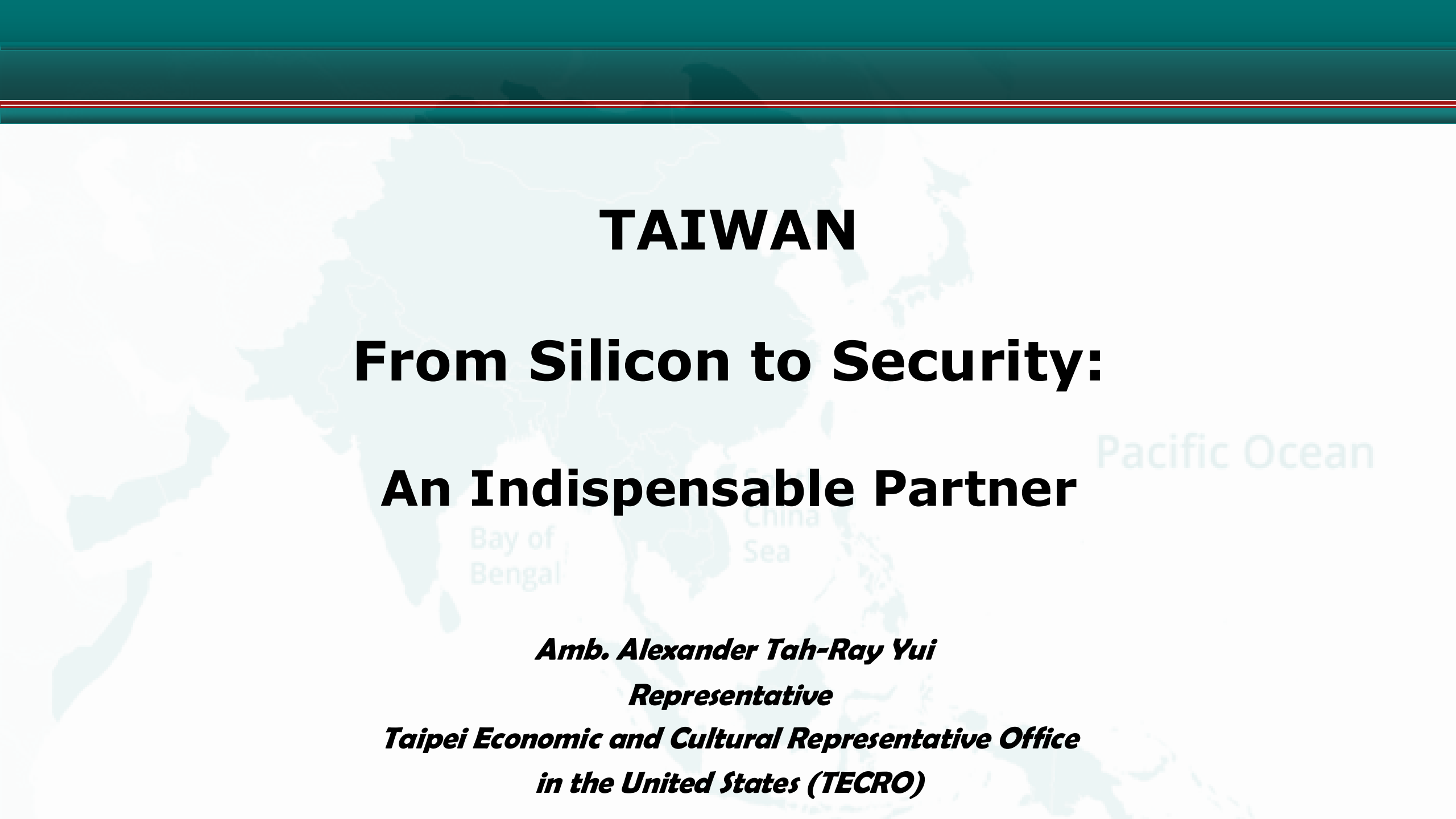




TAIWAN

From Silicon to Security: An Indispensable Partner

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Taiwan: Strategic, Critical, and Resilient



Taiwan Economic Overview

Taiwan's Annual Economic Growth Rate

● Source: Taiwan Executive Yuan, Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics;
Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research

2015	1.47%
2016	2.17
2017	3.66
2018	2.91
2019	3.06
2020	3.42
2021	6.72
2022	2.68
2023	1.08
2024	5.27
2025	8.76
2026 (forecast)	11.05%

- Population: 23.24 million (61st globally)
- Taiwan's economy grew 14.15% in the first half of 2026, its fastest first-half expansion in 50 years and the 3rd fastest growing economy in the world.
- Taiwan's 2026 exports projected to surge 41.19% (year-over-year), reaching a 50-year high.
- Global Trade Rankings (Total Trade Volume: 15th; Export: 12th; Import: 19th)



TOP 30 COUNTRIES BY GDP (2026)

Rank	Country	GDP (2026)
1	United States	\$32.38T
2	China	\$20.85T
3	Germany	\$5.45T
4	Japan	\$4.38T
5	United Kingdom	\$4.26T
6	India	\$4.15T
7	France	\$3.60T
8	Italy	\$2.74T
9	Russia	\$2.66T
10	Brazil	\$2.64T
11	Canada	\$2.51T
12	Australia	\$2.12T
13	Mexico	\$2.12T
14	Spain	\$2.09T
15	South Korea	\$1.93T
16	Türkiye	\$1.64T
17	Indonesia	\$1.54T
18	Netherlands	\$1.45T
19	Saudi Arabia	\$1.39T
20	Switzerland	\$1.15T
21	Poland	\$1.13T
22	Taiwan	\$976.72B
23	Ireland	\$779.38B
24	Belgium	\$776.73B
25	Sweden	\$760.48B
26	Israel	\$719.85B

Taiwan's Hidden Champions

#1
Worldwide

Semiconductor Industry (Foundry & OSAT)

- Leading Foundry & OSAT Services
- featuring TSMC, MediaTek, ASE



#1
Worldwide

PCB Industry

- World's Largest PCB Production Hub
- High-Density Interconnects (HDI)



#1
Worldwide

Electronics & Notebook ODM (EMS/ODM)

- Global EMS/ODM Solutions
- featuring Foxconn and Quanta Computer



World Leader

Bicycle Industry

- Advanced Bicycle Manufacturing
- featuring Giant and Merida



Top 3
Worldwide

Hand Tool Industry

- Smart Digital Hand Tools
- Precision and Connectivity



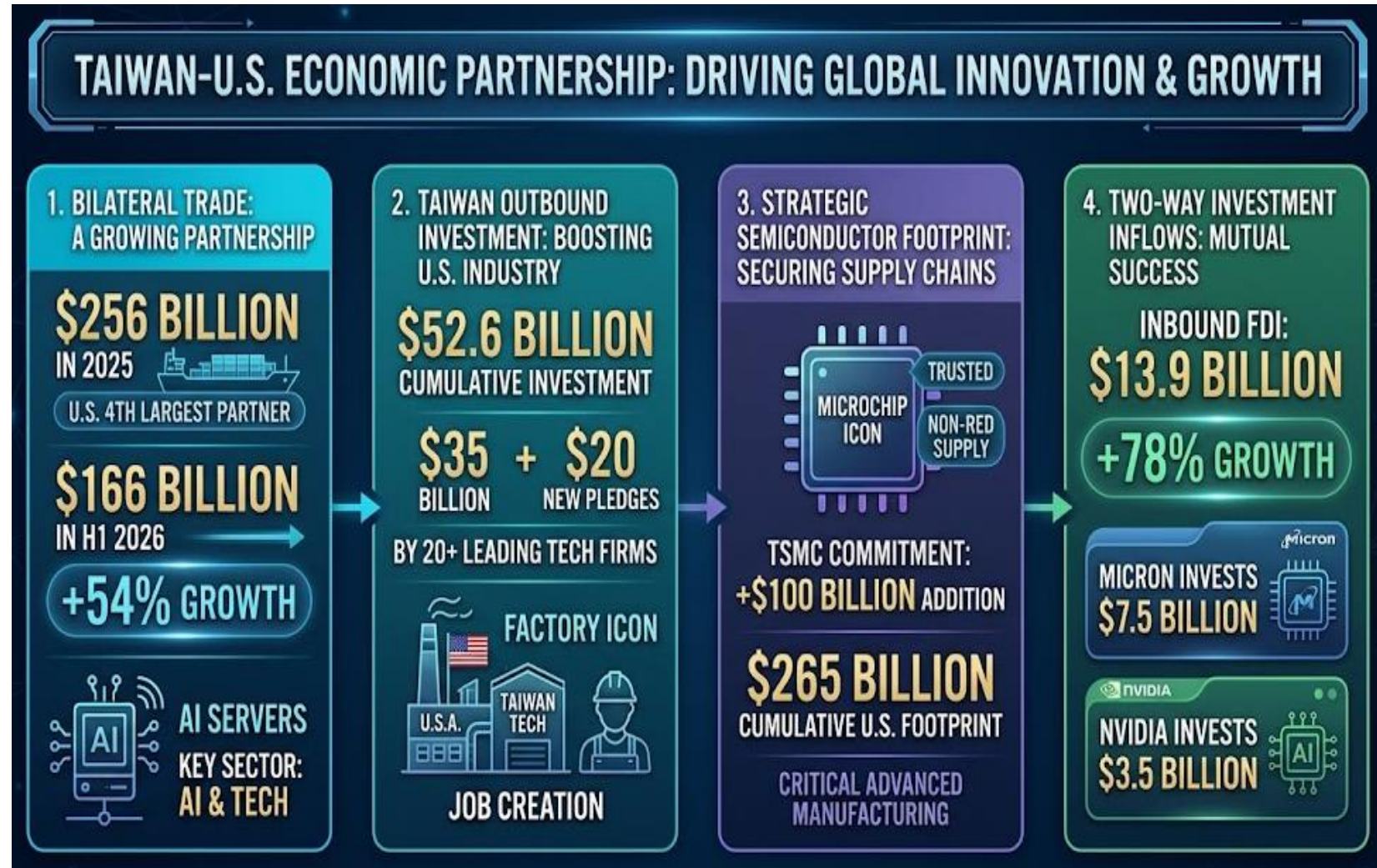
Top 3
Worldwide
(13% Global Share)

Screws & Fasteners Industry

- Crucial EV & Aerospace components
- High-Strength Industrial Solutions



Taiwan-US: Complementary & Mutually Beneficial



Taiwan: Anchor of the First Island Chain

Taiwan pledged to raise the defense spending to **5%** of its GDP by **2030**



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RECORD AMOUNT

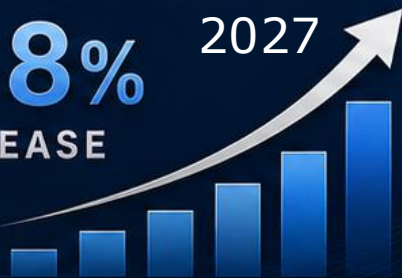
NT\$1.12 TRILLION

*(US\$35 billion) *

+18%

INCREASE

2027



2

GDP SHARE

> 3%

OF GDP

> 5%

Using NATO Standard
(including Coast Guard,
veteran pensions and
infrastructure)



3



President Lai Ching-te
pledged to increase
military spending to reach

**5% OF GDP
BY 2030**

underscoring Taiwan's
commitment to self-defense

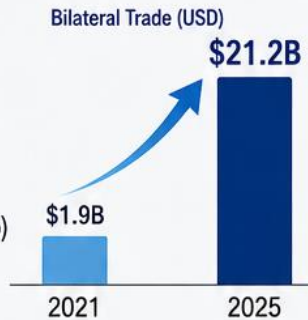


Taiwan & Arizona

1 Trade Surge (\$21.2B)

Bilateral trade grew from **\$1.9B** in 2021 to **\$21.2B** in 2025.

Taiwan is now Arizona's **#2** trading partner (behind Mexico) and **#1** source of imports (**\$16.7B**).



#2 Trading Partner
(Behind Mexico)



#1 Source of Imports
(\$16.7B)

3 Workforce Impact

TSMC's Arizona projects are estimated to generate



40,000
Construction Jobs



6,000
High-Tech Engineering Roles

Anchoring U.S. chip supply chain resilience.

2 Anchor Investment (\$265B)

TSMC's expanding footprint represents the **largest foreign direct investment in U.S. history**, delivering advanced fabs, packaging facilities, and an end-to-end semiconductor cluster.



Advanced Fabs



Packaging Facilities



End-to-End Semiconductor Cluster



\$265B Investment

4 Industrial & Business Ecosystem



20+
Supply Chain Vendors



200+
Enterprises Expanding to AZ



Topco



Marketech



UIS



AIDC

CTCI

... and more

5 Connectivity & Community



26,000+

Taiwanese Residents in Arizona

A population steadily growing alongside high-tech investments.

Direct Flights Launched

Direct routes connect Taipei and Phoenix, fostering deeper ties in trade, technology, education, and tourism.



Launch: Dec 2025



Launch: Jan 2026

TPE
Taipei



PHX
Phoenix

- The U.S. Department of State recently announced the launch of the Foundry School under Pax Silica.
- Under the frameworks of the Taiwan-U.S. Semiconductor Education Alliance and the Taiwan-U.S. Education Initiative, Taiwan and Arizona will deepen higher education cooperation and talent development in the semiconductor and AI sectors.
- Congratulations to Phoenix: The New Home of SEMICON West Starting 2027!

Taiwan + US > 2

