

## **Asia Innovation Capital**

**The government strongly supports the establishment of the "Asia Innovation Capital" initiative, with the Financial Supervisory Commission, Taiwan Stock Exchange (TWSE), and Taipei Exchange (TPEX) collaborating on its launch.**

On July 15, 2025, Premier Cho formally announced that "continuously easing regulations and building Taiwan into an Asia Nasdaq" would be a key policy direction for advancing the Asia Asset Management Center. President Lai has also repeatedly underscored the government's strong commitment to fully promoting the "Asia Nasdaq" initiative. These statements highlight that developing Taiwan's capital market into a distinctive hub for innovative capital is a major national policy, strongly supported by both the Executive Yuan and the Presidential Office.

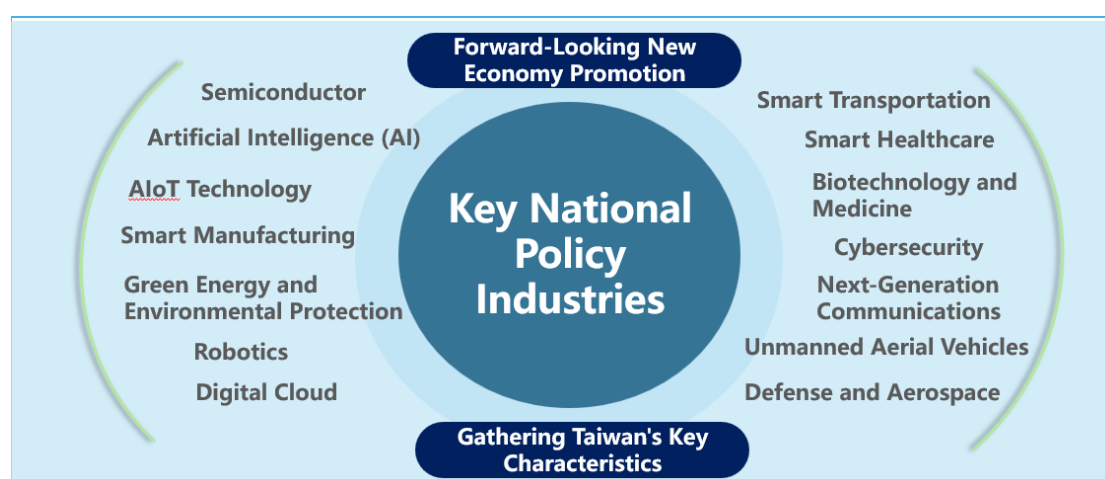
To guide market attention towards the development of forward-looking new economy industries and transform capital market resources into momentum for corporate growth, the Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC) has instructed the Taiwan Stock Exchange (TWSE) and the Taipei Exchange (TPEX) to jointly launch the **Asia Innovation Capital** on October 21, 2025. The aim is to leverage capital to construct the optimal financing environment for innovative Asian enterprises, create a new cluster for innovative companies to list, cultivate a group of "guardian mountains" (leading companies), support the government's goal of establishing an Asia Asset Management Center, and vigorously promote the government's industrial upgrading and transformation objectives.

### **Execution Strategy: "Boards Synergy," Focusing on Key National Policy Industries**

The platform adopts a "Boards Synergy" approach, integrating the

TWSE's General Board and Innovation Board with the TPEX's OTC Board, GISA Board, and Emerging Stock Board. This comprehensive system provides full-range financing solutions from early incubation to mature enterprises. The strategy will focus on key national policy industries, attracting high-quality domestic and foreign innovative enterprises into the capital market, and maximizing the synergy of large-scale companies supporting smaller ones.

- Based on the "Six Core Strategic Industries" and the "Five Trusted Industries"
- Promote the listing of key national policy industries in Taiwan



## Promotion Strategy and Framework

The **Asia Innovation Capital** focuses on two main pillars, the **Stock Market** and the **Bond Market**, encompassing three major domains, and implementing 13 facets of refinement measures. The key measures are as follows:

### Stock Market:

- Refine the listing and trading systems for the Innovation Board, permit day trading, and enhance the scale and liquidity of the Innovation Board.

- Relax listing regulations for foreign enterprises (Exempting companies whose main operations and control are not located in Mainland China, Hong Kong, or Macau from the requirement that a majority of directors be domiciled in the Republic of China; shortening the period of appointing the lead securities underwriter to assist its compliance with the securities laws, and reducing the number of years required for post-IPO CPA internal control audit reports.) to attract foreign companies to list in Taiwan.
- Facilitate flexibility in inter-board transfers and relax the standards for margin trading of OTC stocks.

#### **Bond Market:**

- Allow dual-listing of foreign-issued foreign currency bonds in Taiwan to expand the scale of the international bond market.
- Relax the eligibility requirements for foreign companies to issue bonds in Taiwan, increasing financing channels and promoting market diversification.

#### **Promotion Benefits**

##### **Enhancing Corporate Financing Diversity and Effectiveness:**

- Combining the stock and bond markets is beneficial for companies' medium-to-long-term financing strategies.
- Diversifying sources of funding enhances corporate financing flexibility.
- Increasing capital market visibility enhances corporate profile.

##### **Promoting Industrial Innovation and Transformation:**

- Increase high-quality investment targets and promote the diversification of financial products.

- Strengthen the capabilities and development of intermediary institutions.
- Satisfy investors' asset allocation needs.

### Expanding Capital Market Scale:

- Promote industry cooperation and synergy to assist corporate upgrading.
- Form clusters of technology and innovation enterprises.
- Enhance strategic positioning and security assurance.

