

Guide to Selection of Investment Sites

(1) The Selection of Sites

C. Factors that Foreign-Invested Companies Consider

• A foreign-invested company should consider the type of the company and business when selecting a location. Generally, when operating a manufacturing business, it is advised to move into an industrial complex where it is relatively easy to move into or establish a factory by changing the use of the individual site concerned. National industrial complexes and general industrial complexes are planned sites where facilities related to major customers are clustered and it is relatively easier to secure sites and the environment for operating a business is optimal.

On the other hand, in individual sites, land can be flexibly secured depending on the needs of the company concerned. However, because there are sites created for foreign investment attraction such as foreign investment zones, free economic zones and free trade zones created for attracting foreign investment in Korea, foreign-invested companies can consider operating a business in one of such areas. Such sites provide various incentives and support catering to foreign investors.

In addition to areas focusing on foreign investment attraction, Saemangeum, enterprise cities, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province and high-tech investment zones offer various incentives based on their respective support legislation to attract domestic and foreign investors.

There are also other types of industrial sites that investors can choose depending on the nature of the intended business.

Types of Industrial Sites Favorable to Foreign Investors

	Industrial Complexes	National, general and urban high-tech, agricultural and industrial, lease-type industrial complexes
	Priority regions for foreign investment inducement	Foreign investment zones, lease complexes for foreign-capital invested companies only, free economic zones, free trade zones
	Special areas for investment inducement from home and abroad	Saemangeum, enterprise cities, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, high-tech investment zones
Planned Sites	R&D, Technology, Industrial Cluster Areas	Saemangeum, enterprise cities, Jeju Special Self-Governing Province, high-tech investment zones, Special R&D zones, international science and business belts, high-tech medical complexes, specialized complexes for ppuri industries, Technoparks, environmental industry research complexes, venture business development and promotion zones, areas for clustering new technology-based businesses, small urban manufacturers' clusters
	Balanced National Development Complexes	National innovation clusters, innovation cities, Sejong City (Multi-functional administrative city)
	Regulation Innovation Zones	Regulation-free special zones, special economic zones for specialized regional development
Individual Sites	Factory construction (subject to approval of factory establishment and start-up business plans) and operation in accordance with the special purposes areas of the National Land Planning and Utilization Act	

* The above is an informal classification to help the understanding of readers.