Park, Kaohsiung Science Park and Kaohsiung Biotechnology Park. With the resources from the local industry, government, academia and research institutions, the STSP will develop itself and its surroundings to become the technology industry powerhouse of southern Taiwan as well as the technology industry corridor in the south of "the Green Silicon Island." In the future, the development of the STSP will reach the international standard and facilitate another new round of economic growth in Taiwan.

In addition, the establishment of the Telecommunications Technology Center in the Kaohsiung Science Park will create a strong magnetic effect to attract relevant telecommunications enterprises into the Kaohsiung Science Park of the STSP. The telecommunications industry will become the third trillion-dollar industry, following the IC and flat panel display (FPD) industries. The Kaohsiung Science Park will also focus its development on the Telecommunications Technology Center to gradually develop itself as a telecommunications zone, creating a telecommunications industrial cluster in the south to match the one in the northern Taiwan.

On this piece of emerging fertile land in southern Taiwan, the Administration is not only committed to the establishment of a superior production environment and also endeavors to maintain the ecological environment and create a quality living environment. It is the aim of the STSP to create a science park that integrates production, ecology, and living for the STSP employees and local residents. For example, a "STSP Healthy Walk" activity was held after the construction of 3 lakes and 2 landscape parks. The STSP employees and local residents were able to enjoy themselves at Siake Lake, Taoye Lake, Yingsi Lake, Pusin Park, and Siraya Plaza. Fishing at these beautiful lakes may also be allowed as planned by the Administration. These efforts fully demonstrate that the STSP places great emphasis on work and life balance.

Over the last 8 years, the Administration has been putting its priority on the factory construction and public infrastructure within the STSP. The office of the Administration was only located within a standard factory building at the very beginning. It is this commitment of the Administration that creates the prosper development of the STSP today. After the relocation of the Administration into the new Administration Building in January 2005, I hope it will continue to engage in enterprises recruitment, amenities construction, infrastructures building, cooperation with the industry, academia and research sector, and the security maintenance within the STSP. On this 27-acre Administrative Service Zone where the STSP Administration Building locates, there are also the Police Building and National Center for High-performance Computing (NCHC). New buildings to be expected include a new business hotel operated by the Ambassador Hotel, a financial center, an international conference and exhibition center, and an exhibition hall. These buildings will make up a complete trade center in the STSP to create another highlight in its development.

The two top priorities of the government policies are economic revitalization and improved investment environment. In particular, "Two-Trillion, Two-Star (IC, FPD, digital content, and biotechnology industries)" are the industries that the government is promoting vigorously in the "Challenge 2008 - National Development Plan." With the huge hinterland and sufficient infrastructures in the STSP, the STSP will certainly play a crucial role in facilitating the development of "Two-Trillion, Two-Star" by exploiting its strength of the newly formed industry clusters of optoelectronics, IC, and biotechnology industries.

In view of the important achievements of the STSP and its undeniable contribution to the nation, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the individuals, groups, and local residents who have been through the hardships and difficulties during the construction of the STSP.

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