Located at the tip of the Korean peninsula, South Jeolla Province is a region rich in just about everything — cultural and maritime resources, industrial complexes, research and development (R&D) centers and more.

With optimal environmental conditions and a well-preserved natural environment, South Jeolla Province is considered a top Korean supplier of the best eco-friendly agro-fishery products. It is ranked first in Korea for the production of eco-friendly agricultural products and first in the country for marine products originating from clean seawater. It is Korea’s top supplier of eco-friendly livestock products and solar salt of exceptional quality as well.

The province also boasts a sophisticated and extensive logistical and industrial infrastructure befitting its status as the heart of the new Northeast Asia. With three airports, three railways, two seaports and seven expressway routes, getting around in and from the province is convenient.

Scholastically speaking, the region is also rich in industrial manpower. Forty-one colleges and universities, 78 specialized high schools and 512 vocational training institutions cultivate abundant human resources that are especially valuable considering the opportunities in the province’s three national industrial complexes, 15 general industrial complexes and agricultural complexes. The Gwangyang Bay Area Free Economic Zone and the province’s free trade areas also allow for growing business opportunities.

The core industries of South Jeolla Province are logistics, automobile and shipbuilding. Its key strategic industries are the new and renewable energy, new material and parts, bio, medical, herbal medicine, food and aerospace industries.

Many R&D support centers in the region as well as the Jeonnam Technopark encourage innovation and growth. R&D centers include the Bio Food Technology Center in Naju, the Jeonnam BioControl Research Center in Gokseong County and the Jeonnam Marine Biotechnology Center in Wando County.

South Jeolla Province is also a great area for tourism and leisure, with the Southwest Coast Tourism & Leisure City being built as a comprehensive tourism leisure city complete with leisure, sports, housing and educational facilities. Also in development is the Gwangju & Jeollanam-do Joint Innovation City. Both cities are expected to have rich and promising investment sectors.

Offering various tax benefits and incentives for foreign direct investment, South Jeolla Province is ready to support investor companies with diverse administrative services.

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