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# Strategies for Successful Biomedical Engineering (BME) Industry in Asia

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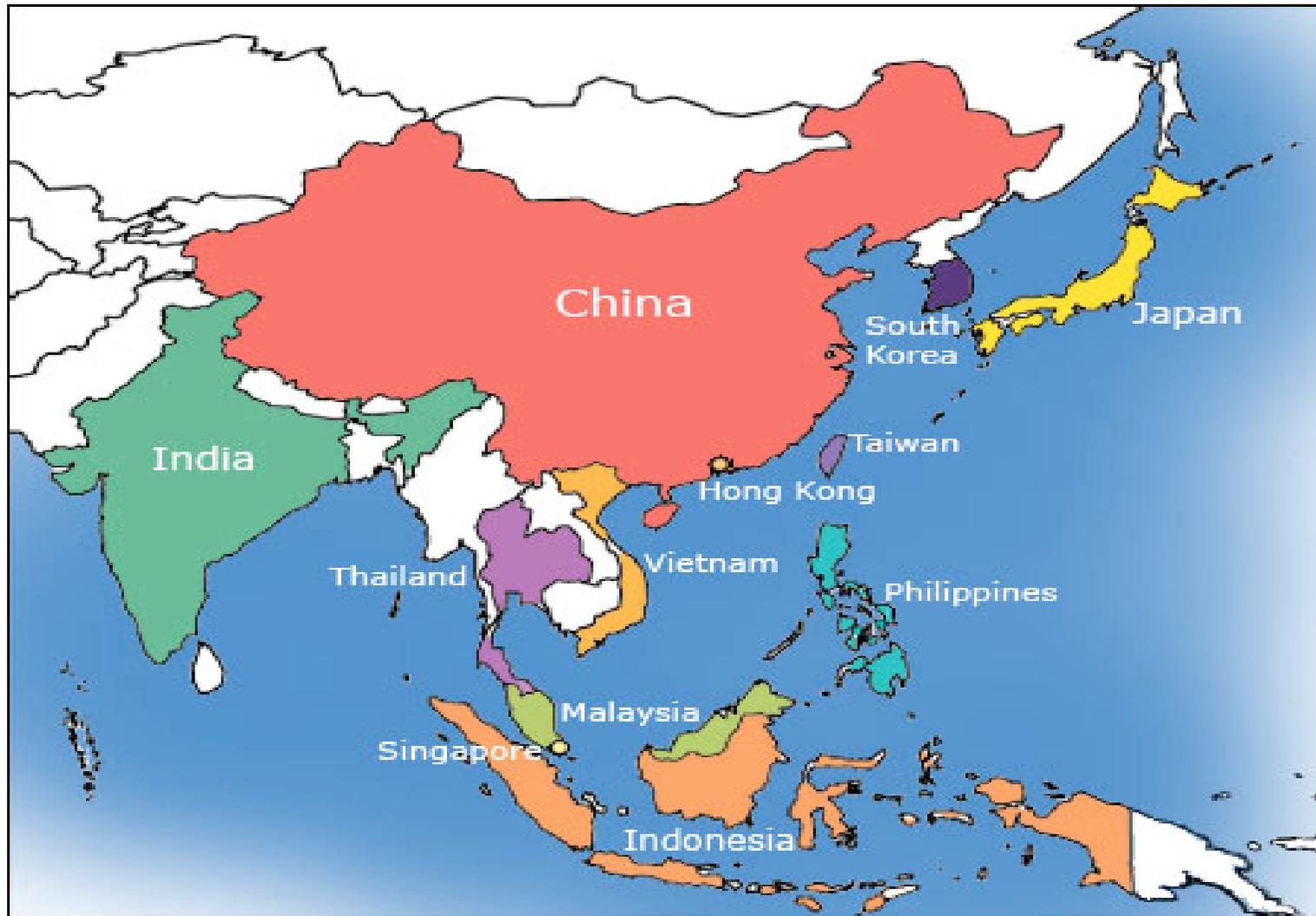


# Outline

- Overview the BME Market in Asia
- R&D and Clinical Trials in Asia
- Strategies for BME Development in Asia Countries



# Overview of Asia





# Demographics

Country	Population (millions)	Population Growth	GDP (PPP)	Per Capita Income (PPP)	Life Expectancy (Years)
China	1,322	0.61%	\$10.21 trillion	\$7,800	72.88
Hong Kong	7.0	0.56%	\$259.1 billion	\$37,300	81.68
India	1,130	1.60%	\$2.965 trillion	\$2,700	68.59
Indonesia	235	1.21%	\$948.3 billion	\$3,900	70.16
Japan	127	-0.09%	\$4.218 trillion	\$33,100	82.02
Malaysia	24.8	1.76%	\$313.2 billion	\$12,800	72.76
Philippines	91	1.76%	\$449.8 billion	\$5,000	70.51
Singapore	4.55	1.28%	\$141.2 billion	\$31,400	81.8
South Korea	49	0.39%	\$1.196 trillion	\$24,500	77.23
Taiwan	23	0.61%	\$631.2 billion	\$22,600	77.43
Thailand	65	0.66%	\$596.5 billion	\$9,200	72.55



# Asia Health Statistics

	Health expenditure per capita	Health expenditure as % of GDP	Physicians per 1,000 people	Hospital beds per 1,000 people
<b>China</b>	\$61	5.6%	1.6	2.5
<b>India</b>	\$27	4.8%	0.6	0.9
<b>Indonesia</b>	\$30	3.1%	0.1	6.0
<b>Japan</b>	\$2,662	7.9%	2.0	14.3
<b>Korea</b>	\$705	5.6%	1.6	7.1
<b>Malaysia</b>	\$163	3.8%	0.7	1.9
<b>Philippines</b>	\$31	3.2%	1.2	1.0
<b>Singapore</b>	\$964	4.5%	1.4	2.9
<b>Thailand</b>	\$76	3.3%	0.4	2.2
<b>Taiwan</b>	\$743	5.6%	7.4	5.7
<b>Vietnam</b>	\$26	5.4%	0.5	2.4

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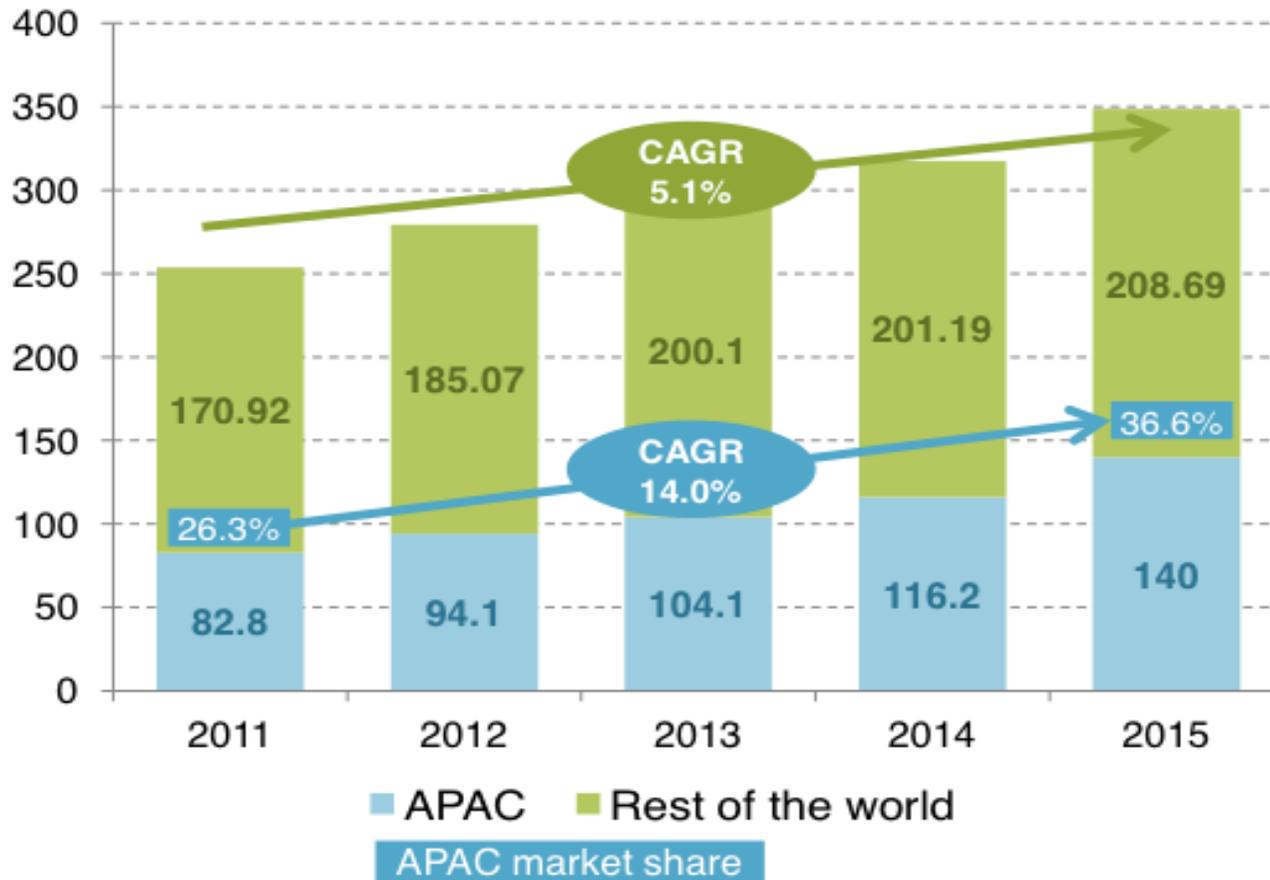
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# The Growth Rate Medical Devices Revenues in Asia

**Global & APAC Medical Devices Revenues  
(in USD billion, 2011-2015)**

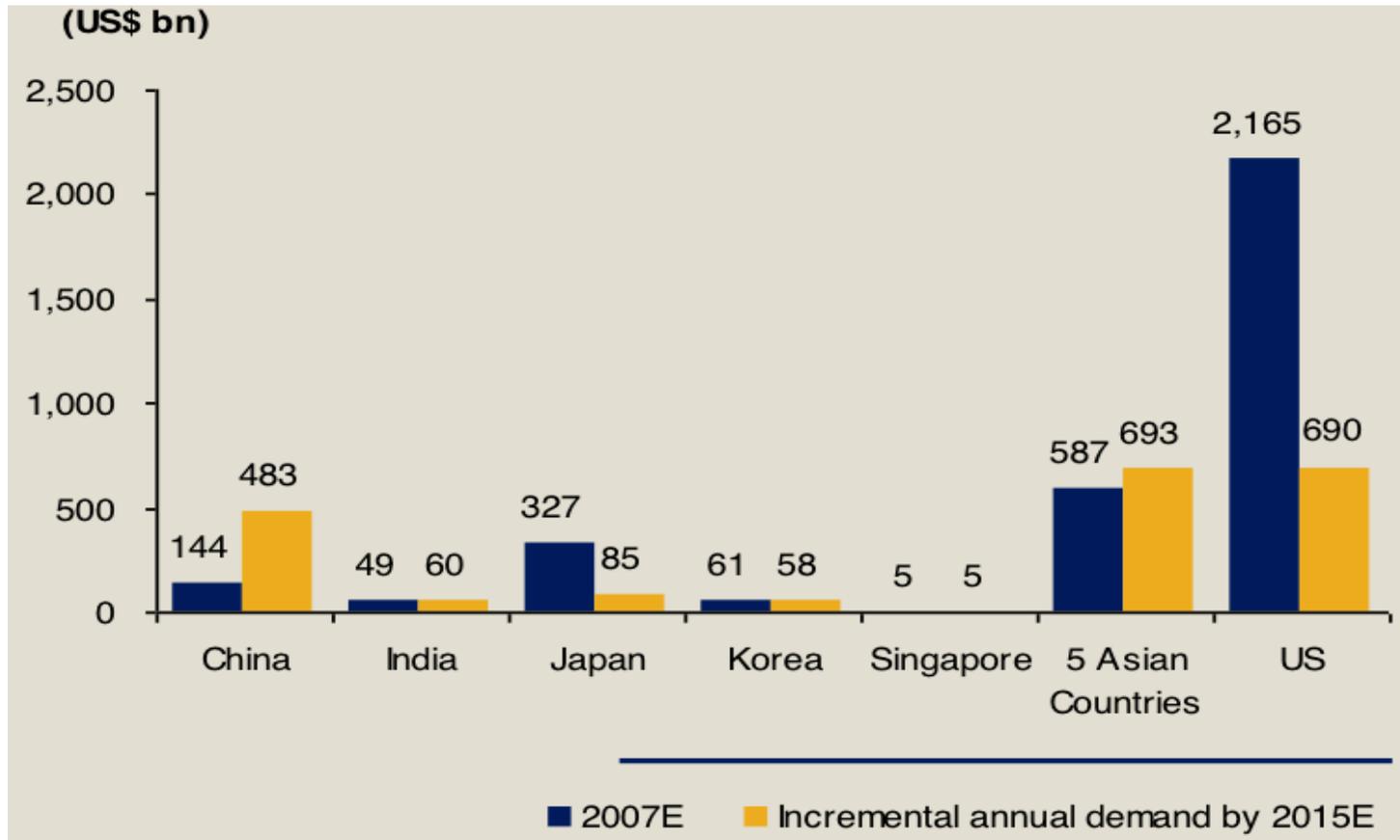
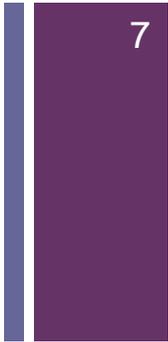


CGAR: Compound Annual Growth Rate

APAC: Asia and Pacific



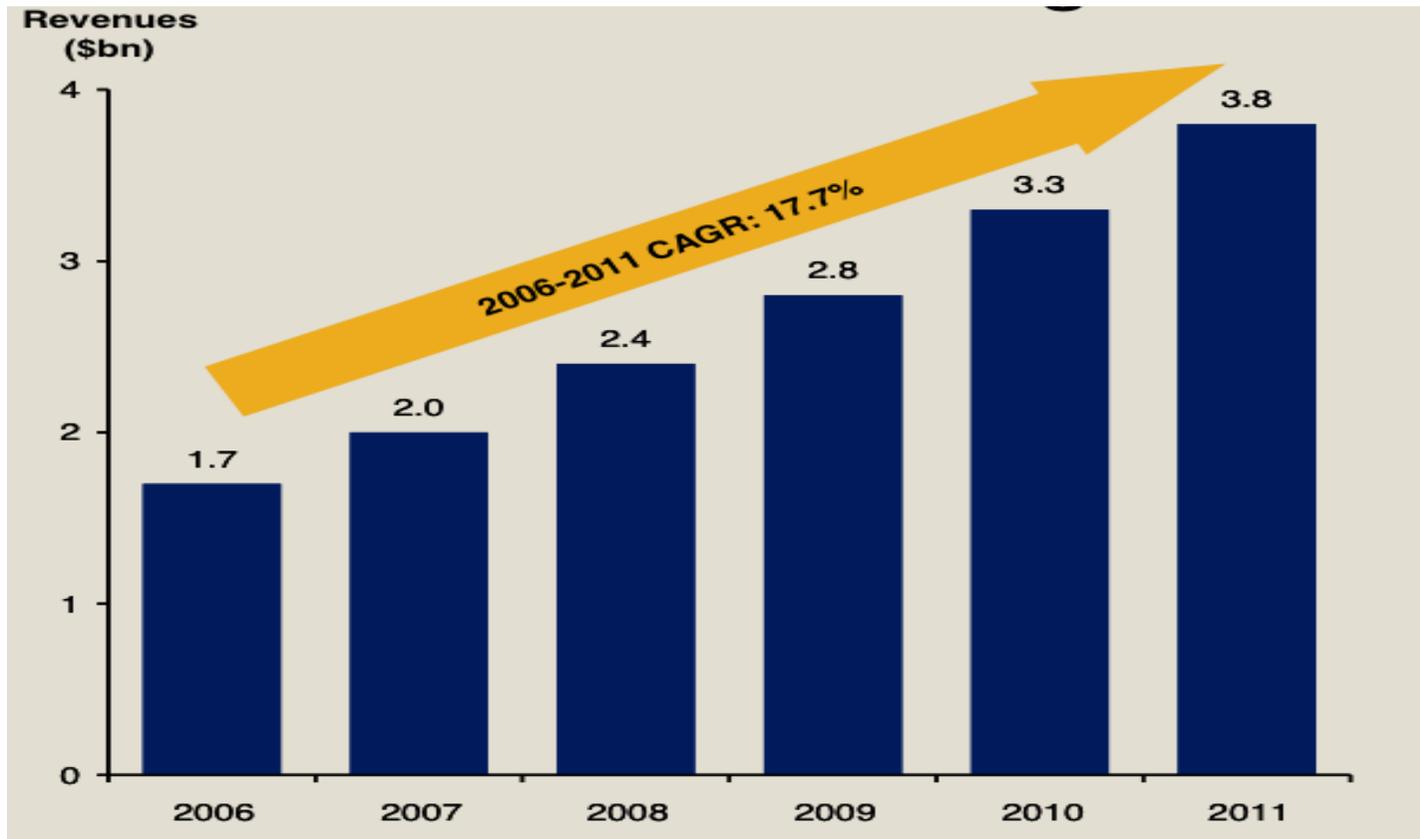
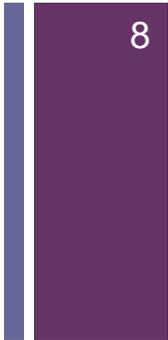
# Healthcare Expenditure



- Young populations with increasing disposable income
- Aging population requiring more expensive healthcare treatment



# Medical Outsourcing to Asia

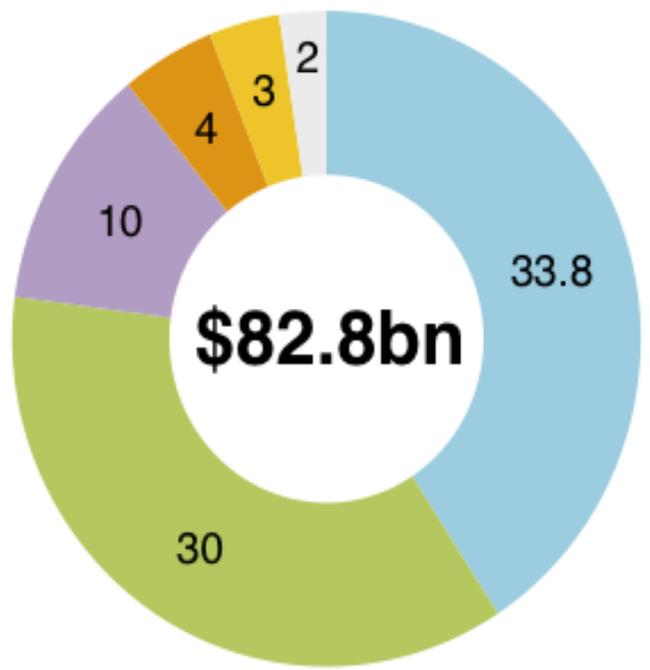


**-Increasing contract manufacturing, contract research and medical tourism**

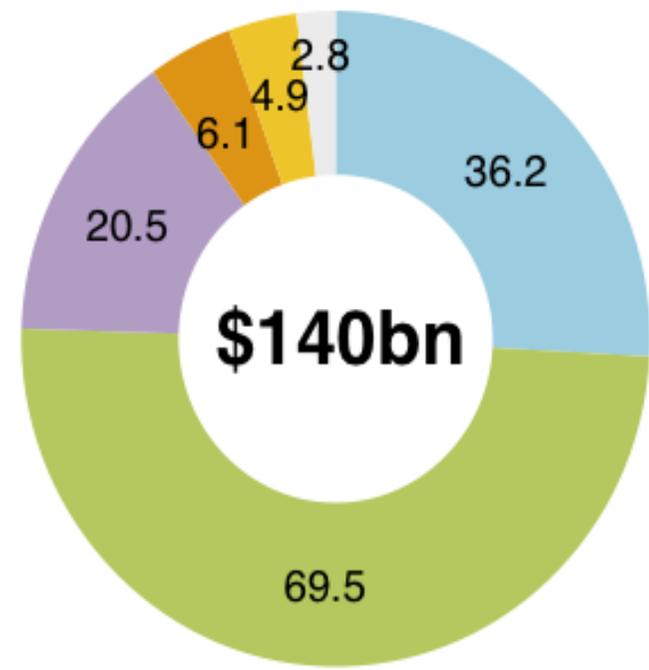
# + Medical Devices Market Size by Country

~ 60% ↑

## Market Size 2011



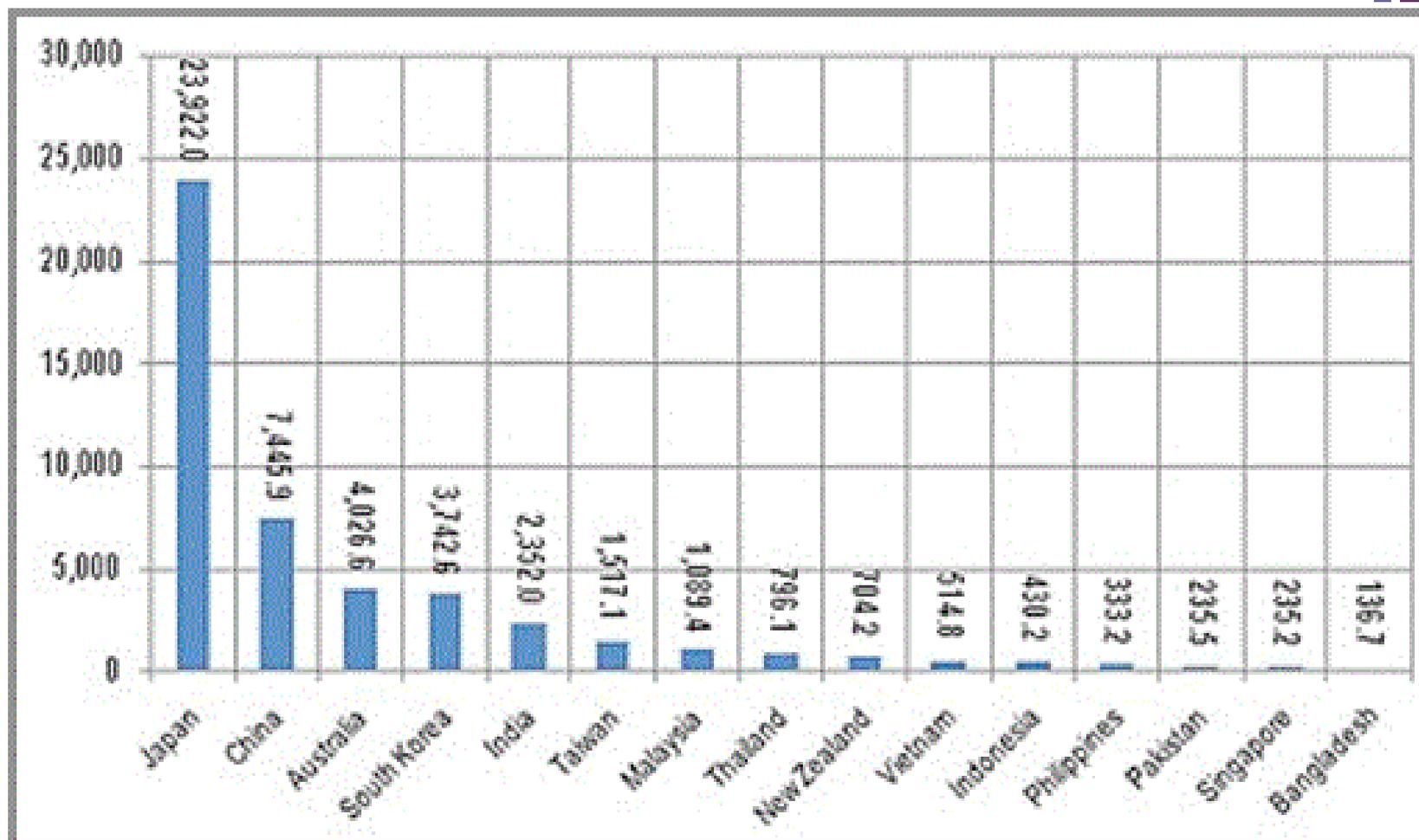
## Market Size 2015



- Japan
- China
- SE Asia / ASEAN
- South Korea
- Australia
- India

Source: Frost & Sullivan- Asia Pacific Overall healthcare Outlook, Espicom, BCC Research (2010), Big Emerging Market Reports 2011

# + Total Asian Medical Device Market, 2012





## 3 Factors of Growing Market in Asia



**Growing aging population**



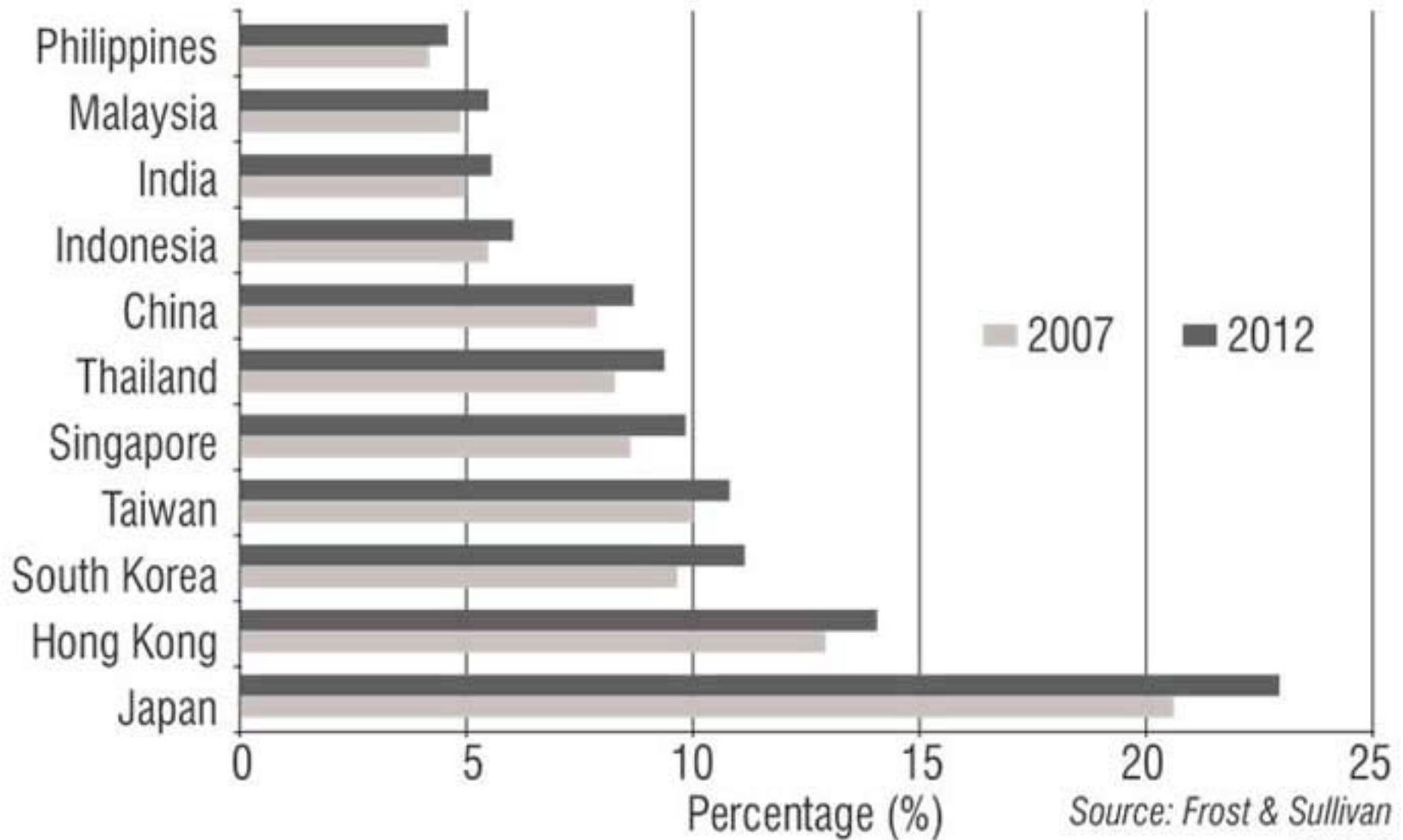
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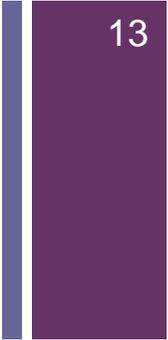


**Increasing population size.**

## Percentage of population above 65 years (Asia), 2007-2012

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## ■ R&D and Clinical Trials in Asia



# BME R&D Increase in Asia

- **Focus on two crucial measures:** 1. cost-cutting 2. developing new, innovative and more effective products.
- **China & India being the most popular location:** relative low cost of well-trained science and engineering staff (\$2,000 to \$10,000 a year)
- **Examples of major R&D firm in Asia:**
  - **Stryker:** [India](#) (joint, spine neurology, endoscopy and imaging)
  - **GE Healthcare:** [China](#) (imaging system)
  - **Siemens:** [Korea](#) (ultrasound and diagnostic technology)

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## R&D in Asian Market & Investment Incentives

- Asian R&D center can develop and alter products to meet Asian needs
- Numbers of **R&D parks an industrial development zones** establish by government across Asia.
  - Singapore's Biopolis
  - Taiwan's Kaohsiung Science Park (Medical Device Special Zone)
  - China's Zhangjiang High-Tech Park
- **Intellectual property (IP) protection is one of concern**, especially in China & India. However, now in accordance with World Trade Organization standards.

# + Outsourcing Medical Device to Asia

**Many international medical device companies choose to source or manufacture their devices in Asia.**

**Relative low labor cost-** China, Vietnam, India, Indonesia

**Low overhead costs-** rent, utilities, component, raw materials, equipment

**Improving technical capabilities-** capable of producing Class III medical device

**Proliferation of special economic and free trade zones-** lower tariffs and duties to foreign companies



# Clinical Trials in Asia

- With two-thirds of the world's population, subjects with rare diseases tends to take shorter time than US & Europe
- Clinical trial cost roughly 1/3 in Western countries, except Japan
- India has a large number of local CROs. However, most focus on pharmaceutical than devices.
- The quality of clinical data is still a issue some of countries in this region

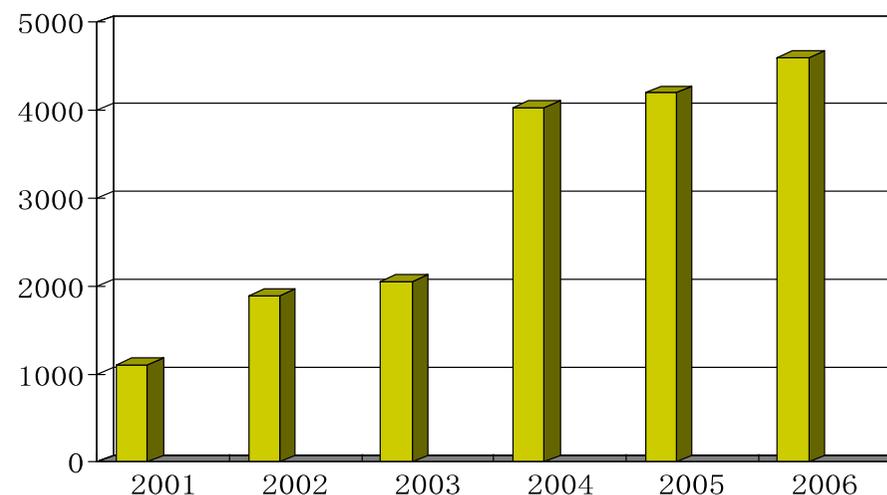


# Overview of China's Medical Device Markets



- Medical device market is valued at around \$30 billion, and is expected to reach \$69.5 billion by 2015.
- Annual growth rate of 14 - 15%
- Market capacity of China's medical device industry has been growing year after year
- China has become one of the 10 emerging global medical device markets, Asia's largest market after Japan

**Import New Device Registration Applications**





# Outsourcing Medical Device to China



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- Nearly 3,000 medical device manufacturers
- Quickly improving in quality
- GMP are now standard for medical device
- Free trade zone in Shanghai: focus on research and product innovation in the life science
- Recently, the cost increase dramatically- some companies transfer to Vietnam or India.



## Focus on Medical Device in China



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- Chinese government officials have made the medical device industry an important priority.
- Government increase their funding for product development and medical device research.
- A good case study: drug eluting stent (DES) device.
  - Now, three-quarters of the Chinese DES market is controlled by local Chinese DES firms
  - Foreign companies market share reduce from 85% to 25%
- In 2011, the SFDA issued “Tentative Guidance for the Monitory of Adverse Device Events”, ***medical device emergencies must be reported within twenty four hours...***

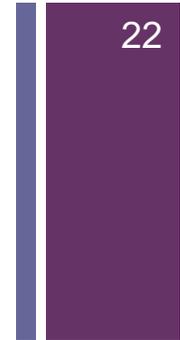
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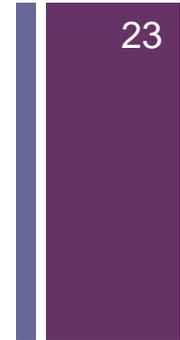
## Outsourcing Medical Device to India



- Since the mid-1990s, significant advance take place
- Lower cost of labor than China
- Technical capabilities are improving
- Large population of English-speaking worker
- More than 170 special economic zone: exemption duties and taxes



## Focus on Medical Device in India



- Medical device market was estimate \$3.2 billion in 2011, trailing only Japan, Chia, South Korea in Asia.
- Approximately 72% of medical devices are imported
- Uptick in healthcare spending by private sector
- The Medical Device Bill was introduced in 2012 for ushering in a more comprehensive and structured legal framework for medical device companies operating in India
- Indian medical device regulations are still a work in progress
- With rapid economic growth & huge population will continue to demand better healthcare services and products.

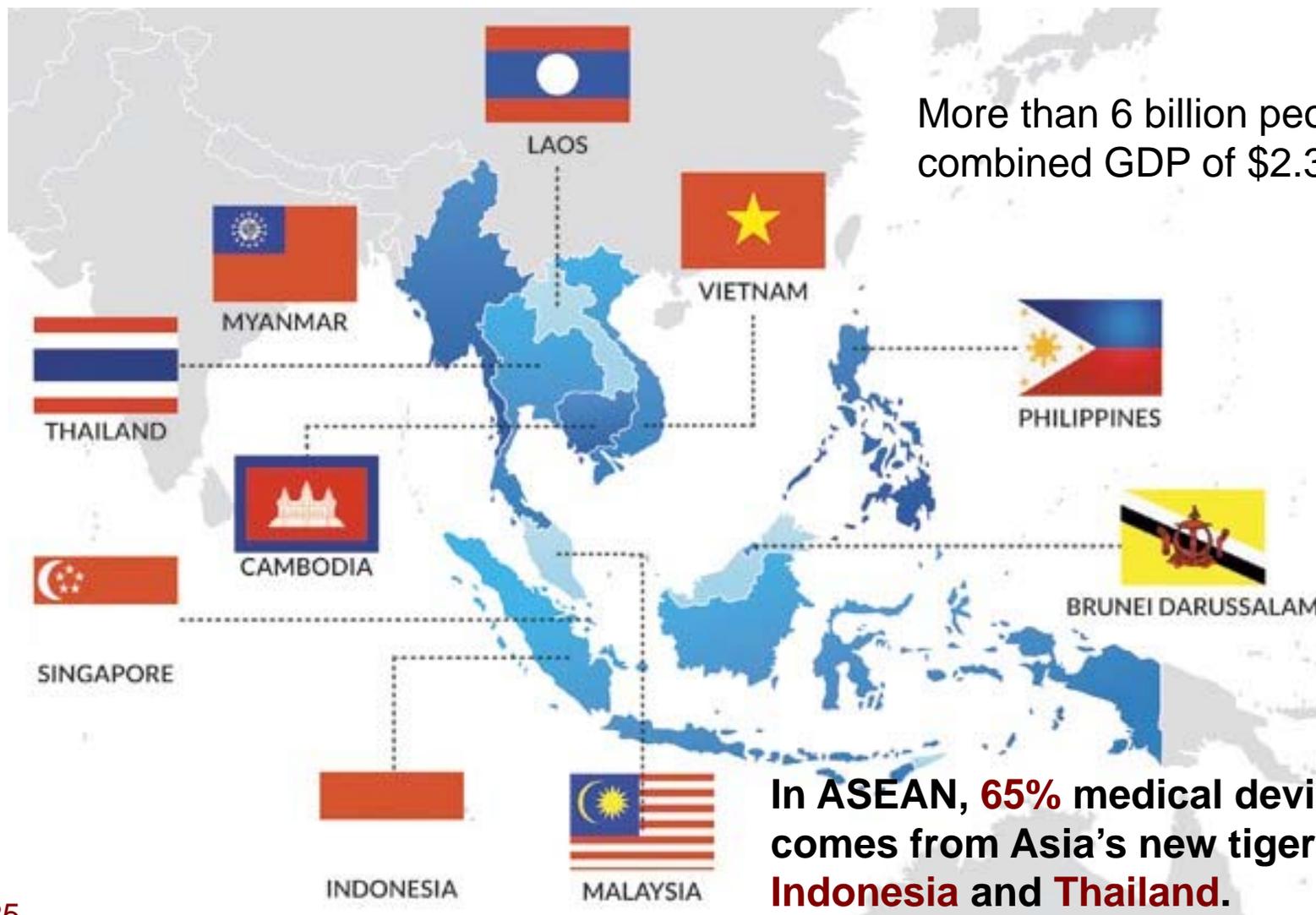
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# Association of Southeast Asian Nation (ASEAN)





## Focus on Medical Device in Malaysia



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- Market is driven by imports, especially high end products
- The Medical Device Act 2012 requires all imported device to be registered by July 2013
- The Medical Device Act 2012 calls for the licensure of all medical device establishment.
- The Medical Device Authority (2012): responsible for enforcing new regulations and promoting the medical device industry in Malaysia.



## Outsourcing Medical Device to Malaysia



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- Large population, inexpensive land, low wages
- Malaysian Industrial Development Authority: identify medical device as a priority sector for development
- Concentrate in rubber based products- leading in medical gloves and catheters.



## Outsourcing Medical Device to Vietnam



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- Low-cost alternative to China
- Most focus on low-end products- medical disposables, hospital garments, hospital furniture
- Has a number of industrial parks, export processing zone, and high tech zone
- Enterprises in these zones that export more than 80% of their production may receive corporate two-to eight-year **income tax holidays** and **pay a reduced income tax rate after that period.**

## + Focus on Medical Device in Singapore



- Many large medical device companies manufacture products in Singapore. (good location for sophisticated medical device)
- Because large pool of English speaking scientists, researchers and engineering (human resource)
- Provide robust IP protection
- **Singapore's Economic Development Board** promotes and sustains the country as a **global business and investment hub**, and offers numerous incentives to companies locating manufacturing operations there
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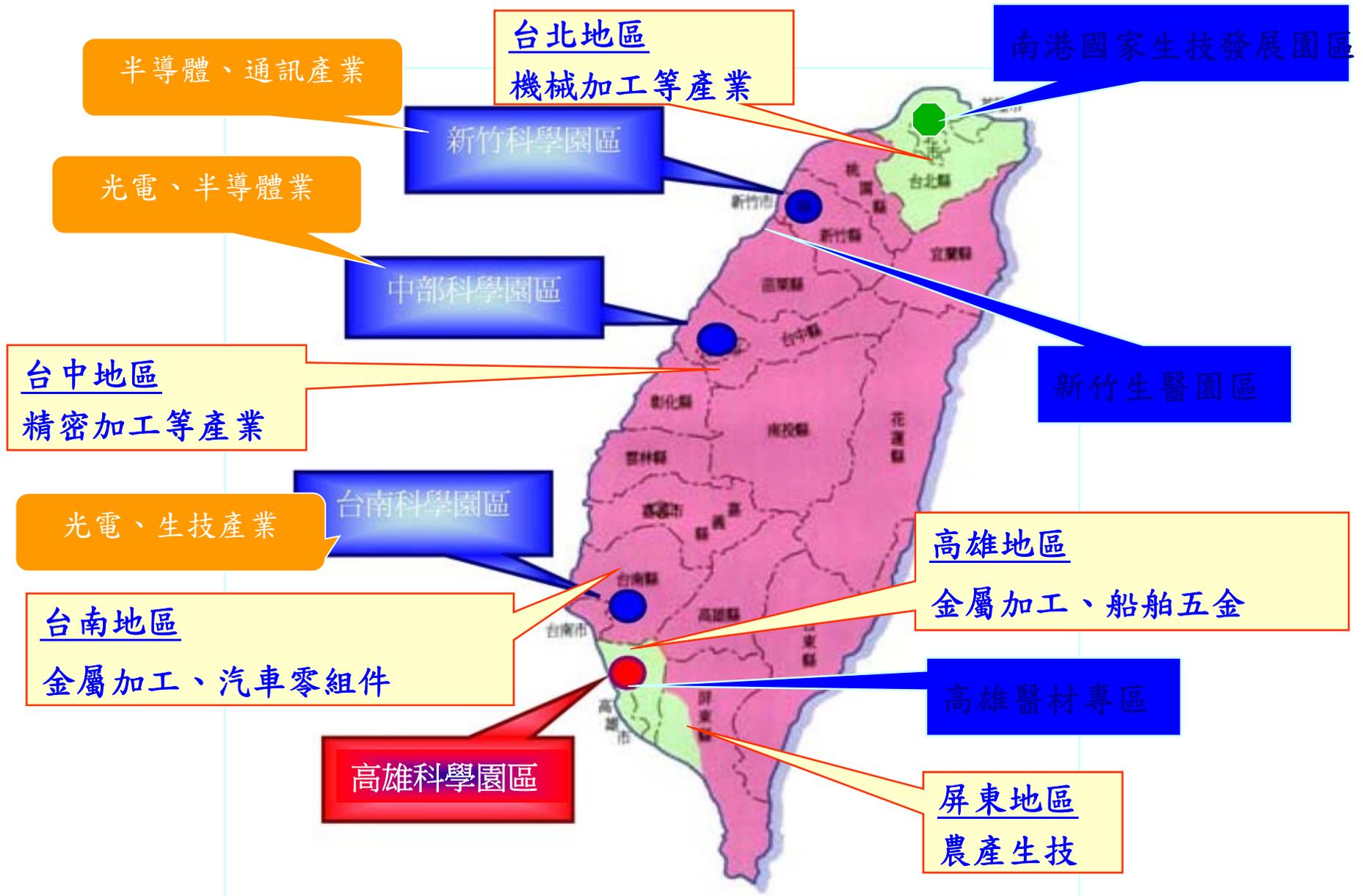
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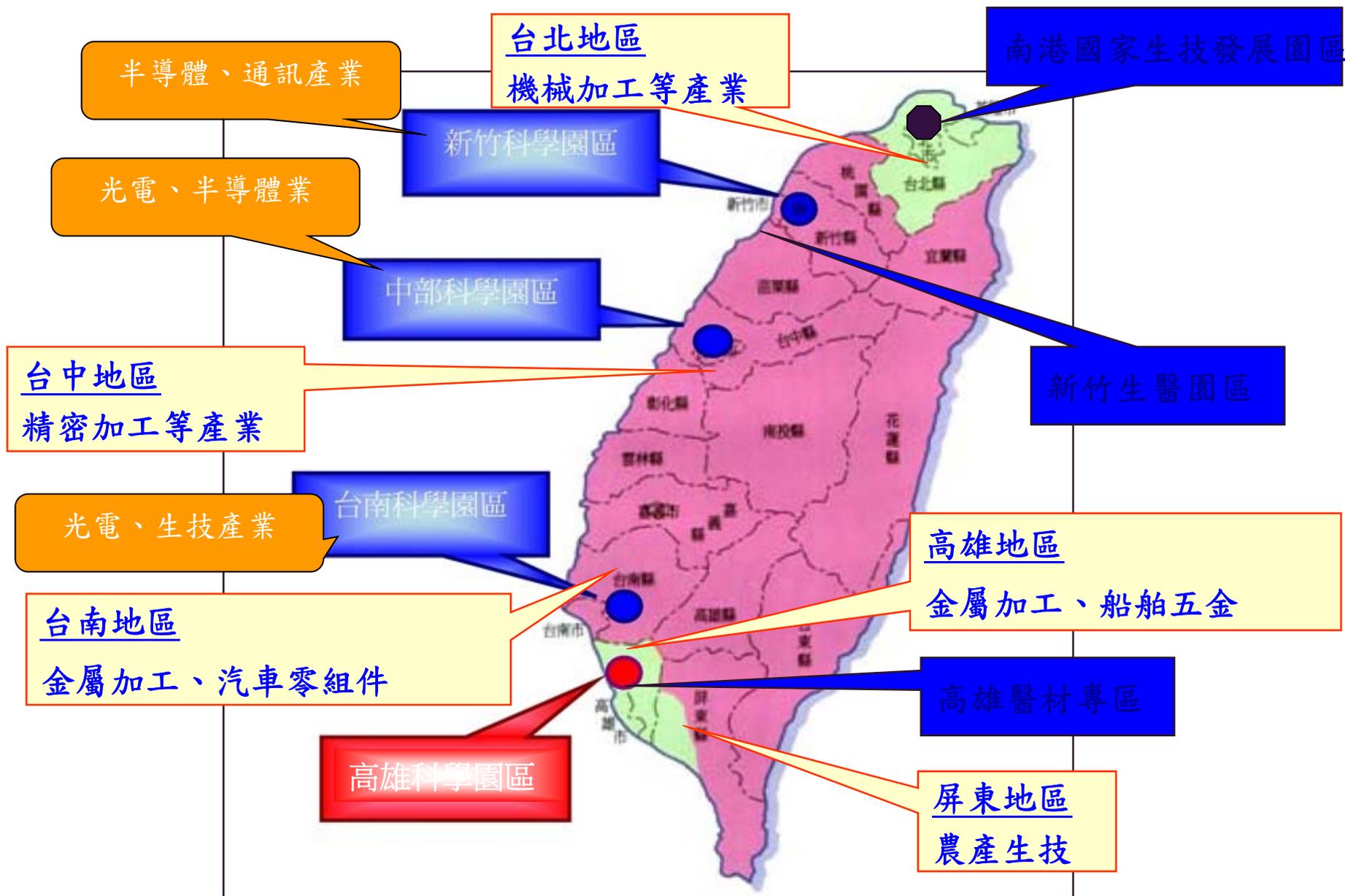
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