

Revised Establishment and Implementation Directions for the Outstanding International Electronics and Information Technology Partner Awards

1. The Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) has set forth these directions to govern the establishment of the Outstanding International Electronics and Information Technology Partner Awards ("these Awards").
2. These Awards are intended to commend outstanding international partner firms that have assisted Taiwanese industries in enhancing added value and international competitiveness, particularly those firms that have promoted global integration of resources, served as industrial technology leaders, and acted as soft economic creators. These Awards seeks to encourage such firms and thereby promote Taiwan's industrial development.
3. Tasks connected with the granting of these Awards shall be implemented by the Industrial Development Bureau, MOEA (IDB).
4. These Awards shall be granted to international electronics and information technology firms that have established international procurement offices, innovative R&D centers, or product development centers in Taiwan, or have made outstanding contributions to industry in Taiwan, and have a superior corporate image.
5. These Awards and their selection method shall be as follows:
 - (1) Technology value-added partners: The Industrial Technology Department, MOEA shall recommend the top three international firms among companies that are engaging in R&D cooperation with Taiwanese firms, have established R&D centers in Taiwan, or have made special contributions to the implementation of Global R&D Innovation Partner program.
 - (2) Strategic point of light partners: The IDB shall recommend the three leading international firms whose strategic directions comply with government policies.
 - (3) Green systems partners: A review mechanism involving an expert committee shall select the three international firms that have done the most to help Taiwan establish a green systems industry and also help Taiwan export green systems.
 - (4) Innovative application partners: A review mechanism involving an expert committee shall select the three international firms that have done the most to help Taiwan introduce innovative services, establish applied R&D environments in Taiwan, or that have trained innovative service manpower.
 - (5) Soft value partners: A review mechanism involving an expert committee shall select the three international firms that have done the most to support Taiwan's industrial

policy promotion directions, promote high-quality, value-creating lifestyle, and help Taiwan's industry capitalize on soft economic opportunities.

- (6) Market expansion partners: The IDB shall select several international firms with the highest values of a weighed calculation index announced by the IDB and based on the amount of procurements throughout the year in Taiwan, amount of procured goods manufactured in Taiwan throughout the year, effective tax rate during the most recent three years, and growth in employment during the most recent three years.

6. The MOEA Minister shall bestow all of these Awards.
7. Each firm winning one of these Awards shall receive a trophy and a certificate.
8. These Awards shall be conferred and winners acknowledged at the annual appreciation banquet for international partners.
9. International firms that have received one of these Awards may apply to the IDB for the following incentives during a one-year period from the day after the award is received:
 - (1) The IDB may request the Bureau of Standards, Metrology and Inspection, MOEA to provide a reference for designating the information products or products used in-house as stated in the firm's application exempt from customs inspection.
 - (2) If the current president (including CEO) or general manager of the firm's company in Taiwan holds a valid ROC passport, the IDB may request the Board of Foreign Trade, MOEA to recommend an application for an APEC business travel card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
 - (3) If the firm has carried out procurements in Taiwan exceeding NT\$50 billion during the year, when managers with the position of headquarters deputy general manager or higher visit Taiwan, it shall be considered the same as if the MOEA has invited the person to Taiwan to engage in discussion concerning cooperation; if the IDB gives its recommendation, the MOEA shall send a letter to the Aviation Police Office, National Police Administration, Ministry of the Interior applying for general courtesy customs exemptions at international airports for such individuals.
 - (4) Current presidents (including CEO), general managers, or deputy general managers of such firm's company in Taiwan holding a valid foreign passport may be recommended by the IDB for application to the National Immigration Agency, Ministry of the Interior for an alien academic and business travel card when such an individual qualifies as specialized technical person in Taiwan's current Ten Major Key Service Industries, Four Major Emerging Intelligent Industries, or Six Major Emerging industries.

- (5) Current presidents (including CEO), general managers, or deputy general managers of such firm's company in Taiwan holding a valid foreign passport may be recommended by the IDB for application for fast entry and exit customs clearance at designated inspection counters for said foreign business personnel (the MOEA shall transmit a list of eligible persons to the National Immigration Agency via the Internet, and the National Immigration Agency shall forward the list to airports as a reference for customs inspection work).
 - (6) When an award-winning firm applies to hire foreign professional personnel who will come to work in Taiwan, including both directly employed and contracted personnel, the IDB may issue a recommendation following review of the case requesting the MOEA to submit a letter to the Employment & Vocational Training Administration, Council of Labor Affairs, Executive Yuan applying for a work permit for an employed foreign professional, and the firm shall enjoy a preferential exemption from administrative procedures.
10. If the amount of procured goods manufactured in Taiwan, effective tax rate during the most recent three years, and growth in employment during the most recent three years of another international firm that has not received one of the foregoing awards is on a par with the contributions of award-winning international firms, that firm may apply for simplified administrative procedures, etc. equivalent to that received by award-winning international firms.