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Abstract

Following China, Korea, and Japan, Taiwan began an initiative in 2005 to build world-class universities. The Ministry of Education (MoE) initiated a project called the Plan to Develop World-Class Universities and Top-level Research Centers. The project is often referred to as the 'Five-Years-50-Billion Project' because the MoE will invest 50-billion New Taiwan dollars (US

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1.64 billion) in the plan over a 5-year span. In the first round of review, the MoE selected only two universities (Taiwan and Cheng Kung) as the participants. The government's policy has advanced from the discussion phase to the action phase to build wor