Incentives for Establishing a Foreign School

Q. Does the government provide incentives for establishing a foreign school?
A. Yes. The Foreign Investment Committee makes decisions on granting incentives for medical facilities, educational facilities and housing that contribute to foreign investment promotion.

Additional information
- In principle, the Foreign Investment Committee decides whether to grant incentives for educational facilities that contribute to foreign investment promotion, and also determines the amount of incentives.

- Schools eligible for incentives: Foreign schools whose school establishment plan has been approved by the superintendent of education of the city or province.

- Costs covered by incentives: Land purchase cost, facility construction cost.

- Incentive amount: The incentive amount shall be identical to that provided by the local government. (In the event that a local government provides land for lease, etc., the incentive amount shall be determined by the Foreign Investment Committee.)

  • In the event that the sum of the incentives provided by the central and local governments is or exceeds KRW 5 billion, the incentive amount shall be 40/100 of KRW 5 billion for metropolitan areas, and 50/100 of KRW 5 billion for non-metropolitan areas. For the amount in excess of KRW 5 billion, the Foreign Investment Committee shall determine the incentive ratio based on the local government’s foreign investment attraction performance, financial independence, number of foreign residents’ children, etc.

  • In the event that a local government covers one or more of the following expenses in order to enhance the quality of education in a foreign school, the central government may provide incentives equal to the amount of the expense covered by the local government.

    - Expense for acquisition of certification by an international certification organization
    - Expense for introduction of an educational course on international standardization
    - Expense for establishing an additional multinational educational course

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