

Foreword by the Director-general

Under the support and assistance of both central and local governments, the phase 1 development of Tainan Science Park has completed 87% of the foundational infrastructure needed to meet the goals of the development stage and provide an excellent environment for investors. By the end of 2003, 127 enterprises had been accepted, the resident companies had created a total value of \$4.6 billion USD and also provided job opportunities for over 20,000 people. Under the government's "two trillion + two star" national development policy, three major industrial clusters - semiconductor, optoelectronics and biotechnology - have been formed. The Southern Taiwan Science Park Administration did not take any longer than its counterpart in Hsinchu to reach where it is today. This is because of the wholehearted support of our superiors in the National Science Council; the selfless assistance of the Hsinchu Science Park Administration, Tainan County Government and Kaohsiung County Government; as well as the efforts of the entire staff of the Southern Taiwan Science Park Administration and all the enterprises accepted for establishment in the Science Park.

The transformation of Southern Taiwan Science Park from sugarcane fields to a silicon field of high-tech factories was not easy. There were several issues which have to be dealt with, before the transformation would take place. Issues such as drainage and flood prevention, historical site preservation and vibrations caused by the High Speed Rail have required the joint efforts of initial planners and development teams to overcome. Thanks to their undivided attention and dedication, an excellent production setting has been created. As we enjoy the fruits of their endeavor, however, we still need to remember that there are more challenges awaiting us.

The year 2003 is crucial for all of us. Five years after the formation of Tainan Science Park Development Office, it was finally upgraded and became the Southern Taiwan Science Park Administration on January 25, 2003. Henceforth, the Administration will begin to expand and grow in size. In our newly assumed capacity, we will continue to undertake various development projects and offer investment services through improved administrative efficiency. We will continue to enhance the effect of the clustering semiconductor, optoelectronics and biotechnology industries and add telecommunications and precision machinery industries to boost further industrial development and create more production value and job opportunities. Together, we will strive to lead Taiwan's technological development and sharpen its competitive edge in the global market.

The Southern Taiwan Science Park is a shining star. To make it shine over every corner of Taiwan and even the international community, for both domestic and international enterprises will get to know an outstanding investment option, we have put together introductory literature in various languages and begun to issue trilingual annual reports from 2003. To chronicle the development of Southern Taiwan Science Park, we compiled and published "History of the Development of Southern Taiwan Science Park" in May 2001 to record major events before 2000. In this particular annual report (2003) we have also added overviews of major undertakings and events that took place in 2001 and 2002 to familiarize the public about Science Park. Your comments on the contents of this annual report are both welcomed and appreciated.



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