

Mapping the Taiwan AI Ecosystem

A guide to the hardware, compute, capital, talent, and policy shaping the island's AI position.

A reference map across the layers that make an AI economy.

This paper distills Taiwan's AI ecosystem into a single narrative reference. It maps the hardware base, the state's policy and capital response, the compute and research layer and the open models built on it, the startup ecosystem, the talent and access pathways, and where AI is deployed across the island. It is written for founders building in Taiwan, corporates partnering into it, researchers tracking its trajectory, and general readers, with foreign and Taiwanese audiences weighted equally.

Headline numbers

70.2%

TSMC SHARE • GLOBAL
FOUNDRY REVENUE • Q2 2025

90%+

TAIWAN SHARE • GLOBAL AI-
SERVER SHIPMENTS

13.69%

REAL GDP GROWTH • Q1 2026
• HIGHEST IN NEARLY 39
YEARS

NT\$300B+

COMMITTED STATE FUNDING
ACROSS MAJOR AI AND CHIP
PROGRAMS

Sources are cited inline per entity throughout. Where a program's name, agency, or status has changed recently, the most recent verified position is used.

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What Taiwan's AI ecosystem looks like.

Taiwan owns the hardware layer of the global AI build-out. The software and adoption layers above it are smaller, growing fast, and now backed by state capital and a national AI law.

One firm, TSMC, manufactures the overwhelming majority of leading-edge AI accelerators consumed worldwide. Taiwanese original design manufacturers (ODMs) assemble most of the servers those accelerators ship inside. The IC design and packaging firms that feed both sit on the same island. The Stanford AI Index calls this "a single point of dependency in the global AI supply chain." STANFORD AI INDEX 2025

That position is driving the fastest economic growth Taiwan has seen in nearly four decades. Real GDP grew 13.69 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of 2026, led by export-side semiconductor and AI-server shipments. DGBAS • Q1 2026

Taiwan's AI startup ecosystem is active. FINDIT counts 601 AI-related deals between 2015 and the first half of 2025. But the biggest software successes have listed and exited abroad, Appier in Tokyo and Perfect Corp in New York, and the domestic AI software industry is less developed than the hardware numbers suggest. FINDIT 2025

Enterprise adoption inside Taiwan is climbing fast. The Artificial Intelligence Foundation's annual industry survey scores enterprise AI maturity on an index. Taiwan's score rose to 46.32 in 2026 from 36.77 a year earlier, which signals Taiwan crossing into early-majority enterprise adoption. AIF 2026

Since 2024 the state has put money and a national framework behind accelerating AI startup formation and enterprise adoption. The 10 AI Initiatives Promotion Plan, the NT\$300 billion Chip-based Industrial Innovation Program, and the NT\$10 billion MODA and NDF Enhanced AI Startup Investment Program are now joined by the AI Fundamental Act, in force since January 2026.

The talent layer is the most uneven. Taiwan trains a large applied-AI pool through 55 universities tied together by the Taiwan AI College Alliance, a non-degree academy, and multi-year ministry training targets. The constraint is at the senior end: experienced generative-AI engineers are scarce, salaries run well below US and Singapore levels, and many graduates leave for higher-paying markets. To offset that, Taiwan recruits abroad through the Employment Gold Card and a national target of up to 400,000 global talent by 2030.

Taiwan AI at a glance

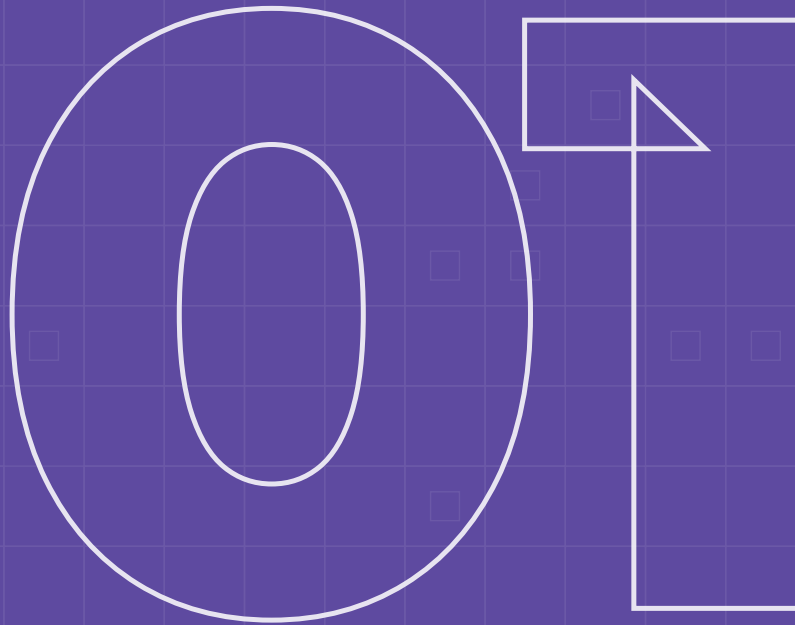
INDICATOR	READING	SOURCE • PERIOD
Foundry share, leading edge	70.2% of global foundry revenue	TRENDFORCE • Q2 2025
AI-server assembly	90%+ of global AI-server shipments	DIGITIMES • 2025
AI-server revenue surge	Top-6 AI-server makers, ~NT\$1.5T combined revenue, single month	COMPANY FILINGS • NOV 2025
GDP growth, headline	13.69% real GDP, year-on-year	DGBAS • Q1 2026
Enterprise AI maturity	46.32 index, up from 36.77 a year earlier	AIF • 2026
AI-related startup deals	601 deals / US\$2.12B total	FINDIT • 2015-H1 2025
Committed state AI/chip funding	NT\$300B+ across major AI and chip programs	PROGRAM DOCUMENTS • 2025-2026
Employment Gold Cards	8,372 valid · 15,924 issued cumulatively	NIA • FEB 2026

How Taiwan ranks

INDEX	POSITION	SOURCE • PERIOD
Global AI Index	16th overall · 7th infrastructure · 8th government strategy	TORTOISE MEDIA • 2025
Global Startup Ecosystem Index	20th overall, up 5 positions	STARTUPBLINK • 2026
Generative-AI diffusion	20th globally, 31.8% of working-age adults, ahead of the US and Germany	MICROSOFT AI ECONOMY INSTITUTE • Q1 2026

THE FRAME

Taiwan controls the silicon. The software and adoption layers above it are smaller, climbing fast, and now backed by state capital and a national AI law in force since January 2026.



The hardware engine.

Taiwan controls the leading-edge AI chip manufacturing and advanced packaging stack, the AI-server assembly stack, and much of the IC design ecosystem feeding both. This chapter walks that stack from foundry to finished server to the edge, and names the firms doing the work.

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| ▶ TSMC and the foundry layer | ▶ Advanced packaging |
| ▶ The AI server ODMs | ▶ IC design and MediaTek |
| ▶ Edge AI and Advantech | ▶ Robotics |
| ▶ The AITA alliance | |

The foundry and the packaging bottleneck.

One firm makes most of the leading-edge silicon. One process step gates how fast it can ship.

70.2%

TSMC SHARE OF GLOBAL FOUNDRY REVENUE • Q2 2025

Projected above 90 percent at the 3nm node. Q1 2026 results: revenue of US\$35.9 billion, net income up 58 percent, the fourth consecutive record quarter, with the high-performance computing (HPC) segment now 61 percent of revenue. TSMC • APR 2026

~120k

COWOS WAFERS PER MONTH, TARGET BY END OF 2026

CoWoS (Chip-on-Wafer-on-Substrate) is the packaging step that bonds AI chips to their memory stacks, and it is the global bottleneck on advanced-package supply for AI accelerators. In late 2025 it ran at roughly 75,000 to 80,000 wafers a month, so the end-2026 target is close to double. TRENDFORCE • Q4 2025

TSMC and the foundry layer

TSMC's commanding share of global foundry revenue is not the headline. The headline is its share at the leading edge. Almost every advanced AI accelerator shipping into the data-center build-out, from NVIDIA and AMD through the hyperscalers' custom silicon, is fabricated here. The Stanford AI Index calls it "a single point of dependency in the global AI supply chain." STANFORD AI INDEX 2025

The leading edge keeps moving. The 2nm (N2) node ramped in 2026, with AMD's "Venice" EPYC the first HPC product built on it. AMD • 2025 A16, the next node beyond N2, adds backside power delivery.

That same foundry is reachable not only by NVIDIA and AMD but by small teams. TSMC's Open Innovation Platform and its Emerging Accounts program give AI-silicon startups a route to a prototype chip: access to design tools, pre-built circuit IP, and the design-service partners that handle the path from design to manufacturing.

Advanced packaging

CoWoS capacity sets the pace for the whole AI-accelerator supply chain. TSMC is close to doubling it by the end of 2026, expanding in steps rather than one jump. TRENDFORCE • 2025 ASE, the world's largest outsourced assembly and test (OSAT) firm, is the main partner downstream of TSMC. AMD is also working with ASE, SPIL, and Powertech on an alternative method, Elevated Fanout Bridge (EFB) 2.5D packaging, that bonds chips and memory without CoWoS, adding capacity outside the bottleneck. AMD • MAY 2026

The AI server ODM hierarchy.

Taiwan firms assemble more than 90 percent of the world's AI servers. ODMs sit at the center of that, and the order among them keeps shifting as AI-server orders surge.

FOXCONN (HON HAI TECHNOLOGY GROUP)

Foxconn

The world's largest contract electronics manufacturer. Q1 2026 net profit grew 19 percent on AI-server demand, with the segment now over half of all server revenue. The NVIDIA Isaac partnership and the Houston humanoid production deployment extend the franchise into robotics. FOXCONN • Q2 2026

POSITION • Largest AI-server ODM • ~40% global share

OUTLOOK • AI-server rack shipments projected to more than double across 2026

INVENTEC • MITAC • GIGABYTE

The other key ODMs

Each holds a different mix of hyperscaler, enterprise, and reference-architecture work. Inventec builds cost-optimized whitebox AI servers and is one of the three ODMs on AMD's Helios platform. Gigabyte ships AI servers under its own brand alongside white-box builds for others.

INVENTEC • Cost-optimized whitebox AI servers; on the AMD Helios build

MITAC • Long-standing OEM server partner for HPE, Dell, and Lenovo

GIGABYTE • Giga Computing unit particularly strong in HPC

QUANTA • WISTRON • WIWYNN

The next tier of AI-server ODMs

In November 2025 these ODMs posted some of the sharpest revenue jumps in the group: Wistron's monthly revenue rose 195 percent year-on-year and Wiwynn's 159 percent, as AI-server orders surged. The AMD Helios award, split across Wiwynn, Wistron, and Inventec, shows which Taiwan ODMs AMD trusts to build its hyperscaler-grade AI racks. DIGITIMES • 2025

AMD HELIOS • racks split across Wiwynn, Wistron, and Inventec

QUANTA • Long-running primary ODM for NVIDIA DGX systems

MEDIATEK

The largest fabless

Designs silicon and leaves manufacturing to foundries like TSMC. Its Dimensity mobile system-on-chip (SoC) line ships with on-device neural processing units (NPUs) at volume. Genio targets edge AI platforms. MediaTek Research publishes open Traditional Chinese models, including the Breeze line, the most-used open Traditional Chinese model in Taiwan deployments.

PLATFORMS • Dimensity SoCs • Genio edge • MediaTek Research models

GLOBAL • World's largest fabless mobile-SoC vendor, second only to Qualcomm in smartphone-chip share

IC design beyond MediaTek

Realtek dominates connectivity and audio silicon. Novatek runs display-driver IC at scale. Andes Technology licenses processor-core designs built on RISC-V, an openly licensed chip architecture helping to define the Instruction Set Architecture (ISA) ecosystem; Andes is the largest commercial supplier of those cores worldwide. ANDES • 2025 GUC and Faraday are TSMC-affiliated, Taiwan-listed application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) design-service firms. They take a customer's chip design through the back-end engineering to a manufacturable part, so a startup can focus on its own design instead of building a full in-house chip team.

Edge AI, robotics, and the alliance binding the stack.

L1 • FOUNDRY TSMC	70.2% global foundry revenue • 2nm ramping	#1 leading edge
L2 • ADVANCED PACKAGING CoWoS • ASE	Capacity doubling • 120k wpm by end-2026	Global bottleneck
L3 • IC DESIGN MediaTek • Realtek • Andes	Mobile, connectivity, RISC-V CPU IP	Tier-1 fabless
L4 • AI SERVER ASSEMBLY Foxconn • Quanta • Wistron • Wiwynn • Inventec	Hyperscaler racks built here	90%+ global share
L5 • EDGE AI Advantech & cluster	Industrial AI hardware to the line	~70% industrial PC

The edge AI hardware cluster

Taiwan firms hold roughly 70 percent of the world's industrial-computer market, including IEI Integration, Adlink, Vecow, Axiomtek, Innodisk, and Aaeon. Advantech is the largest, at about 41 percent of global industrial-PC share, and runs an explicit edge AI strategy: the AIR-series edge systems, partnerships with Qualcomm Dragonwing, NVIDIA Jetson Orin, and AMD Ryzen AI, the WISE-Edge framework, and a 2026 World Partner Conference held with COMPUTEX under an edge AI theme. ADVANTECH • 2025

Robotics

President Lai has named robotics Taiwan's "second pillar" alongside AI. The industrial-arm base is established, with Hiwin in precision motion and surgical robots and Delta Electronics in industrial automation. The newer push is humanoid robotics: Techman Robot, a Quanta subsidiary, has shown the TM Xplore I wheeled humanoid prototype targeting commercial rollout in late 2026, and Foxconn plans humanoid robots for its Houston AI-server plant through its NVIDIA Isaac partnership. A humanoid-robotics cluster is forming on top of this component base, including academic robotics groups at NTU and NTHU.

AITA • AI ON CHIP TAIWAN ALLIANCE

Founded in 2019 with 170-plus members across the silicon stack, AITA is how the hardware industry coordinates as a single industrial actor.

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Policy & governance.

Taiwan's AI policy is split across four ministries plus the Executive Yuan. Since 2024 the state has committed money, and in January 2026 it brought a national AI law into force. This chapter covers the ministry map, the major funding programs, the AI Fundamental Act, and the regulators.

- ▶ The ministry map
- ▶ The funding programs
- ▶ The AI Fundamental Act
- ▶ The regulators

Four ministries, no single front door.

AI policy in Taiwan is split across four ministries under the Executive Yuan. Each owns a different surface. There is no single AI-specific entry point across them.

EXECUTIVE YUAN • CABINET UMBRELLA

The umbrella over the four ministries

The Cabinet-level umbrella over the four ministries below. Publishes the umbrella strategy, sets the cross-ministerial coordination structure, and now chairs the National AI Strategy Committee established under the AI Fundamental Act.

PUBLISHES • 10 AI Initiatives Promotion Plan (2025-2028)

CHAIRS • National AI Strategy Committee • established Q2 2026, Premier chairs

NSTC

National Science and Technology Council

Cabinet-level, leads basic and applied research and the national science-park system. Under the AI Fundamental Act, NSTC is the central competent authority for AI policy, with the obligation to draft and publish the national AI development guidelines.

OWNS • Research • Science parks • Taiwan Tech Arena • AI law oversight

SINCE • January 2026, central competent authority for AI

MOEA

Ministry of Economic Affairs

Owens industry, trade, energy, and SMEs. The lead ministry for AI deployment into Taiwan's industrial base, particularly the 1.71 million SMEs, executed largely through ITRI's applied-research programs, the Small and Medium Enterprise and Startup Administration's (SMESA) SBIR grants, and the Department of Commerce's SIIR grants.

OWNS • Industrial AI deployment • SMEs • trade

OVERSEES • ITRI • TAITRA • SMESA

MODA

Ministry of Digital Affairs

The ministry created out of the 2022 digital reorganization. Owns digital industry strategy, the AI startup investment programs, the Sovereign AI Training Corpus, the free GPU pool for selected startups and researchers, and the Digital field of the Employment Gold Card.

OWNS • Digital industry • AI startups • digital talent

RUNS • Enhanced AI Startup Investment Program (with NDF)

NDC

National Development Council

Sets national development strategy and owns the foreign-talent toolkit. Administers the Employment Gold Card through the International Talent Taiwan Office (ITTO), runs the Startup Island TAIWAN brand, and acts as management agency for the National Development Fund (NDF), the state's main vehicle for investing in companies.

OWNS • Foreign talent • Startup Island brand • macro strategy

RUNS • Employment Gold Card (via ITTO) • NDF management

The capital and the law behind it.

Two NDF-anchored programs supply the equity capital. The 10 AI Initiatives Promotion Plan sets the trajectory. The AI Fundamental Act sets the rules.

NT\$300B

CHIP-BASED INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION PROGRAM • 10-YEAR COMMITMENT

A decade-long effort to push chip-based industrial innovation across silicon, packaging, and AI. The IC Taiwan Grand Challenge is its foreign-facing component.

NT\$10B

MODA & NDF ENHANCED AI STARTUP INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Co-investment with designated partner investors; foreign-founded Taiwan entities are eligible. Also offers GPU time and model-building support: 186 firms have built 266 AI models. MODA • 2025

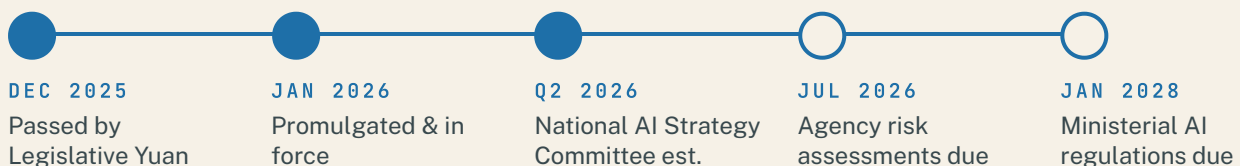
The funding programs

The 10 AI Initiatives Promotion Plan (2025–2028) bundles three themes, with per-track NDF allocations behind each, and a headline target of NT\$15 trillion in output value and a global top-five AI ranking by 2040. The Chip-based Industrial Innovation Program is a ten-year, NT\$300 billion effort, with the IC Taiwan Grand Challenge as its outward-facing arm. MODA's free GPU pool gives selected startups and researchers compute time without the credit-card friction of commercial cloud. The recurring theme across all of these is sovereignty: keeping Taiwanese data, models, compute, and IP under Taiwanese governance.

The AI Fundamental Act

Passed by the Legislative Yuan on December 23, 2025 and in force from January 14, 2026, the Act runs to 20 clauses and seven principles. It is a principle-based soft-law instrument, closer to US and Japanese policy than to the EU AI Act, with the NSTC as the central competent authority. The National AI Strategy Committee was established in Q2 2026, chaired by the Premier, with NSTC drafting the national AI development guidelines. The timeline below sets two years' implementation calendar. EXECUTIVE YUAN • 2026

One independent analysis, from the Research Institute for Democracy, Society and Emerging Technology, calls this "institution-building under fire": Taiwan is building its AI governance while the technology is already in wide use, rather than ahead of it. What matters next is the implementation to turn the law's principles into working rules.



The regulators sitting behind the Act.

The AI Fundamental Act is a principle-based framework law. It sets the direction for AI in Taiwan, while operational enforcement falls to existing regulators: TFDA on medical devices, the incoming PDPC on personal data, TIPO on copyright, and the FTC on competition.

TFDA

Taiwan Food and Drug Administration

Regulates AI/ML-based medical devices, including diagnostic and detection software, under the Medical Devices Act. The August 2025 revised guidelines are now the operational standard for medical AI submissions. The approval count puts Taiwan among the more mature jurisdictions in Asia for AI-assisted medical devices. TFDA • 2025

REGULATES • AI/ML-based medical devices under the Medical Devices Act

APPROVALS • ~166-180 AI/ML medical-device permits to date

TIPO

IP Office on AI training data

Taiwan copyright law has no special exception allowing copyrighted text and data to be used for AI model training (a "text and data mining," or TDM, exception). TIPO has been handling the question case by case. The fineweb-zhtw incident, in which a Traditional Chinese training dataset was found to contain roughly 140,000 news articles used without permission, settled in July 2025, is the leading data point on how training-data disputes get resolved in practice.

STANCE • Case-by-case interpretation • no TDM exception in law

PRECEDENT • fineweb-zhtw incident • July 2025 settlement

PDPC

Personal Data Protection Commission

The Personal Data Protection Commission is not yet formally launched as of early 2026; its Preparatory Office is still operating. Once stood up, it becomes the data-protection regulator that carries much of the practical enforcement weight for AI, because the Fundamental Act itself has no penalty regime while the personal-data law does.

STATUS • Not yet formally launched as of early 2026 • Preparatory Office operating

WILL REGULATE • Personal data, including AI applications that use personal data

FTC

Fair Trade Commission

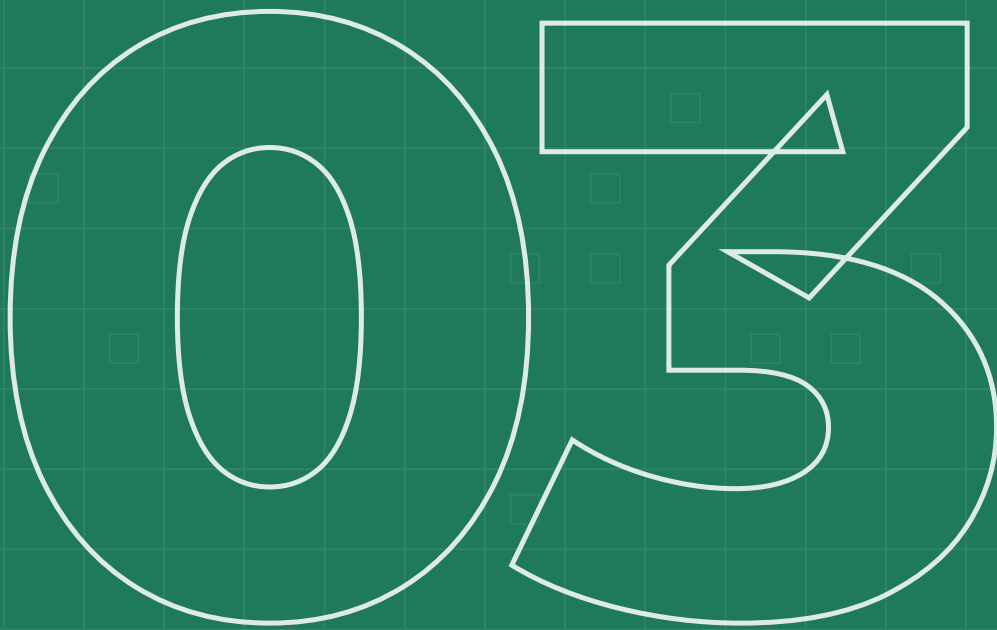
The FTC's March 2026 policy statement sets out where it will watch for competition problems in generative AI: control of key inputs such as advanced chips and training data, cloud providers steering customers toward their own AI services, and the bundling of AI into existing software ecosystems. It is a statement of approach, not yet a set of enforcement actions.

ACTION • March 2026 competition-law policy statement on generative AI

SCOPE • Statement of approach, not yet enforcement actions

WHAT TO WATCH

The Act is the frame, not the operational rule set; the first concrete rules are MODA's AI risk-classification framework and each sector regulator's own guidance.



Compute, research & models.

AI needs compute, a research base, and models. Taiwan is reasonably well supplied on compute by regional standards, has a deep applied-research base, and has produced a credible set of open Traditional Chinese models. This is what determines how quickly the software gap can close.

- ▶ National compute
- ▶ Research institutions
- ▶ The hyperscalers
- ▶ Open-source models from Taiwan

National clusters, hyperscalers, and one new AI factory.

Taiwan ranks 13th globally and 4th in Asia on the government's own measure of compute capacity as of late 2025. The table below lists the main options open to founders and researchers.

PROVIDER	OPERATOR	ACCESS PATH	NOTES
NCHC · Nano series	National Center for High-performance Computing	Government grants · academic allocation · partner programs	H200 and Blackwell B200 hardware · Nano 4 has ~5× Singapore NSCC GPU count
TWCC	Taiwan Computing Cloud	Self-serve · hourly billing · English portal	Taiwan-resident GPU on-ramp for startups and researchers
AWS · Asia Pacific (Taipei)	Amazon Web Services	Standard AWS account · sovereign-by-design residency	Launched Jun 2025 · Bedrock available Sep 2025
Microsoft · Taiwan North	Microsoft Azure	Azure subscription · M365 live · Azure staged rollout	Microsoft 365 live; full Azure general availability expected 2026
Google Cloud · Changhua	Google Cloud	GCP account · regional services	Plus Nov 2025 Taiwan AI Infrastructure R&D Center, Google's largest site of its kind outside the US
Foxconn × NVIDIA · GB300 AI Factory	Kaohsiung site, US\$1.4B	Initial allocation to government priorities · not self-serve at launch	Targeted for H1 2026 operation · commercial rental policy to be announced

Taiwan is well supplied for inference and mid-scale training. The constraint is at frontier scale: a large pre-training run is still cheaper on overseas specialist clouds, and the new Foxconn-NVIDIA GB300 capacity goes to government priorities, TSMC, and Foxconn before commercial startups. For most Taiwan founders the practical answer is offshore clouds for frontier-scale training and TWCC for day-to-day work or when data residency is necessary. NCHC · 2025

The applied-research base **that sits underneath.**

A small set of state-anchored institutes does most of the applied AI research that crosses into industry. Each owns a distinct surface.

ITRI

Industrial Technology Research Institute

Hosts the AI Application Strategy Office and the IC Design Platform for Startups. The institutional engine that turns publicly funded applied research into industrial deployment. Long track record of spinouts that became national champions.

SCALE • 6,000+ staff • Taiwan's largest applied technology RTO

SPINOUTS • TSMC and UMC originated here

ACADEMIA SINICA

Taiwan's national academy

Taiwan's national academy and top basic-research institution, reporting directly to the Office of the President. Its Institute of Information Science leads the national TAIDE foundation-model effort. Academia Sinica also hosts the Taiwan Information Security Center.

REPORTS TO • Office of the President directly

AI LEAD • Institute of Information Science • TAIDE foundation-model effort

TAIWAN AI LABS

Asia's first non-profit AI research institute

Independent, non-profit, with explicit programs on federated learning across hospitals (TAIFA), smart healthcare deployments, and civic AI work. One of the few Taiwan AI institutions whose research is publishable and open-source by default.

FOUNDER • Ethan Tu, creator of PTT, Taiwan's largest online forum

PROGRAMS • TAIFA federated learning • smart healthcare • civic AI

III

Institute for Information Industry

A non-profit research and policy institute founded in 1979 under the Ministry of Economic Affairs. It has shaped Taiwan's information-industry policy since the start of the ICT era. It also runs ICT talent programs, startup incubation, and technology-law research. Its two stated forward priorities are AI development and cybersecurity governance.

FOUNDED • 1979 • non-profit research and policy institute under MOEA

PRIORITIES • AI development • cybersecurity governance

TSRI

Taiwan Semiconductor Research Institute

The route in for academic and small-team silicon. Affordable multi-project-wafer tape-outs make it possible to validate working silicon without a full commercial program.

ROLE • Multi-project-wafer tape-out at affordable price points

WHO USES IT • University groups • early-stage IC design teams

UNIVERSITIES

The university research base

NTU's MiuLab, whose Taiwan-LLM work led by Yen-Ting Lin is internationally visible for its open-source Traditional Chinese model work, widely used in the open-model community. The AI College Alliance ties 55 universities into a coordinated talent and curriculum structure.

ANCHORS • NTU • NYCU • NTHU • NCKU

PROGRAMS • AI College Alliance across 55 universities

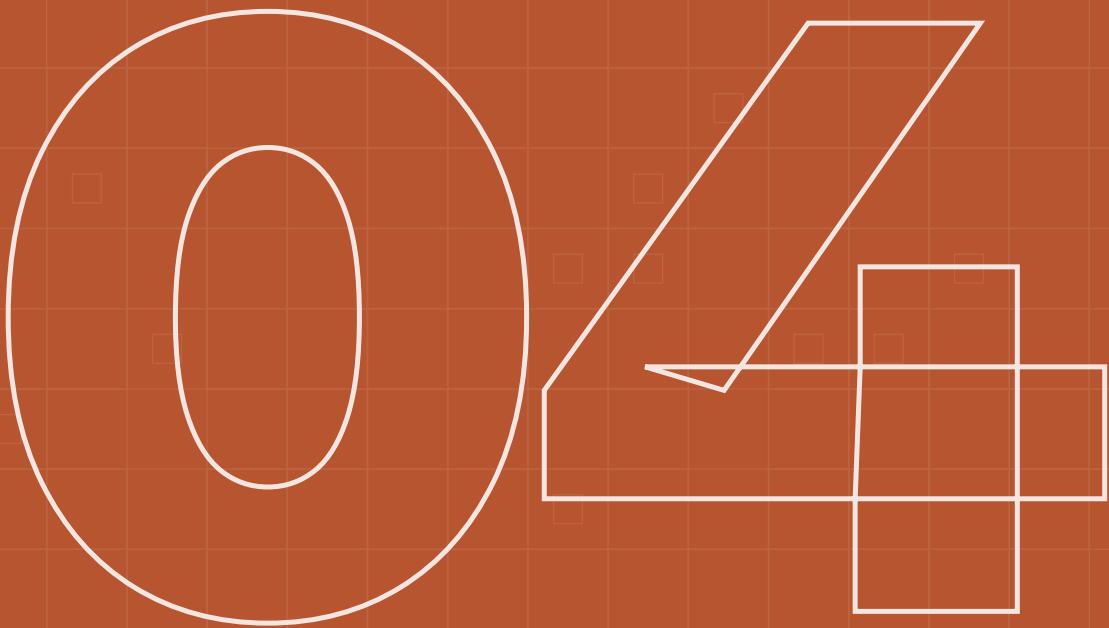
The open models Taiwan has built.

A short list, all permissively licensed, all credible on Traditional Chinese. Sovereignty is the justification, not capability parity with frontier closed models.

▶ TAIDE	NSTC-directed sovereign Traditional Chinese LLM, executed through NIAR and NCHC. Lineage now spans Llama- and Gemma-based releases. Training corpus above 60 billion tokens of curated Traditional Chinese.
▶ Breeze • Breexe	MediaTek Research's open Traditional Chinese instruction-tuned and mixture-of-experts models. Workhorse choice for Taiwan-context deployments at smaller parameter counts.
▶ Breeze-ASR-Taigi	MediaTek Research's speech-recognition model with Taigi (Taiwanese Hokkien) support, addressing a coverage gap in mainstream multilingual automatic speech recognition (ASR).
▶ FFM-Llama2	ASUS Cloud's Formosa Foundation Model, an enterprise-track Traditional Chinese LLM with on-prem and private-cloud delivery aimed at regulated industries.
▶ FedGPT • Harmonia	Federated-learning infrastructure for training across data silos without moving raw data. Used in the healthcare federated-learning programs and in regulated enterprise pilots.
▶ TMMLU+ • Sovereign AI Training Corpus	TMMLU+ is the Traditional Chinese-language evaluation benchmark for LLMs. MODA's Sovereign AI Training Corpus supplies curated Taiwan-context training data to participating model teams.

THE RIGHT COMPARISON

The right comparison is not GPT-class frontier models but other sovereign and regional-language efforts, such as Singapore's SEA-LION and Japan's Swallow and Sarashina. Measured that way, Taiwan's open models are credible. They are a genuine asset for Traditional Chinese language work, and they are not built to match frontier closed models on raw capability. Sovereignty, not capability parity, is the reason they exist.



Startups & capital.

Taiwan's AI startup ecosystem is growing but less commercially developed than its hardware industry. This chapter covers the startup ecosystem, the physical-AI positioning Taiwan is building around, and the AI-focused capital that funds it.

► The AI startup ecosystem

► AI capital

► The physical-AI push

► Accelerators

The shape of the ecosystem and the physical-AI push.

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AI-RELATED DEALS • 2015 - H1 2025

FINDIT's tracking, treated here as the record across all AI categories. FINDIT 2025

US\$2.12B

TOTAL DEAL VALUE • SAME WINDOW

The total across the deal set above. Distribution skews to a long tail of small rounds, with a handful of larger growth and corporate-strategic checks.

The AI startup ecosystem

Taiwan's AI startups cluster in vertical markets rather than horizontal platforms. Manufacturing and healthcare both demand on-premise deployment, which makes small language models and edge AI commercially viable here where pure-cloud software is not. Examples across those verticals include Wren AI and LegalSign.ai in generative AI and developer tools, Appier, iKala, and Perfect Corp in marketing and commerce, Jubo Health in long-term-care AI, Gogolook in fraud detection, and Kneron in edge-AI silicon.

For a founder, what matters is not how big the ecosystem is but how it is built. The deepest capital in Taiwan sits in corporate venture arms and government-anchored funds, and it rewards a hardware, manufacturing, or supply-chain angle. Soft-landing programs exist but are narrow, and pure-software teams raising larger rounds of capital tend to look abroad. The ecosystem is less underbuilt than tilted, toward the parts of AI that connect into the island's industrial base.

The physical-AI push

The NDC's Startup Island TAIWAN 2026 report names the positioning directly: Taiwan is concentrating its AI effort around physical AI, the integration of AI into machines that perceive, reason, and act in the real world. The framing aligns with the 10 AI Initiatives Promotion Plan's priority on intelligent robotics. The report's own representative examples span the ecosystem: Solomon Technology (TWSE: 2359) in vision-guided industrial robotics; MetAI in digital-twin training infrastructure, with its MetGen engine launched at CES 2026 on NVIDIA Omniverse; and DeCloak Intelligence, an Etron Technology (TPEX: 5351) subsidiary working on privacy-preserving physical AI and a 2026 CES Innovation Award winner. Physical AI plays to genuine strengths in hardware, manufacturing, and embodied systems rather than competing head-on with US LLM labs.

WHY PHYSICAL AI FITS

Taiwan does not need to win at frontier LLMs to win at the AI economy. It already owns the silicon and the manufacturing base that embodied AI runs on. Physical AI is where the country's existing strengths and its AI ambition line up.

The capital pool backing AI here.

Only AI-specific funds and theses are listed below. The broader VC universe sits outside this paper's scope.

HIVE VENTURES

Hive Ventures

The single Taiwan fund whose entire mandate is AI. Operates the Taiwan AI Renaissance Fund, focused on Data, AI, and Enterprise Software tied to Taiwan's semiconductor edge. Portfolio includes Profet AI in manufacturing automated machine learning (AutoML) and InfuseAI in machine-learning operations (MLOps).

INAUGURAL FUND • US\$13.5M seed fund (2021) • LPs include NDF, MITAC-SYNNEX, Unitech, GMI
PORTFOLIO • Canner • PicSee • ALPHA Camp

CHERUBIC • FUND VI

Cherubic Ventures

Fund VI carries an explicit AI thesis. The firm's cross-border presence between Taipei and San Francisco gives founders a useful corridor between Taiwan and the US.

AUM • US\$462M across six funds • Fund VI (2024) explicit AI focus
STAGE • Seed to Series A • Taipei and San Francisco offices

MEDIATEK VENTURES

MediaTek Ventures

One of the more active AI-silicon corporate venture capital (CVC) arms in the region. Recent investments include Ayar Labs in silicon photonics, sitting at the intersection of MediaTek's silicon roadmap and AI infrastructure.

SCALE • US\$300M CVC • established 2017 • AI silicon & infrastructure
NOTABLE PORTFOLIO • Ayar Labs • ChipAgents • stake in Andes Technology

APPWORKS • FUND IV

AppWorks Funds

Runs both the accelerator and a Greater Southeast Asia venture fund. Fund III closed at US\$150 million in 2021; Fund IV at US\$165 million in 2024. Recent AppWorks accelerator batches run explicit Manufacturing AI, Defense Tech, On-Chain Banking, and post-quantum cryptography tracks.

FUND IV • US\$165M close (2024) • LPs include NDF, Khazanah, KIC
ACCELERATOR • Region's largest • 2,000+ alumni founders

TAIWANIA CAPITAL

Taiwania Capital

The state-anchored growth investor. Its AI investing focuses on smart-enterprise software and companies tied to the semiconductor industry, with the National Development Fund as anchor investor.

AUM • ~US\$490M disclosed in 2021, higher with newer vintages • NDF anchor LP
AI THESIS • Smart enterprise • semiconductor verticals

FOXCONN • HON HAI

Foxconn AI investments

Selective and strategic. Rather than running one central corporate-venture fund, Foxconn invests through roughly twelve business units, each backing companies that line up with its own roadmap. The US\$97 million Kneron Series B is the clearest read on Foxconn's appetite, at the intersection of edge AI silicon and the smart-manufacturing roadmap.

STRUCTURE • Invests through ~12 business units, not one central fund
FOOTPRINT • CVC presence across the silicon, server, and robotics roadmap

Accelerators and where they fit.

Taiwan has more than 30 accelerators and incubators, at least a dozen with explicit AI focus. The ones below are the entry points a founder, foreign or local, is most likely to use.

APPWORKS ACCELERATOR

AppWorks Accelerator

The largest by community size, with 2,000+ alumni founders across Greater Southeast Asia. No equity, free, a six-month program in semi-annual batches. Recent batches run explicit Manufacturing AI, Defense Tech, On-Chain Banking, and post-quantum cryptography tracks, alongside a dedicated AI property, Aiworks.

TERMS • No equity • free • 6-month batches
BEST FOR • The largest founder community in the region; English-native

TAIWAN TECH ARENA (TTA)

Taiwan Tech Arena (TTA)

The NSTC-backed national startup program, operating from Nangang in Taipei. TTA has supported over 1,000 startups across AI, semiconductors, green energy, and medtech, and runs the Taiwan Pavilion at CES and the Qualcomm Innovate in Taiwan Challenge.

TERMS • National program • non-dilutive
BEST FOR • Government-and-corporate reach and outbound exposure; English-native

SPARKLABS TAIWAN

SparkLabs Taiwan

An equity-investing accelerator with AI-first positioning, running roughly three-month cohorts. Also a designated partner investor in the MODA and NDF Enhanced AI Startup Investment Program.

TERMS • Equity • about US\$100K for ~7%
BEST FOR • Early teams wanting a check and a structured cohort

GARAGE+

Garage+

Operated by the Epoch Foundation and backed by TSMC, Delta Electronics, Quanta, MediaTek, and Trend Micro. No equity, focused on AI, IoT, and digital health. Its Startup Global Program is the foreign-team on-ramp: a short immersive program in Taiwan with corporate and investor introductions.

TERMS • No equity • corporate-backed
BEST FOR • Introductions into the hardware and semiconductor base; English-friendly

STARFAB • TAI1

StarFab TAI1 AI Accelerator

A joint StarFab and NVIDIA Inception program, supported by the NDC, and the only pure-play AI accelerator in Taiwan. It recruits AI, generative-AI, and LLM-agent startups across manufacturing, healthcare, robotics, retail, and logistics.

TERMS • Up to NT\$3M via SAFE • plus NVIDIA compute
BEST FOR • AI-native startups wanting compute and an NVIDIA tie-in

PLUG AND PLAY TAIWAN

Plug and Play Taiwan

Run by Plug and Play with the Taoyuan City Government, equity-free, covering AI, advanced manufacturing, IoT, and deep tech. Two cohorts a year of about a dozen startups; the top teams attend the Plug and Play Summit in Silicon Valley.

TERMS • Equity-free • AIoT and deep tech
BEST FOR • A route from Taoyuan to the Silicon Valley network

OTHERS WORTH KNOWING

IP² LaunchPad (ITRI's hard-tech and AI accelerator), Startup Terrace (SMESA, co-working and exchange programs), TAcc+, and ikigai Launchpad.

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Talent, access & community.

Taiwan trains a large pool of AI talent and has built one of the more foreign-friendly residence frameworks in Asia. Keeping senior talent at home is the harder half of the equation. This chapter covers the talent pipeline, the residence pathways, and the communities where practitioners gather.

- ▶ The talent pipeline
- ▶ The Gold Card and other routes
- ▶ Communities and events

Where talent comes from, and how it lands.

8,372

VALID EMPLOYMENT GOLD CARDS • FEB 2026

15,924 issued cumulatively. The Science and Technology field is the most common AI on-ramp. NIA • FEB 2026

~8,000

APPLIED-AI PROFESSIONALS TRAINED YEARLY

Plus roughly 600 AI researchers per year. Ministry-level training targets across the responsible bodies.

The talent pipeline

The Ministry of Education's Taiwan AI College Alliance runs across 55 universities. Structural targets across the responsible ministries aim for about 600 AI researchers and 8,000 applied AI professionals trained per year. MOEA's AI Fresh Talent Cultivation Program targets 200,000 AI professionals trained over four years. The Taiwan Artificial Intelligence Academy, the largest non-degree program, has produced more than 9,000 graduates to date.

The constraint sits at the senior end: experienced generative-AI engineers are scarce. Senior AI salaries in Taiwan run at roughly a third of US levels and one-half to two-thirds of Singapore levels. Independent reporting attributes the outflow to structural causes, low professional salaries and a shrinking, ageing workforce, rather than to any single foreign recruiter. The distance between the talent Taiwan trains and the talent it keeps is one of the clearer constraints in the ecosystem. TAIPEI TIMES • OCT 2025

The Gold Card and other routes

Taiwan's external strategy is deliberate. The National Development Council has set a national target of attracting up to 400,000 global talent across all fields by 2030, and has built a set of residence pathways to get there. The Employment Gold Card is the primary route for foreign AI talent.

The Employment Gold Card bundles four documents into one, a residence permit, an open work permit, a resident certificate, and a re-entry permit, valid for one to three years and renewable. Its defining feature is that the holder needs no Taiwanese employer and no job offer to qualify, which lets a foreign AI professional or founder move to Taiwan first and decide what to build or join once there. As of February 2026, 8,372 are valid and 15,924 have been issued cumulatively. NIA • FEB 2026 The Science and Technology field is the most common AI on-ramp. The Digital field, launched by MODA, has issued 1,124 cards, roughly 60 percent of them to software developers.

Beyond the Gold Card, Taiwan runs other self-sponsored entry routes. The Entrepreneur Visa gives AI founders two years' initial residence, qualifying through a recognized incubator, an approved funding raise, or a relevant patent. The Digital Nomad Visa, revised in January 2026, lets remote workers stay up to two years, with no residency path. A separate work permit lets recent graduates of top-200 universities work in Taiwan for two years without an employer. For PhD researchers, Academia Sinica's Taiwan International Graduate Program is the main English-language route in.

Two community layers, one of them much larger.

Taiwan's AI community runs on two layers. The English-language layer is where most foreign founders first enter the ecosystem. You do not need Chinese to take part, but being able to understand Mandarin, even imperfectly, is a genuine advantage in navigating the Chinese layer.

The English layer

The English layer is growing but small in absolute terms. The Taiwan AI Startups Community, the accelerators (AppWorks, Garage+, Taiwan Tech Arena), Startup Island TAIWAN, and the Gold Card community carry most of the recurring touchpoints. AI-coding and developer meetups have multiplied since 2025: AWS User Group Taiwan, GDG Taipei's Build with AI series, Claude Builders Taipei, Cursor groups, and PyData Taipei. Events increasingly post bilingually on Luma, which makes them easier for foreign founders to find.

The Chinese layer

The Chinese-language layer is larger by member count and is where most technical discussion happens, mostly on Facebook groups and LINE. The highest-signal community is the Generative AI 年會 (GAIconf) network, which runs a conference, a monthly 小聚, and a study group. Scale sits in the broad groups: ChatGPT Taiwan, the Taiwan NLP and AI Group (台灣自然語言處理與人工智慧交流社), and AIGC 視覺藝創聯盟 for image generation. The Taiwan AI Academy (台灣人工智慧學校) alumni network ties together more than 8,000 graduates. Following this layer is an information advantage in its own right.

Conferences worth showing up to

► COMPUTEX Taipei	The flagship hardware-and-AI trade show. The center of gravity for the silicon stack each May–June.
► InnoVEX	The startup pavilion alongside COMPUTEX, with AI a central theme across its showcase, pitch, and conference programming.
► SEMICON Taiwan	The semiconductor industry's annual centerpiece in Taipei. AI infrastructure threads through the agenda.
► Meet Taipei Startup Festival	Business Next Media's annual founder gathering. The startup-side complement to the hardware shows.
► TTA Taiwan pavilion at CES	Taiwan Tech Arena's official outbound presence in Las Vegas each January. The route for early-stage AI startups to a US-facing audience.
► SelectUSA Investment Summit (US)	Taiwan sends an annual NDC and MOEA delegation, and its startups have placed strongly in the SelectUSA Tech pitch sessions, including multiple awards at the 2026 summit. A significant share of the delegation is AI startups.

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Applied AI.

Taiwan's applied AI is deployed at scale in some verticals and still early in others. This chapter covers healthcare and smart manufacturing in depth, then smart city, defense, and briefly through other verticals.

- ▶ Healthcare
- ▶ Smart city
- ▶ Other verticals
- ▶ Smart manufacturing
- ▶ Defense and unmanned systems

Healthcare is the strongest applied AI vertical.

Built as a multi-layer system rather than a set of pilots. A population-scale data backbone, an institutional layer above it, regulatory approval through TFDA, and a federated-learning layer that trains across hospitals without moving raw patient data.

The data backbone

The National Health Insurance Administration has held population-scale health records since 1995, with anonymized research access since 2016, alongside a national biobank platform. That base is the structural reason Taiwanese healthcare AI deploys at scale: training data exists in a form the system can use. NHIA • 2024

The institutional layer

The Ministry of Health and Welfare runs three national center types and has funded an initial round of 19 AI projects across 16 hospitals. Regulatory approval flows through TFDA's medical AI/ML device regime under the Medical Devices Act, with the August 2025 revised guidelines now operational. Taiwan sits among the more mature approval jurisdictions in Asia by volume of cleared AI medical devices. MOHW • 2025

The federated-learning layer

Taiwan AI Labs' TAIFA trains models across hospitals without moving raw patient data. MOHW's own 2026 national high-compute and cross-border federated-learning platform extends that pattern to scale and partner jurisdictions. The 3-3-3 governance framework structures who owns what across hospitals, ministries, and platform operators. SMART on FHIR is an interoperability standard that lets clinical software run across different hospital systems without custom integration. MOHW's marketplace built on it gives developers a single channel to distribute AI tools across the hospital network; the first 50 apps were selected from 115 submissions.

RECOGNITION

Thirteen Taiwan hospitals made Newsweek's World's Best Smart Hospitals 2026 list, an outside signal that the deployments described here are already operating at scale.

Smart manufacturing, deployed at production scale.

+33%

TAIWAN INDUSTRIAL ROBOT INSTALLATIONS •
YOY • 2024

The highest growth rate in the world that year, while every other major market posted declines. IFR • 2025

1.71M

SMEs IN TAIWAN

The size of the manufacturing base ITRI's smart-manufacturing programs target. Not a count of SMEs already reached.

The reference standard

TSMC's internal fab AI is the global reference standard for AI-driven semiconductor manufacturing. It is not publicly accessible. Even so, its presence anchors the industry's understanding of what good looks like.

The state of deployment

ITRI's AI-for-manufacturing programs are aimed at a manufacturing base of 1.71 million SMEs through the Smart Machinery Project, predictive-maintenance roll-outs, and documented computer-vision quality-control case work on PCB lines. These are production deployments, not pilots or demos. ITRI • 2025

Formosa Plastics' FormosaGPT and Foxconn's FoxBrain are internal corporate manufacturing LLMs, used inside their own operations. SYSTEX and AUO's ADaaS are third-party deployable services, sold to other firms. Both models work in Taiwan because both fit the local appetite for on-premise and private deployment. Foxconn's NVIDIA Isaac humanoid work and the Houston production deployment extend the manufacturing-AI story into embodied systems, with the line already in service.

WHY TAIWAN CAN SHIP THIS

The 33 percent jump in industrial-robot installations is not an outlier inside an otherwise quiet manufacturing base. It is the same industrial base that already builds the global hardware stack, now deploying AI on top of itself.

Smart city, defense, and the other verticals.

Smart city

Kaohsiung's Asia New Bay Area is the practical testbed. Genesis Technology has deployed a digital-twin and AI-vision system for Kaohsiung Port. Foxconn's CityGPT is under contract for traffic-safety inspection there, with the citywide scale-up still a stated plan rather than a delivered system. Taipei's "Three Arrows of AI" strategy and the InnoPad Taipei hub anchor the capital's smart-city push. The pattern across both cities is the same: vertical pilots that work, broader rollouts still in motion.

Defense and unmanned systems

Defense AI has been expanding since 2022. The proposed NT\$1.25 trillion Special Defense Budget was capped by the Legislative Yuan in Q2 2026, with new domestic-drone procurement removed. The asymmetric-defense approach centers on small drones, maritime surveillance, and AI-enabled intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR). Thunder Tiger and GEOSAT are the private companies most visible in this work, and NCSIST is the state institute carrying the heaviest defense-AI load. LEGISLATIVE YUAN • Q2 2026

Other verticals

▶ Autonomous mobility	Turing Drive runs autonomous shuttle services in Taipei, Taoyuan, and Kaohsiung, plus six overseas markets including a tourist-shuttle trial on Miyako Island, Japan. ITRI operates autonomous-mobility research programs, with autonomous-vehicle (AV) pilot zones in Tainan and Taoyuan. MediaTek partnered with Japan's DENSO in late 2025 on automotive chip integration, and Gogoro's battery-swap network is a large-scale deployment of AI-driven energy optimization.
▶ Agriculture and AgTech	ITRI runs an AI-driven chicken-farm inspection robot program. Dachan Group, a major Taiwan agriculture and food company, incubated Daneng Information for AI restaurant-service optimization, named one of the AIF 2025 "Stars of the Year." Startups in precision farming, livestock monitoring, and aquaculture are just emerging.
▶ Retail and e-commerce	One of Taiwan's most mature applied-AI verticals. 91App, iKala (KOL Radar influencer analytics, Shoptus social commerce), Perfect Corp (AR beauty), and Awoo deploy recommendation systems, personalization, AR commerce, and conversational commerce at scale for Taiwan's retail and beauty brands.
▶ Government civic tech & anti-fraud	MODA's 165 Fraud Buster extends Taiwan's national 165 anti-fraud hotline with a citizen reporting app, AI fraud-pattern detection, and automated takedown coordination with platforms and telecoms. Taiwan AI Labs runs a parallel private-sector effort, the Eagle Eye Anti-Fraud Alliance, with banking, telecom, and law-enforcement partners.

Where Taiwan lags.

Taiwan's AI position has structural gaps. They are worth naming directly, because they shape what a founder, company, or researcher should expect.

01 Thin domestic software

Taiwan's commercial AI software industry is still small, though growing. The biggest software exits gravitate to Tokyo and New York rather than to Taipei.

02 Senior talent scarcity

Experienced generative-AI engineers are scarce. Salaries run roughly a third of US levels and well below Singapore's, and many graduates leave for higher-paying markets. The causes are structural: a shrinking, ageing workforce and intense competition among employers for the same people.

03 Frontier model capability

Taiwan's sovereign models are real assets for Traditional Chinese. The right comparison is to other sovereign and regional-language efforts, not to frontier closed models. Sovereignty, not capability parity, is the point.

04 Frontier-scale training capacity at home

Compute can be rented anywhere, so this is not about access. It is about sovereign capacity: a frontier-scale training run is still cheaper on overseas specialist clouds than on Taiwan's national cloud, and the new domestic GB300 capacity is committed to government and corporate priorities first.

05 English-first community

The English-language layer is growing, anchored by AppWorks, Garage+, TTA, Startup Island TAIWAN, the Gold Card community, and developer groups around AWS, GDG Taipei, Claude Builders, and Cursor. The gap is depth relative to the Chinese-language layer rather than absence.

06 Inter-ministerial coordination

Four ministries plus the Executive Yuan own different pieces of AI policy. There is no single front door, and coordination friction is the structural reality.

07 Venture culture

Taiwan's investors lean toward hardware, manufacturing, and B2B, and are cautious about pure software and pre-revenue models. A founder building pure-SaaS will find fewer willing backers here than the headline deal counts suggest.

08 Frontier AI safety research

Taiwan's AI governance is moving: a national AI law in force, a data-protection regulator being stood up, a competition-law statement on generative AI, a risk-classification framework in development. The weakest area is frontier AI safety, alignment, and interpretability research, where Taiwan has some early academic work but nothing like the dedicated institutes in the UK, US, or EU.

The opportunity ahead.

Taiwan starts from a small software base and knows it. What has changed since 2024 is that the capital, the law, and the strategy now point the same way.

Enterprise AI adoption inside Taiwan is climbing fast. The AIF maturity index reached 46.32 in 2026, up from 36.77 a year earlier, with the combined "Ready" and "Scaling" band now at 47.8 percent. That pace reflects firms moving AI into operations, not just evaluating it. AIF · 2026

Generative-AI diffusion across the working-age population already sits ahead of the US, at 31.8 percent on Microsoft's measure. The user base is here. MICROSOFT AI ECONOMY INSTITUTE · Q1 2026

The state has put money and a national law behind the software and adoption gap since 2024. NT\$300 billion across the Chip-based Industrial Innovation Program, NT\$10 billion in MODA and NDF AI startup co-investment, the 10 AI Initiatives Promotion Plan, and the AI Fundamental Act in force from January 2026. The policy stance is no longer ambiguous.

The physical-AI positioning is a defensible niche. Taiwan can build a generation of AI startups around embodied systems that plays to existing strengths in hardware, manufacturing, and edge AI. That is a more credible bet than competing head-on with US LLM labs.

Major AI-ecosystem investment keeps arriving: AMD's Taiwan commitments, three hyperscaler regions standing up, the Foxconn-NVIDIA GB300 facility in Kaohsiung. The infrastructure base is still expanding.

Taiwan starts from a small software base, knows it, and is closing the gap with more capital, clearer policy, and a strategy matched to the island's strengths. The numbers to watch from here are concrete: whether enterprise AI maturity keeps climbing from its 46.32 index, whether the NT\$300 billion-plus in state programs converts into a deeper software industry, and whether Taiwan keeps the senior talent it trains.

THE POSITION

Taiwan owns the silicon. The state has named the software gap and put capital, a national law, and a coherent strategy behind closing it. For the first time, the hardware strength and the software ambition point the same way.

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