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# Korean Free Economic Zones



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# KFEZ Korean Free Economic Zones

**As centers of international business where global capital and information gather, the Korean Free Economic Zones offer the ideal management environment for multinational firms.**

Korean Free Economic Zones (KFEZs) are specially designated areas created to improve the business and living environment for foreign-invested firms in Korea and to actively attract foreign investment in the country through a range of deregulation policies. Since the 2003 inauguration of an FEZ in Incheon, the number of FEZs in operation has grown to nine: Incheon, Busan-Jinhae, Gwangyang Bay Area, Gyeonggi, Daegu-Gyeongbuk, Chungbuk, East Coast, Gwangju, and Ulsan.

Accumulated foreign direct investment in the KFEZs amounted to USD 19.2 billion as of the end of 2020, with 6,140 companies, including multinational firms such as GE and BMW, operating in the KFEZs. The KFEZs have become even more attractive to global investors who knock on the Korean door first when seeking opportunities in Asia.

Accumulated FED

# US\$ 19,185,000,000

No. of resident firms in KFEZ

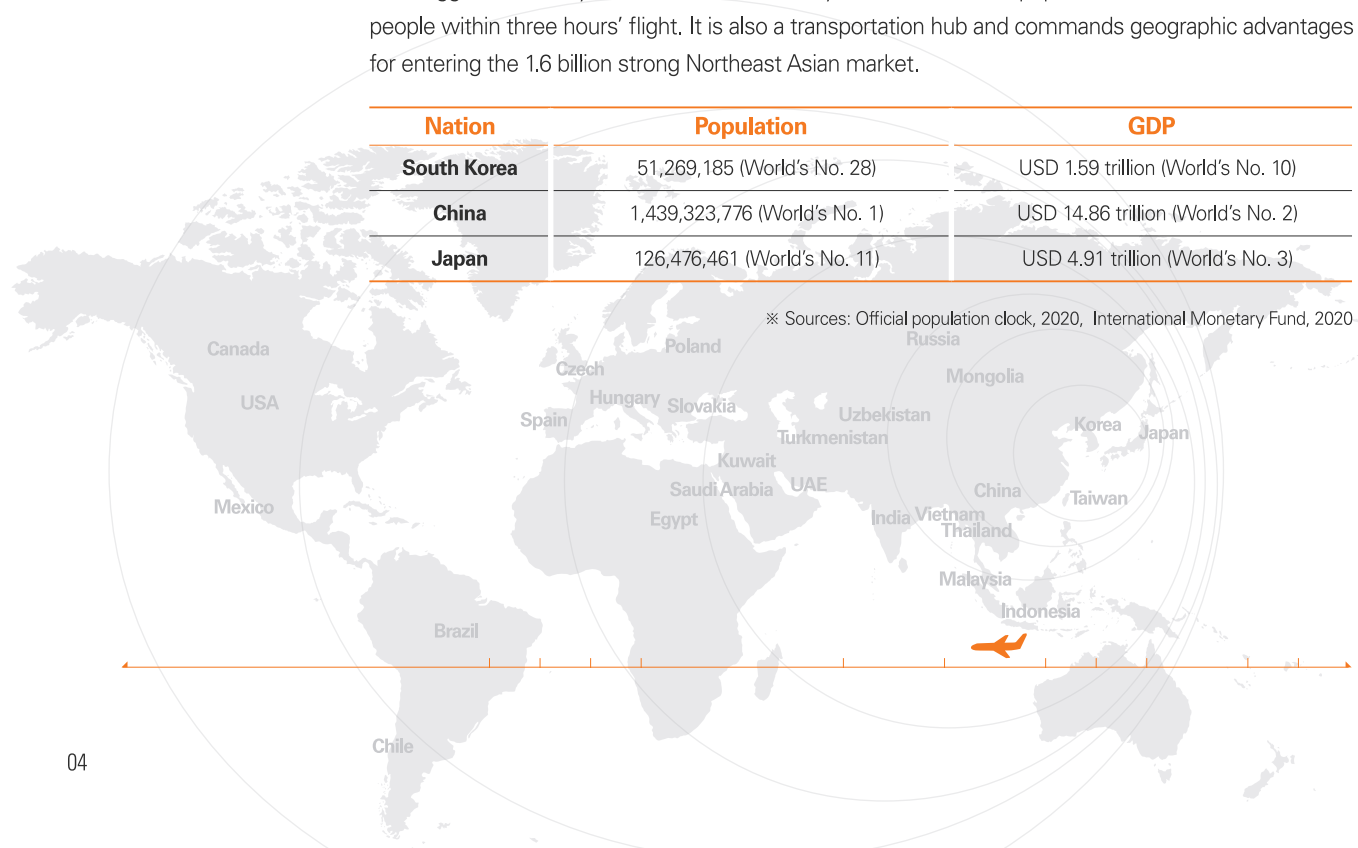
# 6,140<sup>EA</sup>

Northeast Asian logistics hub

Korea is located at the center of Northeast Asia, one of the world's top three economic regions. Geographically sitting between China (the world's second largest economy) and Japan (the world's third biggest economy), the nation has as many as 147 cities with populations of more than 1 million people within three hours' flight. It is also a transportation hub and commands geographic advantages for entering the 1.6 billion strong Northeast Asian market.

Nation	Population	GDP
South Korea	51,269,185 (World's No. 28)	USD 1.59 trillion (World's No. 10)
China	1,439,323,776 (World's No. 1)	USD 14.86 trillion (World's No. 2)
Japan	126,476,461 (World's No. 11)	USD 4.91 trillion (World's No. 3)

\* Sources: Official population clock, 2020, International Monetary Fund, 2020



# "From tideland to futuristic city with skyscrapers" 15 years of KFEZs' pioneering efforts

"Sixty years ago, South Korea was an economic wasteland. Today, it is not only the world's 15th largest economy, but also a vibrant democracy and an emerging cultural force."

TIME U.S. / December 2012

## KFEZs in the past

Not long ago, the eight KFEZs were remote tidelands, wastelands and dilapidated manufacturing grounds. The major industries were agriculture, fisheries, mining and stockfarming. Just a few, small manufacturing plants operated in some areas.



Gwangyang Bay area in the past



Tideland of Songdo in the past

## Growth begins in KFEZs

The KFEZs sites began witnessing sea changes with the enactment of a KFEZ-related law in 2002 which promoted foreign investment, national competitiveness and balanced regional growth. The agriculture and fisheries in old areas were replaced by cutting-edge industrial complexes, global educational institutes, and cultural and leisure facilities, ready for the cities to become truly global.



Songdo District, Incheon



West Busan Distribution District, Busan-Jinhae

## KFEZs today and in the future

The KFEZs have continued to change for business during the past 15 years and have become a major investment destination for international business leaders. Influential media, including TIME, CNN in the U.S., and Nikkei in Japan, positively covered the KFEZs. CNN, in particular, praised Incheon, one of the eight KFEZs, as "solution to the future city." The seven KFEZs have strived to improve business environment and living conditions for foreign-invested firms. As international business hubs, they will act as massive exchanges of global capital and information.



Bukpyeong International business complex District, East Coast



Midancity, Yeongjong District, Incheon



Poseung District, Gyeonggi

Where

# Business

## Blossoms!



Blossom. 01

## Best Place for Business

### Grab business opportunities in KFEZs

Korea offers an optimal business environment, with 50 million people, USD 1.6 trillion in GDP, free trade deals with the world's top three economies, and globally competitive human resources and infrastructure.



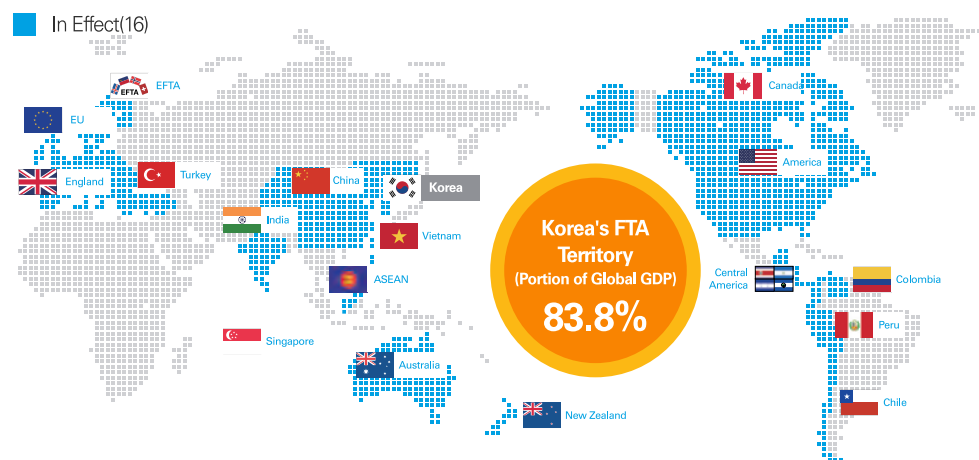
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The best business environment

Strong FTA networks with major economies

Korea is one of the most attractive business hubs in the world. It is the first Asian country that has concluded free trade agreements with the EU (2011), the US (2012), and China (2015). As of 2020, Korea has FTAs with 57 countries, and forms the third-largest market in the world. With the signing of an FTA between Korea and China, global investors are now able to occupy the Chinese market in advance and Chinese companies can reach out to the world market through Korea.

Korea's FTA Network



※ Source : Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy

The world's most innovative country in ICT

Korea is one of the most innovative countries in the world.

In the 2019 Global Innovation Index (GII), a ranking of the world's 50 most innovative countries carried out by Bloomberg, Korea ranked first for the sixth year in a row. The country ranked especially high for R&D spending, manufacturing value added, and high-tech density.

Also, Korea ranked first in ICT adoption among the countries surveyed by the World Economic Forum for two years in a row (2018 and 2019). According to the International Telecommunication Union's Measuring the Information Society Report 2017, Korea ranked the second among 176 countries in the annual ICT Development Index (IDI). Korea's ICT innovation extends beyond information and communications technology, enabling ICT convergence across a broad spectrum of fields, including bio, finance, logistics, tourism, and culture.

Global research institutes in Korea include Microsoft Innovation Lab, IBM Ubiquitous Computing Lab, Google Engineering R&D Center, Siemens Medical R&D Center, and Institut Pasteur Korea.

Korea has global competitiveness in diverse industries. Korean companies are world leaders in semiconductors (DRAM), TV, shipbuilding, foldable OLED, and EV batteries. Already, 223 Fortune 500 companies have entered Korea.

<Major global industries and companies in Korea (2019)>



※ Source : Invest Korea, 2019

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Quality infrastructure

Business-friendly environment for investors

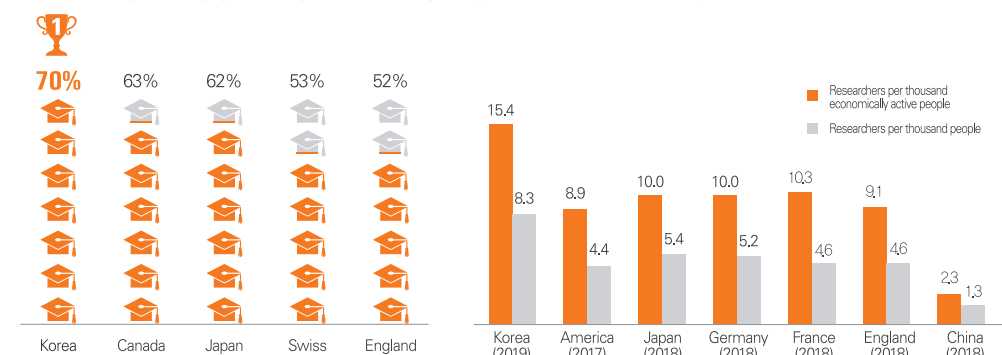
Korea ensures the most optimum environment for successful business activities. In the World Bank's "Doing Business 2019" report, Korea ranked fifth among 190 countries as a business-friendly nation for the year 2018.



Globally competitive manpower

Korea's highly skilled manpower will support successful businesses for global investors. 75 percent of a sample of 200 foreign companies in operation in Korea said Korean people had a strong sense of sincerity and responsibility. The percentage of college graduates among those aged between 25 and 34 is 70 percent-the highest among OECD member nations. Also, the number of researchers per 1,000 economically active population in Korea is 15.4.

<The percentage of college graduates aged 25 to 34 among the top five OECD countries R&D manpower status in Korea>



※ Source : OECD, 2019

※ Source: Ministry of Science and ICT

Logistics, as intricate as a spider's web

Korea's Incheon International Airport offers direct flights to 173 cities in 52 countries through 88 domestic and international airlines. The airport's annual passenger traffic is around 71 million. The Busan Port, one of the hub ports in Korea, is located at the center of major sea routes. A total of 269 regular routes for container vessels, including 47 routes to China, 68 to Japan, 50 to Southeast Asia, and 42 to North America, pass through the Busan Port, making it the world's second-largest port in terms of the number of regular container vessel routes.

Quality electricity, water supply, and telecommunications

Korea's power, water, and gas infrastructure and telecommunications networks are among the best in the world. Korea's electricity and water for industrial use that are supplied reliably at low prices ensure a high level of consumer satisfaction. As an iconic IT powerhouse, Korea boasts high-quality landline, mobile and high-speed internet services all across the country-it takes just one day to get a new broadband connection.

KFEZ, the reason for trust in business

Where is the "new continent" for the 21st-century business? Korea, the Northeast Asian hub, is the answer. The country has internationally-recognized infrastructure with geographical merits, globally high-skilled manpower, and global logistics systems.



Where  
**Opportunity**  
Blossoms!



**Best Place for Success**  
**Your opportunity for success is here**

**For successful business, strong and effective incentives are given**

The KFEZs guarantee liberal and wide business activities through deregulation and financial support. Various benefits include reduction or exemption of acquisition tax and property tax, cash grants, eased regulations on labor and free foreign payment.



**Tax benefits**

The KFEZs offer exemptions or reductions in tariffs, acquisition tax and property tax for foreign-invested resident firms and developers, based on Special Act on Designation and Management of FEZs and Restriction of Special Taxation Act.

**Foreign-invested companies in an KFEZs**

Category		Benefits	Investment Requirements
National tax	Tariffs	100% exemption for 5 years	imported capital goods only
Local tax	Acquisition tax	100% tax exemption for up to 15 years in accordance with local ordinances	
	Property tax	Tax reductions for up to 15 years in accordance with local ordinances	

**Developer**

Category		Benefits	Requirements
National tax	Tariff	100% exemption for 5 years	imported capital goods only
Local tax	Acquisition tax	100% tax exemption for up to 15 years, in accordance with local ordinances	Foreign investment over \$30 million, or a foreign investment ratio of over 50%, and a total development project cost of over \$500 million
	Property tax	Tax reduction for up to 15 years, in accordance with local ordinances	

**Deregulation for hassle-free business**

The KFEZs support foreign-invested firms' activities by relaxing regulations.

Category	Details
Relief from control on labor affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not obliged to fill vacant job positions with persons of national merit, the disabled, or the elderly</li> <li>Unpaid leave is permitted</li> <li>May expand the type of work and terms of dispatched worker assignments</li> </ul>
Exemption from Seoul regulations in metropolitan area	Any foreign-invested firm in an FEZ shall be relieved from the application of the provision in Seoul Metropolitan Area Readjustment Planning Act(Article 7: Restricted actions in the overcrowding control area, Article 8: Restricted actions in the growth management area, Article 12: Imposition and collection of the overcrowding charges, Article 18: Quota system management for the crowd-inducing facilities, Article 19: Control on the mega-scale project development)
Easier foreign payment	A foreign-invested firm may directly engage in foreign currency transfer to clear a business transaction, up to a limit of \$ 10,000

**Financial support and site support**

The KFEZs offer various financial and site support for cash grants, infrastructure and rent, based on Special Act on Designation and Management of FEZs, Foreign Investment Promotion Act and local ordinances.

Support	Details	Eligibility
Cash grants	Financial support for land and Building purchase costs, rental fee, construction cost and employment grants. The actual amount shall be decided through negotiation. - Covers Factory and research facility construction costs, employment subsidies, employee training subsidies, etc	Foreign-invested companies with a foreign-investment ratio of 30% or higher - Cash grants will be approved based on a company's accompaniment of technology transfer effects, size of employment, etc
Support for infrastructure	Support for infrastructure including roads, railways, airports, ports, water and sewage, waste treatment facilities	50% of the infrastructure construction cost is covered by government budget. If the Free Economic Zone Committee approves it, 100% of the cost will be covered
Support for education and research facilities	Financial support for the establishment, operation and construction of education and research facilities	Certain conditions such as reputation and contribution to national development should be met
Support for rent	Government or publicly owned land can be leased for up to 50 years The rent shall be around 10/1,000 of the land price	Foreign-invested companies
Lease fee exemption and reduction	50-100% tax reductions in accordance with local ordinances	Foreign-invested companies

**Systemic and professional One-Stop service**

Each FEZ designates individual project managers who support all investment procedures from preliminary review for investment to follow-up management. The project managers not only provide business consulting for new investment opportunities and prospective investment partners, but also administrative support for legal affairs, accounting and tax management. This will help investors make swift business decisions.





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Blossoms!



## Best Place for Happiness

**A happy life will unfold**

### **A convenient and happy life unfolds in the KFEZs**

The KFEZs provide the optimal living environment for your safety, health, happiness and prosperous future with your family. Experience the convenience and pleasure of life in the KFEZs by coming with your successful business.

**Environment for international education**

Multinational business persons can maintain upscale lifestyles in the KFEZs. For the future of their children, in particular, the KFEZs will be a good opportunity. The KFEZs have already invited internationally renowned universities, high schools, middle schools and elementary schools, offering high-quality international education services. Educational institutes in the IFEZ include the international campuses of New York State University, George Mason University, the University of Utah of U.S., and Ghent University of Belgium, nurturing internationally talented individuals.



**State-of-the-art medical services**

The quality of Korea's advanced medical system is proven by the increasing number of foreign travelers visiting Korea for medical tourism. Every residential area has its own small and medium-sized hospitals and pharmacies. General hospitals where foreign patients do not face communication barriers are located across the nation. The KFEZs are striving to establish foreign for-profit hospitals and a cluster of foreign medical institutions combined with hotels, condominiums and therapeutic spas for more advanced medical services.



**Upscale cultural infrastructure**

The KFEZs have mega-sized theme parks, marine-tourism facilities, large shopping malls and golf courses adjacent to residential areas to ensure a healthy and happy life. Theaters and performance facilities offer not only world famous performances but also Korean culture. Enjoy a culturally abundant life in the pleasant living and business environment of the KFEZs.

**Support for education, medical services and housing**

The KFEZs provide education, medical and housing support for employees at the resident foreign invested companies.

Support	Details
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign educational institutions (elementary/middle/high schools, universities) may be established</li> <li>KFEZs will provide financial support for land purchases, construction and school operation, and make land available for schools</li> </ul>
Medical service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening and operating foreign medical institutions or foreigner-only pharmacies will be permitted.</li> <li>Special exceptions may be allowed for subsidiary businesses—for example, a convalescent hot spring to be run by a medical institution</li> </ul>
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening foreigner-only casinos will be allowed for foreign investors that invest more than \$500 million</li> <li>Foreign broadcasting channels will be expanded, organized and operated through local cable networks</li> </ul>

# Korean Free Economic Zones

There are seven KFEZs







### Advantages

#### Global business frontier city

- The global economic platform for the establishment of the Pan-Yellow Sea economic region.
- Global education, R&D, MICE and tourism, finance and knowledge services, marine leisure, cultural and art content, and advanced logistics.

#### The hub of service industries through the link between advanced distribution and logistics.

- The hub of biomedical industry, convergence of state-of-the-art technologies and cutting-edge automobile industry.
- A smart city enabled with specialization of environmentally-friendly landscapes, a low-carbon, and energy-saving city.

#### A global business city chosen by international organizations and leading companies

- Fifteen international organizations including the Green Climate Fund, World Bank and A-WEB. (Association of World Election Bodies)
- 87 global enterprises of 16 nations, including Samsung BioLogics, Celltrion, Boeing, BMW and GM, etc.

#### The most attractive city for entering the markets of East Asia

- The best location for entering the Chinese market, including Beijing and Shanghai
- Access to 167 cities with a population over 1 million within 3 hours

#### Center of logistics and transportation

- Incheon International Airport, a Northeast Asian hub, was ranked first in airport service quality by the Airports Council for 12 straight years.
- Incheon port is a state-of-the-art port that can handle 12,000TEU mega cargo ships.
- The transportation network connects Incheon to Seoul and the metropolitan area within one hour.

#### The best living environment for foreigners

- Global universities : A global education environment is ensured with high-quality education services including top universities like the State University of New York, George Mason University, the University of Utah, Ghent University, SUNY KOREA, and SUNY FIT
- International school : Songdo Chadwick International, Cheongna Dalton School
- Improvement of foreign residency conditions through 5,000 foreigners' communities
- Safe, convenient and efficient smart city with 24-hour smart city operation center

### Major projects & Resident companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
Songdo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 53.4km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : International business, IT, BT, Education, R&amp;D</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed as a global hub of cutting-edge knowledge and service industries including IT and BT</li> <li>Multinationals and regional HQs of international organizations</li> </ul>
Yeongjong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 51.3km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Aviation logistics, Tourism, Complex leisure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed as a city for leisure and tourism that encompasses avionics, logistics, leisure and tourism</li> <li>Development of integrated resorts including the LOCZ integrated resort and Paradise City</li> </ul>
Cheongna	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 17.8km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : International service(finance), R&amp;D, Medical care, High-tech industry, Distribution, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centered around the main cluster of cutting-edge automobile industry with finance and automobile parts manufacturing and research</li> <li>Cheongna Hana Financial Town, Robot Land, and Shinsegae Shopping Mall under construction</li> </ul>

#### Major resident companies

- Huneed Technologies, a U.S. Aerospace industry R&D center and manufacturing facilities
- TOK Advanced Materials, a Japan research center and manufacturing facility for electronic materials used in semiconductors and LCDs
- DHL, a U.S. Incheon Logistics center
- Merck, a Germany M.Lab Collaboration Center
- AMADA, a Japan Technical center for metal processing machines
- OTIS, a U.S. Elevator R&D center & manufacturing facility
- Celltrion Inc., U.S. Biopharmaceuticals manufacturing and research
- Amkor Technology Korea, U.S. Manufacturing facilities and R&D center for next-generation semiconductor packaging
- JCET STATS ChipPAC, a Singapore Semiconductor packaging
- BMW, a Germany Driving center
- Saint-Gobain, a France Manufactures Bio Fluid Systems
- Henkel, a Germany Semiconductor packaging material & technology

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## The economic frontline of the Pan-Yellow Sea region and global business frontier!

The Incheon Free Economic Zone has the best geographical location equipped with the Incheon International Airport winning ASQ awards for 12 consecutive years and the Incheon port boosting a large cargo handling capacity. With its excellent location, IFEZ has been growing into a green and smart city which best supports businesses in the advanced knowledge service industries and high-tech convergence industries.



Area	122.42km <sup>2</sup>
Anticipated population	539,000
Development period	2003 to 2030







# BJFEZ

## Busan-Jinhae Free Economic Zone

### Global Hub for International Business and Logistics

The Busan-Jinhae Economic Zone (BJFEZ) is one of the best distribution hubs in Northeast Asia. BJFEZ, which handles 75% of South Korea's total freight cargo, ranked sixth in the world in terms of container handling capacity and second in transshipment. It has industrial clusters for shipbuilding, auto and machinery and is a home to electric car companies, data centers and many other next-generation digital companies.



Area	51.1km <sup>2</sup>
Anticipated population	204,000
Development period	2003 to 2023



### Advantages

#### International logistic hub

- An optimal logistic center connecting major seaports around the world (124 times from the Americas, 32 times from Europe, 84 times from Japan, 78 times from China, and 148 times from Southeast Asia per week)
- An integrated sea-air transportation system connecting Gimhae International Airport with New Busan Port
- Port terminals capable of loading and unloading the world's largest 24,000 TEU-class container vessels 24/7

#### Globally competitive industrial infrastructure

- Approximately 90 percent of Korea's shipbuilding companies are located nearby. They include Hyundai Heavy Industries, Samsung Heavy Industries, Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering and STX.
- The world's seventh largest cluster of auto industries, such as subcontractors of automobile companies (Renault Samsung Motors, Hyundai Motor Company, GM, etc.)
- A hub of digital industries with value chains of electric vehicles built around KORENS EM and a cluster of global companies' data centers

#### Huge pool of the best human resources

- MOUs with British Lancaster University and Royal Russel School(K-12).
- Massive market and high-quality labor available from the nearby consumer market of 8 million.

#### A desirable city to live with beautiful natural landscapes and resort and leisure facilities

- Large-scale tourism and leisure complex composed of a golf course(36 holes, under operation), hotels, resort village and other facilities.

#### Center of global business

- Global Campus Town.
- Attracted foreign schools, (medical centers) and research centers.
- Convention, Hotel, Shopping mall, etc.

#### Focusing on Triport

- Seaport(Busan New Port), Airport(Gimhae International Airport), Rail(Staring & Ending Point of Future Potential Continental Railways : TCR or TSR)

### Major projects & Tenant companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
Busan New Port	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Area : 11.1km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>- Development plan : Logistics, manufacturing and retail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing a mega-hub port of Northeast Asia and a regional distribution hub</li> <li>- Developing a high-tech integrated distribution base and a port city to support the functioning of the port</li> <li>- Contributing to the fostering of the port distribution industry to further develop Busan as an advanced marine city</li> </ul>
Myeongji International Business City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Area : 12.8km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>- Development plan : International business, housing, foreign schools and medical institutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Creating an international business hub in BJFEZ</li> <li>- Creating world-class residential and educational environments</li> <li>- Creating an eco-friendly city by developing a large central park and a green network</li> </ul>
Ungdong Tour & Leisure Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Area : 9.8km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>- Development plan : Leisure and vacation facilities, logistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To establish a large-scale tourism and leisure complex with golf course, hotels, sports facilities, children's park and leisure and cultural facilities</li> <li>- Developing a logistics and distribution area by constructing a new port hinterland distribution complex</li> <li>- Developing an industrial complex to attract high-tech industries</li> </ul>
Jisa High-Tech Industrial Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Area : 13.1km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>- Development plan : Cutting-edge manufacturing, R&amp;D center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To construct manufacturing-based facilities for automobile parts, machinery and shipbuilding materials and an advanced parts and R&amp;D center</li> <li>- A cluster of high-tech research labs (FAU LSTME, Mieum R&amp;D, etc.)</li> </ul>
Dudong Logistics & Residence Complex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Area : 4.3km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>- Development plan : Mechatronics, R&amp;D, University Campuses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing an integrated distribution city (Kendall Square Distribution Center, LG Integrated Distribution Center, etc.)</li> <li>- Creating residential areas for the employees of tenant companies</li> </ul>

#### Major tenant companies

- Wilo Pump : Germany\_manufacturing pumps and systems for building services and industrial applications
- Tsubaki Moto Automotive Korea Co. : Japan\_manufacturing automobile's parts
- Hoeganaes Korea Production: Sweden-manufacturing powdered metals
- Danfoss Korea\_Denmark\_Manufacturing heat exchangers
- SKF Korea-Sweden: Manufacturing automobile parts
- Bosch Rexroth-Germany: Manufacturing machine parts
- LS Metal Co. : Korea\_manufacturing copper tubes and pipes, stainless steel pipes
- LG CNS Data Center : Korea\_information services

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# GFEZ

## Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zone

### Northeast Asia's Finest Industrial Infrastructure

Strategically located at a key point along the main Pacific Ocean route, Gwangyang Bay features business-friendly infrastructure with an abundant supply of water and industrial sites. Divided into six zones for logistics, manufacturing, residence, tourism and multiple themes, Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zone (GFEZ) strives to realize its vision as a global trade city where new industries exist in harmony with culture and tourism.



Area	59.8km <sup>2</sup>
Population	800,000
Development period	2004 to 2022



### Advantages

#### Best shipping logistics base in Northeast Asia

- The Gwangyang Bay Area is located on the world's largest China-North America sea route, as well as on the mainsea routes of Northeast Asia and the Pacific Ocean.
- The zone has the closest port in Korea to major ports in Northeast Asia, such as Shanghai, Hong Kong, Osaka and Kaohsiung, making it an ideallocation for shipping transport.
- The sea has a maximum depth of 41 meters, allowing the entry and departure of mega vessels weighing more than 300,000 tons.
- The zoneis positioned to be thestarting point for overland transport between Northeast Asia and Europe, and between Northeast Asia and Central Asia when connected to the Trans-Siberian Railway, Trans-Manchurian Railway and Trans-China Railway.

#### Excellent industrial infrastructure

- The GFEZ has an internationally advantageous port handling up to 293 million tons of cargo a year as of 2017.
- It is equipped with stable infrastructure of industrial complex.
- The zone is adjacent to POSCO's Gwangyang Steel Mill and the Yeosu National Industrial District.
- It nurtures 8,000 high-quality workers a year through 38 educational institutions nearby.

#### Gateway to Northeast Asia via ports, airports, roads and railways

- Four airports in Yeosu, Sacheon, Gwangju and Muan are within 1 hour of the zone.
- Metropolitan areas are reachable within 3 hours via five highways, eight roads and 18 local roads.
- Via KTX, Seoul is reachable within 2 1/2 hours.

#### Comfortable living environment

- The area will provide international education through foreign schools.
- It has 634 general and smaller hospitals with more than 7,000 beds for comfortable medical services.
- The GFEZ provides favorable living conditions with cyclic ecology passages and golf courses.
- It has abundant tourism and cultural resources, including Yeosu Expo Ocean Park, Suncheon Bay National Garden, nine national and provincial parks and 270 national treasures and cultural heritage sites.

### Major projects & Resident companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
Gwang-yang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 12.88km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : International business, logistics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located on the main sea route from Asia to North America and Europe</li> <li>The Gwangyang Port makes it easier for export shipping and logistics</li> <li>To develop international logistics facilities for processing and assembly, international convention center</li> </ul>
Yulchon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 18.03km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Steel, machinery, assembly, new renewable energy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To bring in synergy with already-existing steel and petrochemical industrial clusters</li> <li>Together with Gwangyang Port, it can build a major harbor for container transport in the Gwangyang Bay Area</li> </ul>
Sindeok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 790km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Housing, functional chemical materials, foreigner-only lease complexes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To build Sindae Complex with facilities for residence, education, health care, business and leisure</li> <li>To attract and build an advanced chemical materials cluster and a biodegradable packaging industry cluster</li> <li>To build urban cyclic ecology passages for the first time in Korea</li> </ul>
Hadong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 9.70km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Multi-functional area for off-shore plant, shipbuilding, metal-working, Business, Tourism and Leisure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Logistics cost of shipping materials can be reduced thanks to the thick plate production from POSCO's steel plant, located just 2km away</li> <li>Marine plant Comprehensive Testing Research Institute</li> <li>Concentration of R&amp;D, education and production functions with the scheduled opening of the Offshore Plant Testing and Research Institute</li> </ul>
Hwayang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 9.17km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Integrated tourism, leisure and sports resort, linked to Maritime National Park.</li> <li>Launch of the Immigrant Investor Scheme for Real Estate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To build multi-purpose complex for maritime vacations, tourism and leisure, as the base for Southern Coast Tourism Belt</li> <li>In development of golf clubs and convalescent condominiums</li> </ul>
Gyeongdo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 2.13km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Accommodation, Shopping, Sports&amp;leisure.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ideal conditions and enough potential to develop into the only island tourism complex in Korea</li> <li>Vitalize the local economy by promoting tourism attractions and creating jobs by promoting foreign investment in the Gwangyang Bay area</li> <li>Promote marine tourist complex with the establishment of tour and leisure facilities by using the magnificent scenery of the archipelago</li> </ul>

#### Major resident companies

- Hyundai Glovis-Korea Logistics
- SNNC-Increased investment for a ferronickel manufacturing facility
- Dongbu Complex Logistics-Logistics
- POSCO : Korea\_Steel
- CJ Korea Express Corp. : Korea\_logistics and distribution
- Hyundai Steel : Korea\_Steel
- Kumho Petrochemicals : Energy

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# GGFEZ

## Gyeonggi Free Economic zone

### A hub of innovative growth of new industries in the future

The Gyeonggi Free Economic Zone (GGFEZ), located at the center of the West Coast Economic Belt, consists of three districts—the Pyeongtaek-Poseung (BIX) District for high-tech, logistics, and distribution industries, the Hyeondeok District, and the Siheung-Baegot District for the research and development of unmanned land/sea/air vehicles.



Area	5.24km <sup>2</sup>
Anticipated population	34,000
Development period	Poseung · Hyeondeok District 2015 to 2020 Siheung Baegot District 2020 to 2027



### Advantages

#### Largest knowledge-based manufacturing cluster in Korea

- Attracted around 3,350 global companies including Samsung Electronics, Hyundai Kia Motors, LG Display, Hyundai Steel, 3M, Siemens, Sony and Bosch and more.
- The area's IT, semiconductor, mechatronics and parts businesses account for about 40 percent of Korea's knowledge-based manufacturing

#### Forward base for exports to China and Northeast Asia

- The zone has the fastest access to China's coastal industrial economic belt. (distance from Pyeongtaek, Korea to Rongcheng, china: 396km)
- It is close to Pyeongtaek port equipped with 63 berths which is directly connected to major ports in China and Southeast Asia.

#### Excellent proximity and investment environment

- It is connected to major highways and high speed KTX railway.
- Incheon International Airport and Chungju Airport are within two hours' journey of Northeast Asia's major cities.
- It is near the enormous market of Seoul metropolitan areas and rich human resources.

#### Korea-China business valley

- The zone will develop the area into a hub for exchanges with China in commerce, tourism, medical services and housing through investment by Chinese capital.
- It will offer multi-purpose facilities for international business, vacation and culture.
- Center of the Yellow Sea industrial belt.

### Major projects & Resident companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
Pyeongtaek BIX	· Area : 2.04km <sup>2</sup> · Development plan: Automobile parts, chemistry, electronics, machinery, electric equipment manufacturing, Other transportation equipment manufacturing	· Automotive Component Complex, Value-added Logistics Machinery, Electronics, Chemical and more · Optimal forward base for exports to China, in connection with Pyeongtaek port's hinterland
Hyeondeok	· Area : 2.32km <sup>2</sup> · Development plan : Distribution, Commercial, Residential	· Northeast Asian retail and tourism hub and residential environment for foreigners
Siheung Baegot District	· Area : 0.88km <sup>2</sup> · Development plan : Unmanned ground/ underwater/aerial vehicles, R&D, Manufacturing-based fourth industry	· Unmanned Mobile Vehicle R&D, Education, Bio&Medical and more

※ BIX : Refers to the "Business and Industry Complex", which is Gyeonggi Province's specialized brand.

#### Neighboring resident companies

- Samsung Electronics : Korea\_Electronics and semiconductor
- LG Innotek : Korea\_Materials and components
- Sony : Japan\_Electronics and electricity
- ENC Inc. : U.S.\_Logistics
- Mitsubishi Motors : Japan\_Automobile

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# DGFEZ

## Daegu-Gyeongbuk Free Economic Zone

### Transforming from manufacturing industrial complex to high-tech convergence medical industrial complex

The DGFEZ is armed with Korea's knowledge-based industry and ideal service infrastructure. It offers development land, R&D facilities, commerce and residential areas with a focus on IT convergence, transport components and medical businesses. It is located in the heart of Korea's largest automotive cluster and a center of IT/SW, healthcare and steel industries. The area also boasts high-quality human resources.



Area	18.45km <sup>2</sup>
Anticipated population	76,000
Development period	2008 to 2022



### Advantages

#### Home to Korea's leading industrial clusters

- The DGFEZ is at the heart of "Auto Valley," connecting automotive electronic parts firms in Gumi, mechatronics in Daegu, complete automobiles in Yeongcheon, Gyeongju and Ulsan, shipbuilding in Busan and machinery and metals in Changwon.
- Around Pohang, it houses a steel industry cluster where POSCO, Hyundai Steel and Dongkuk Steel are located.
- It will have a 4.6 trillion-won state-supported medical cluster : New Drug Development Center, Medical Device Development Center, Laboratory Animal Center, Clinical Drug Manufacturing Center and Communication Center.
- It also has an IT and Software industry cluster with bases for Samsung Electronics, LG Display and Dassault Systemes.

#### R&D centers supporting new growth industries

- The zone has 135 R&D institutions including the Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute, Korea Institute of Industrial Technology and Korea Institute of Machinery & Materials.
- It has two R&D special districts - Daegu Technopolis and Sinseo Medivalley, DGIST and POSTECH.

#### Rich human resources

- There are 51 universities and colleges within the Daegu-Gyeongbuk region and 71,000 graduates including 17,000 in national science and engineering, enter the job market every year.
- It has 135 R&D institutions with 4,800 researchers.

### Major projects & Resident companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
Daegu Technopolis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 726km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Automobiles and auto parts, mechatronics, IT convergence, green energy, Specialty hospital, state-run health-related institutions, medical tourism facilities, advanced IT companies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To build advanced science R&amp;D belt linking Daejeon, Gwangju and Daegu by combining state-run research labs</li> <li>High-quality workforce in IT, nanotechnology, biotechnology, intelligent vehicle and industrial textiles (Fifty-one specialized universities produces 17,000 graduates majoring in science and engineering)</li> </ul>
Suseong Medical District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 0,98km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : (State-run) Medical institute, hotels for medical tourism, and cutting-edge IT and software companies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced R&amp;D with full infrastructure of medical human resources</li> <li>To establish medical tourism complex where visitors can stay and experience premium medical services and cultural activities at the same time</li> <li>Hub of creative economy for the R&amp;D of cutting-edge IT and software companies that champion knowledge-based industry</li> </ul>
Sinseo Meditech District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 1,05km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : New medicine and advanced medical device development, R&amp;D</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop new medicine and medical devices through support for research facilities and use of resident state-run research institution's infrastructure</li> <li>To support research assistance for vitalizing joint research projects</li> <li>To support successful R&amp;D in accordance with the High-tech Medical Complex Special Act</li> </ul>
International Fashion District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 1,18km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Fashion, media, advanced IT and knowledge-based industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To advance, and integrate fashion industries and anticipate synergy with related industries</li> <li>Conditions for settlement fully met with many facilities of tourism, leisure, education and medical service</li> </ul>
Yeongcheon High-tech Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 1,22km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Intelligent auto parts complex, R&amp;D center, future car theme park, components logistics center, specialized colleges</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specialized zones for knowledge-based manufacturing industry (To build an advanced mechatronics industrial complex and components logistics center for manufacturing intelligent automobiles)</li> <li>The center of Korea's largest auto-parts valley</li> <li>To build future-oriented automobile theme park</li> </ul>
Yeongcheon Industry District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 1,46km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Automobile parts, electronics, machinery, metals, advanced components and materials, global R&amp;D</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To build Korea's largest components and materials industry cluster</li> <li>Landprices among the lowest in Korea</li> <li>Advantageous in commercializing advanced technologies, due to close proximity to R&amp;D centers for machinery and metals, automobiles</li> </ul>
Gyeongsan Knowledge Industry District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 3,83km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Construction machines and components, new medical materials, automobile parts, medical device and R&amp;D</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop specialized complexes for construction machinery and components, advanced medical materials(1trillion-won state project)</li> <li>It is an R&amp;D base for Korea's southeastern area, with strong manpower in R&amp;D</li> <li>To build a cluster of automobile parts, steel, new medicine and medical devices</li> </ul>
Pohang Fusion Tech District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 1,48km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Complex for green energy, bio industry, mechatronics, components materials and R&amp;D</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advanced science research labs include R&amp;D centers in nanotechnology, biotechnology and intelligent robotics</li> <li>Networks with renowned global firms, (Companies in non-steel industries, automobile and shipbuilding parts are moving in)</li> </ul>

#### Major resident companies

- KNT Company : Japan\_ Precision multitasking machine
- MR Innovation : Korea/Swiss\_Cosmetics, biotic pesticide
- Abpro Bio : Korea/Saudi Arabia/ Cayman Islands\_manufacturing equipment
- Assab Steel Korea : Singapore\_Steel for mold components
- PNDDT : Korea/Japan\_Automobile parts, damper pulley
- Daicel Safety Systems Korea : Japan\_Automobile parts
- Tohmei Korea : Japan\_Machinery, machine components
- Hwajin : Korea/Japan\_Wood grain and interior materials for automobiles
- SamickTHK : Korea/Japan\_Rolling bearing
- KT&C : Korea/U.S.\_Kitchenware
- Nakamura-Tome Precision Industry : Japan\_High-precision complex processors
- Hyundai Robotics : Korea\_Industrial robot
- ASPT : Korea/Singapore/Vietnam\_Environment friendly packaging material
- Daekyung Robotec : Korea/U.S\_Industrial robot
- Taesan Hightec : Korea/U.S\_Electric bike

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## High-end tourism and advanced materials industries right in the economic center of northeast Asia! East Coast Free Economic Zone

The EFEZ is a special economic area geared toward maximizing inward investment by offering economic autonomy to foreign-invested companies through the relaxation of regulations, offering of tax incentives, and provision of convenient living environment and administrative services. Located in the East Sea area of Gangwon Province in an area where the living conditions for foreign workers have been improved, EFEZ is working to ensure that companies enjoy the freedom to engage in a broad range of business activities there. Located in the economic center of northeast Asia, EFEZ is focused on high-end marine tourism and the advanced parts industry thanks to world-class development of a zone that combines the best of an international tourist city with key industrial facilities for advanced and ultralight materials and parts.



Area	4.8km <sup>2</sup>
Anticipated population	13,000
Development period	2013 to 2024



### Advantages

- Creation of an ultralight non-ferrous metals industrial cluster
- Ideal location for the advanced materials industry by leveraging both domestic and overseas resources
- Technical support provided through the nearby R&D center (Gangwon Technopark, KITECH Gangwon Regional Division)
- Center of logistics and business in the northeast Asian economic area
- It is a logistics hub, connecting to Sakaiminato in Japan, Vladivostok in Russia and Dongbei in China.
- The population of the East Sea economic region is estimated to be 306 million.
- The economic size of the wider region is expected to grow to \$12.2 trillion in 2020, which is 51 percent of that of the EU.
- Provides optimal conditions for building a sustainable tourism city
- The clearest sea, the greenest forests, and the best air quality in Korea
- Becoming an attractive investment region for companies doing business in the Northern Economic Zone (an area that includes the three Northeastern Provinces in China, the Far Eastern region of Russia, the Korean Peninsula, and part of Japan); the only economic free zone on the east coast
- Favorably positioned to attract tourists from the northeast Asian areas of China, Japan, and Russia The clearest sea, the greenest forests, and the best air quality in Korea

### Major projects & Resident companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
<b>Bukpyeong</b> high-tech parts multifunctional industrial complex	· Area : 0.51km <sup>2</sup> · Development plan : Hub of logistics business in the East Sea region, industrial hub of advanced components	· Easy exports and imports at East Sea logistics business hub · To develop industrial complex for advanced components · Leading companies linked to nonferrous metals industry : Dongbu Metal, LS Cable & System, etc
<b>Mangsang</b> International Multifunctional Tour City	· Area : 3.91km <sup>2</sup> · Development Plan : Hotels & resort, residences, health care & healing facilities, foreign educational institutions, etc.	· To develop as the international complex tourist city · To be a central hub of tour and recreation in Northeast Asia · To combine provincial tourist attractions in connection with East Sea
<b>Okgye</b> high-tech material · parts convergence and integration complex	· Area : 0.38km <sup>2</sup> · Development plan : Cluster of ultralight materials industries, R&D complex for advanced materials	· Cluster of advanced materials industries, using plentiful local resources · Leading companies linked to nonferrous metals industry, DB Metal's ferroalloy production is world's second-largest

#### Major companies

- Dongbu Metal : Ferroalloy production (Korea)
- LS Cable & System : Submarine power cables production (Korea)
- POSCO : Lithium and copper rolled production (Korea)

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# CBFEZ

## Chungbuk Free Economic Zone

### Environmentally-friendly BIT Convergence Business Hub

The CBFEZ is located at the center of Korea, which allows fast access to inland regions and a transportation network that runs in all directions. It is Korea's IT biotechnology convergence industry hub, equipped with a cluster of facilities for solar energy generation, semiconductor manufacturing and biotechnology businesses. It is also turning itself into the hub of Northeast Asia's aviation industry.



Area	4.88km <sup>2</sup>
Anticipated population	50,000
Development period	2013 to 2022



### Advantages

#### Center of Korea's transportation

- The zone has access to the Seoul metropolitan area in one hour, and other parts of the nation in two hours.
- Seven high ways pass through the zone. Osong Station, the only station where the Gyeongbu Line intersects with the Honam Line, connects all parts of the country.
- Cheongju International Airport, the hub of the central region, is nearby.
- Cheongju International is the only local airport that runs 24 hours for freight air carriers.
- The CBFEZ has access to major Asian countries such as China and Thailand within one to three hours.
- It takes 10 minutes to get to Sejong City, the new administrative capital of Korea, and one hour to get to Pyeongtaek and Dangjin port, the center of marine logistics from the zone.

#### Fostering the future high-tech aviation industry

- Hub of the aviation industry (RH Focus, Seongwoo Engineering, ENC Tech, Kascom, etc.)
- Human Resources for the Aviation Industry(300 experts every years from 5 Uni. and 1 special high school)
- Intergraded within Korea's biggest R&D centers around Cheongju International Airport(International Science Business Belt, Daedeok Research Town, Ochang Science Industrial Complex, etc.)

#### Korea's only bio hub with one-stop support for all industrial process

- "Osong Bio-Health Science Complex" is Korea's only biotech complex initiated by the government. "Osong high-tech Medical Complex" has ideal human resources and infrastructure to develop new medicines and advanced medical devices. This zone also has a biomedical administration town where six state-run institutions in health and medical services, such as the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety, are located.
  - It has four major government research facilities and national biomedical facilities.
  - It can offer one-stop support for all stages of bio manufacturing, from clinical trials to approvals to manufacturing and retailing.
- It is home to more than 60 biomedical companies, 120 bio-related company-affiliated research centers and three universities specialized in biotechnology.

### Major projects & Resident companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
Osong Bio Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 4.41km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Next-generation global pharmaceutical industry, New bio drug and IT convergence medical equipment industries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biomedical administration town houses six state-run institutions for health and medical services and four government research facilities</li> <li>A communication venture research center and 120 private medical research labs</li> <li>60 biomedical companies including CJ and LG Life Sciences and BT colleges</li> </ul>
Cheongju Aeropolis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area : 0.57km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Development plan : Aircraft maintenance, aviation education, research labs, components industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheongju International Airport in operation 24 hours a day</li> <li>Excellent location allowing the fastest manufacturing process designated as pilot area for aircraft maintenance in 2009, designated as base for total aviation MRO service in 2010</li> <li>Five colleges and one high school nurture experts in aircraft maintenance.</li> </ul>

#### Major resident companies

- National Biobank of Korea : Korea\_bio industry
- National Center for Medical Information and Knowledge : Korea\_medical research
- National Center for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine : Korea\_managing stem cell resources and research information
- Covidien Korea : Korea\_Medical technology and services

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# GJFEZ

## Gwangju Free Economic Zone

### A hub of new convergence industries based on win-win approach and AI

The Gwangju Free Economic Zone (GJFEZ) is growing as a base for global new industries, such as AI, future cars, and smart energy, through AI-based industrial upgrading, innovative growth, and job creation program tailored to the local conditions of Gwangju.



Area	4,371km <sup>2</sup>
Population	29,249 people
Business period	2020 ~ 2025



### Advantages

#### Innovative city

- Gwangju-tailored job creation program demonstrates a new paradigm of labor-management culture and job creation.
- The AI Industrial Convergence Complex Project, the nation's only project exempted from software preliminary feasibility study, will make Gwangju a city specialized in AI technology.

#### Fourth industrial revolution projects

- The Energy Industry Convergence Complex makes Gwangju a perfect location to become a base of Korea's new energy industries and convergence between energy and other industries.
- Gwangju has been designated as a regulatory free zone for unmanned Low Speed Special Vehicle and green energy ESS development
- The Artificial Intelligence Industrial Convergence Complex offers AI-based key infrastructure, such as big data centers.

#### Abundant high-quality manpower and innovative institutions

- Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology's Graduate School of Artificial Intelligence, and Gwangju Artificial Intelligence Academy
- KEPCOTECH, a university specialized in energy, to be established in March 2022
- 8 research institutes, 9 supporting institutions, and 9 educational institutions clustered in the downtown area

#### A pleasant and livable city

- International cultural infrastructure: Gwangju Biennale, 2015 Gwangju Summer Universiade, 2019 Gwangju World Swimming Championships
- The National Asian Cultural Center a window into the culture of culture
- A pleasant living environment for the employees of resident companies

### Major Projects & Resident companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
Future automobile industry district	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area: 1,847km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Development plan: Finished car factory (Gwangju-tailored job creation program), Advanced parts and materials, Automotive R&amp;D Center, Industry-Academic Convergence Campus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish the Gwangju Global Motors as part of the Gwangju-tailored job creation program</li> <li>• Create an eco-friendly auto parts cluster</li> </ul>
Smart Energy Industry District I & II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area: 1,418km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Development plan: Energy Innovation Companies, advanced energy cluster, Energy Research Institutes, Energy-specialized R&amp;D complex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an energy industry convergence complex</li> <li>• Improve energy efficiency and develop smart grids in partnership with KEPCO</li> </ul>
Convergence District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area: 1,106km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Development plan: Future-oriented R&amp;D research industrial complex</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create an AI industrial convergence complex</li> </ul>

#### Major resident companies

- Gwangju Global Motors: Korea\_Automobile
- LS ELECTRIC: Korea\_Smart energy
- Encored P&P: U.S.\_Artificial Intelligence (energy big data)
- Artificial Intelligence Industry Cluster Agency: Korea\_Artificial Intelligence
- Eco-friendly car parts cluster: Korea\_Automobile
- Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute (Gwangju branch): Korea\_Smart grid

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## An energy hub of Northeast Asia! A driving force of Ulsan! The future of Korea!

The Ulsan Free Economic Zone (UFEZ), located near the downtown area of Ulsan and a KTX station, is comprised of three districts specialized in hydrogen-based energy industries with a total area of 4.7km<sup>2</sup>. The UFEZ is growing as an energy hub of Northeast Asia on the back of its well-established automobile, shipbuilding, petrochemical infrastructure, innovative infrastructure that supports global companies and manpower, and clusters of various industries.



Area	4.7km <sup>2</sup>
Planned population	27,000 people
Business period	2020 ~ 2030



### Advantages

#### A business-friendly city

- Large companies in automobile, shipbuilding, and petrochemical industries
  - \* The National Industrial Complex, Hyundai Motor, Hyundai Heavy Industries, SK Innovation, S-OIL, etc.
- Public institutions and research institutes related to the chemical and energy industry
  - \* National Oil Corporation, Hydrogen Fuel Cell Demonstration Center, Energy Economics Research Institute, etc.
- The Ulsan Port, the world's fourth largest liquid cargo handling port, has a capacity to store large volumes of liquid cargo.

#### Hydrogen (energy) industry innovation ecosystem infrastructure

- The city announced a vision of the "2030 World's Best Hydrogen City" and 10 projects on February 29, 2020.
- A half of by-product hydrogen in Korea is produced in Ulsan (820,000 tons/year).
- A 130km-long hydrogen pipeline (60% of hydrogen pipelines in Korea) and 10 hydrogen charging stations
- The world's largest hydrogen town (140 units)

#### Conditions for fostering new growth industries based on eco-friendly green new deal special economic zones

- "The Hydrogen Green Mobility Free Regulatory Zone" to lead the hydrogen economy
  - \* A total area of 1.54km<sup>2</sup>: Expanding hydrogen fuel cell logistics vehicles, Hydrogen ships, High-efficiency hydrogen supply systems
- "The Genome Service Industry Free Regulatory Zone" to lead the bio industry
  - \* A total area of 1.19km<sup>2</sup>: Establishing bio data farms and developing disease-specific diagnostic markers, and infectious disease response platforms
- "The Small Giants R&D Special Zone" to establish battery industry innovation clusters
  - \* A total area of 3.01km<sup>2</sup>: Developing core materials for future high-tech batteries, lightweight materials, and smart parts
- "The Nuclear & Nuclear Power Plant Decommissioning Energy Industry Convergence Complex"
  - \* A total area of 20.03km<sup>2</sup> (2 districts): Creating the world's best cluster of nuclear power plant decommissioning and localization of related machinery and equipment
- "The Carbon Dioxide Resource Conversion Free Regulatory Zone" to lead the Green New Deal
  - \* A total area of 0.37km<sup>2</sup>: Accelerating the transition towards a carbon-neutral society by using carbon dioxide as a resource

#### Hydrogen (energy) R&D support organizations

- The Next-Generation Hydrogen Convergence Technology Research Center: Research, development, and technical demonstration of hydrogen power plant technology
- The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Demonstration Center: Development and technical demonstration of hydrogen fuel cells
- The Korea Institute of Energy Research: Research and development of hydrogen fuel cells

### Major Projects & Resident companies

#### Project status and feature

District	Outline	Details
Hydrogen Industrial Base District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area: 1.29km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Development plan: Hydrogen industry (anchor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical demonstration for the hydrogen industry and clusters of research institutes</li> <li>• The leading city in the hydrogen economy</li> </ul>
Electrogen Auto Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area: 0.69km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Development plan: Hydrogen industry (eco-friendly mobility)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Securing hydrogen vehicle parts production facilities</li> <li>• Creation of eco-friendly automobile parts cluster</li> </ul>
R&D Business Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area: 2.72km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Development plan: Hydrogen industry (fuel cell)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• R&amp;D</li> <li>• Fostering business support industries and creating mid- to long-term settlement environments</li> </ul>

#### Major companies attracting domestic and foreign investment

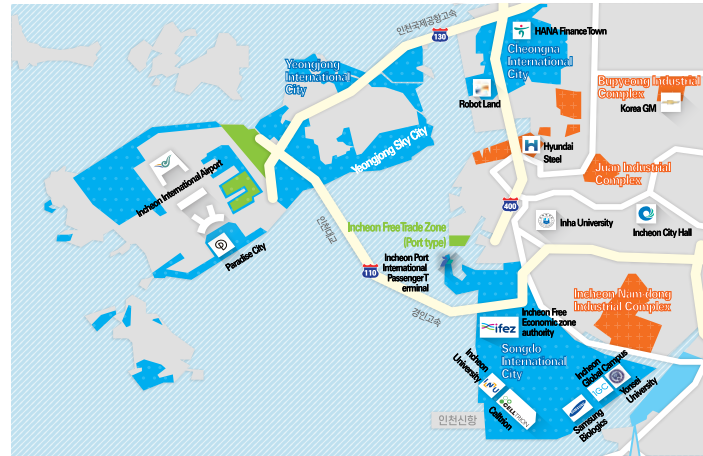
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<b>Institute of Energy Technology</b>	<b>Hyundai Mobis</b>	<b>Next-Generation Hydrogen Convergence Technology Laboratory</b>
Location: The whole area of Duwang-dong, Nam-gu Industry: Research and development of next generation batteries such as hydrogen	Location: The whole area of Jungsang-dong, Buk-gu Industry: Production of eco-friendly automobile parts	Location: The whole area of Eonyang-eup, Ulju-gun Industry: Research and Development of Hydrogen-Related source Technology

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# Korea Free Economic Zones Status Map



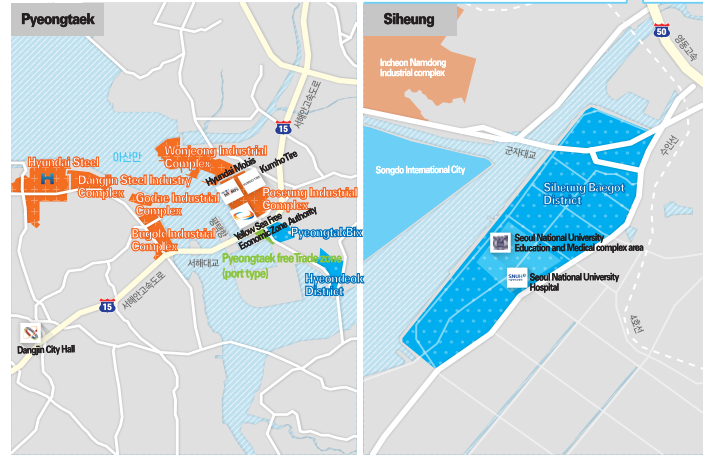
**Incheon Free Economic Zone**  
Designation Date (2003. 8. 11)

**32 Districts**

**Major Projects**

- Bio
- Bio, Air Logistics
- Tourism/Leisure

Legend: Free Economic Zone (Blue), Free Trade Zone (Green), Industrial Complex (Orange)



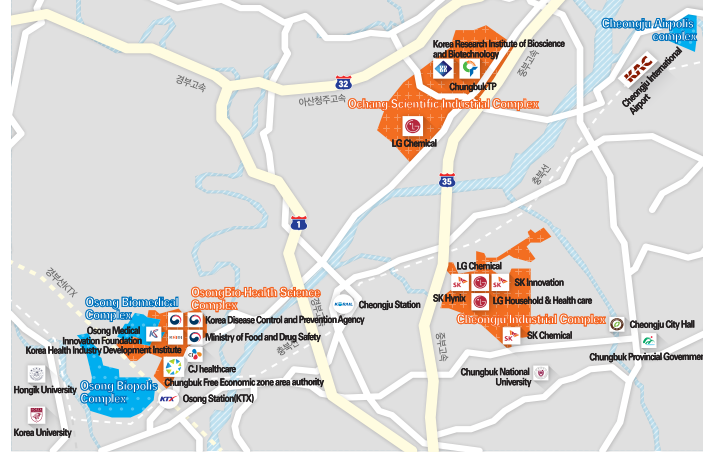
**Gyeonggi Free Economic Zone**  
Designation Date (2008. 5. 6)

**3 Districts**

**Major Projects**

- Future Car
- Land, sea and air unmanned vehicles

Legend: Free Economic Zone (Blue), Free Trade Zone (Green), Industrial Complex (Orange)



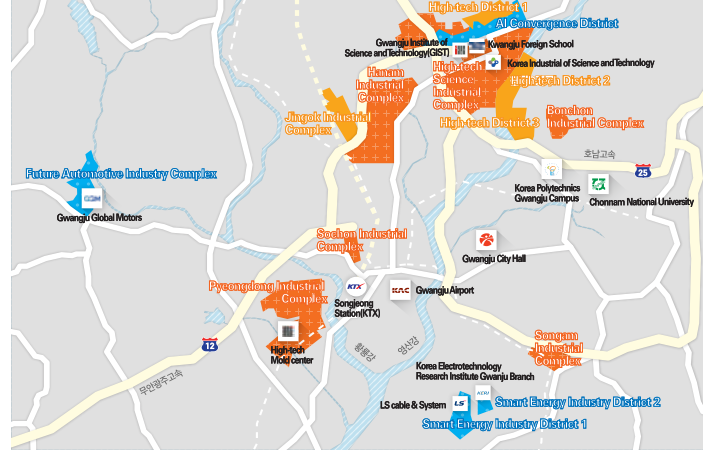
**Chungbuk Free Economic Zone**  
Designation Date (2013. 2. 14)

**4 Districts**

**Major Projects**

- Bio
- Aviation Maintenance, Repair and Operators

Legend: Free Economic Zone (Blue), Industrial Complex (Orange)



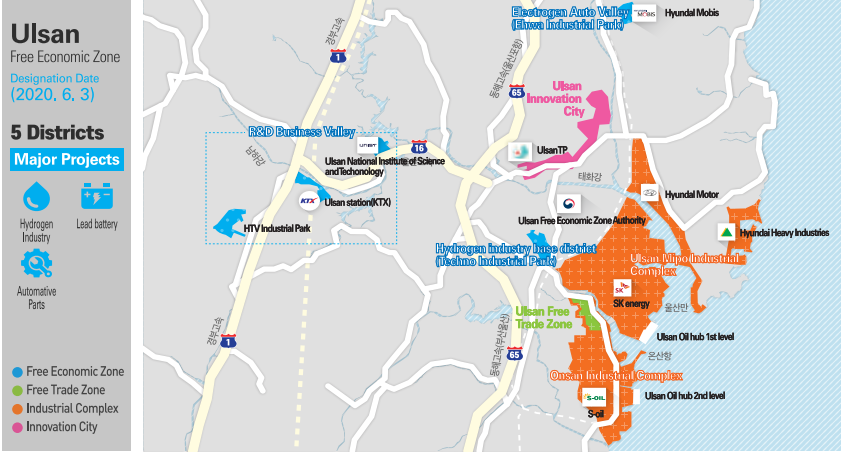
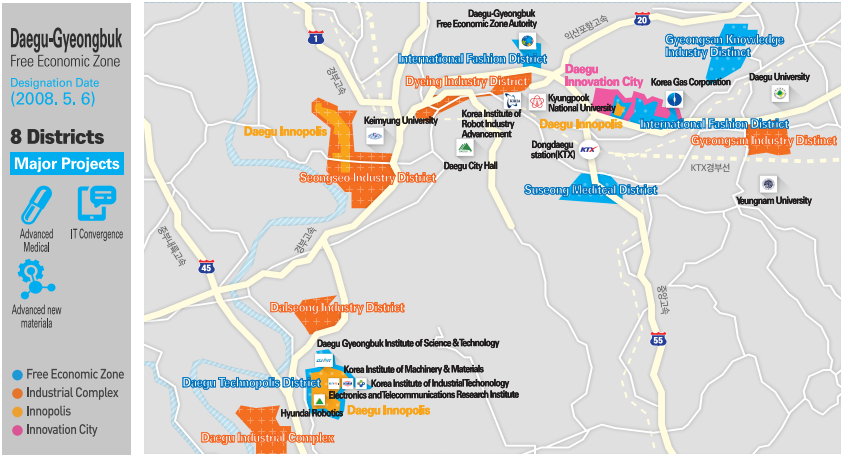
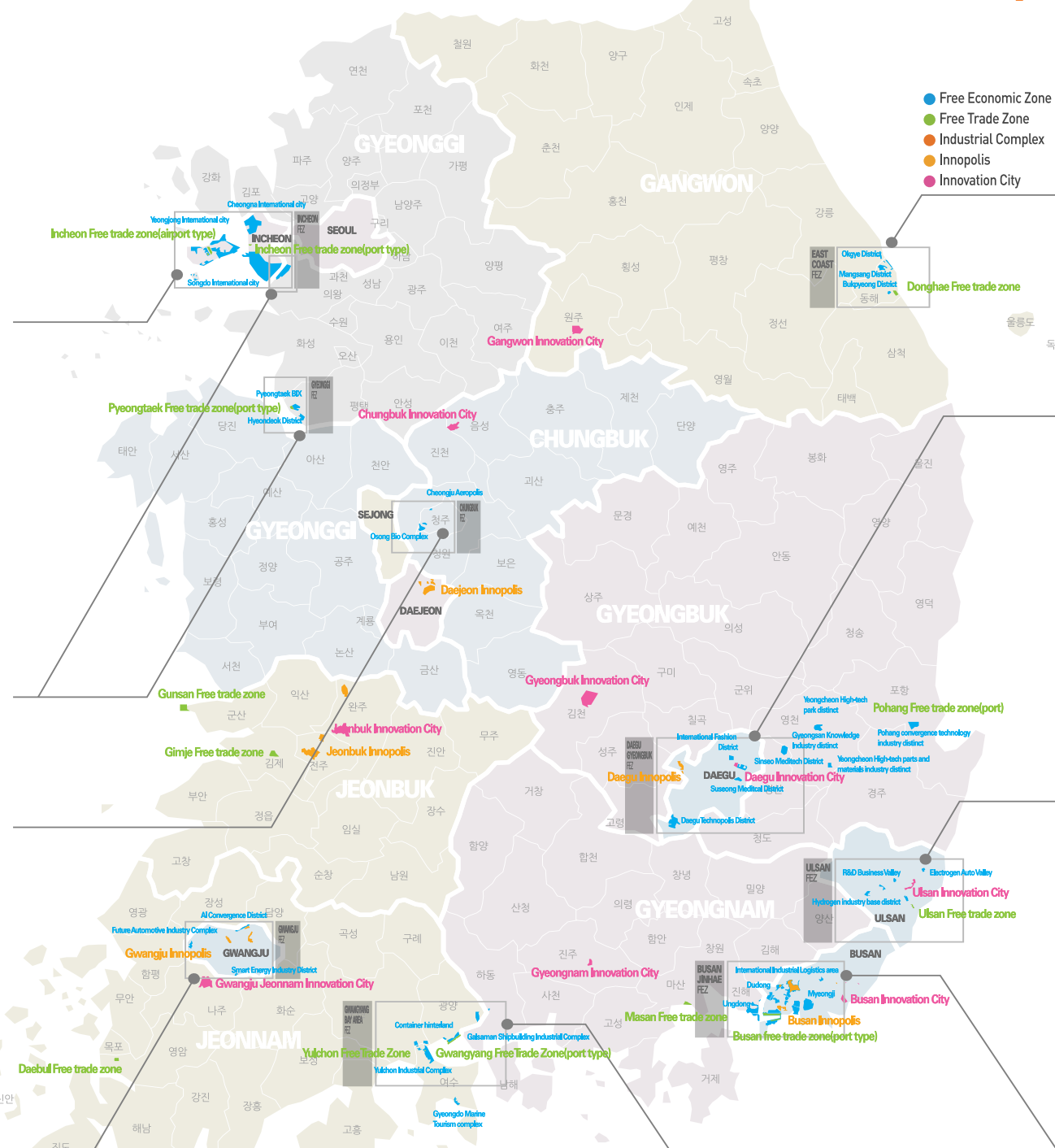
**Gwangju Free Economic Zone**  
Designation Date (2020. 6. 3)

**4 Districts**

**Major Projects**

- AI convergence
- Future automotive
- Smart energy

Legend: Free Economic Zone (Blue), Industrial Complex (Orange), Innopolis (Yellow)





# Korean Free Economic Zones

