

## Foreword by the Director-general



2008 was a year marked with challenges. Amidst the global financial crisis, we, staff of the Southern Taiwan Science Park Administration, maintain our commitment to providing our Park's enterprises with excellent service. To this end, we have designated a team to visit the various enterprises and to assess and meet their needs. Premier Liu, who is concerned with Park enterprises development, held a seminar at the Park on December 25, 2008 in order to increase understanding of the enterprises.

In addition to housing the Taiwan's most vertically integrated flat-panel display industry, stably growing IC industry and competitive photovoltaic industry, the Administration is also actively developing biotech medical devices, green energy, and telecommunications industry clusters; with goals to accelerate the development of these emerging industries and to promote their establishment in Kaohsiung Science Park. In terms of industrial development, 2008 yielded a US\$16.8 billion turnover for the Park. Aside from optoelectronics' unprecedented 12% decline, all other industries demonstrated over 15% growth; in other words, the Park enterprises experienced diversified and stable development.

In terms of high-quality environmental construction, last year we completed the construction of an expressway interchange, in service as of March 2009, connecting Kaohsiung Science Park to National Highway No. 1. The National Nanke International Experimental High School (NNKIEH) Senior High Department began its recruitment in the 2008 academic year to complete the education system of the Park. We established four business districts to provide various amenities and services. For our outstanding performance, the Ministry of Interiors awarded the Administration third place in the "2006 Broadband Pipeline Construction Plan-Metropolitan Category," and the Council of Labor Affairs commended our achievements with the Excellence Award of "National Occupation Safety & Health Week Activity." Moreover, the Environmental Protection Center laboratory again met the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) audits. The environmental water quality test permit was also extended; 7 heavy metal water test certifications were received. Furthermore, Customs e-Service and facilities safety management had received information security ISO 27001 certification. All these affirm the quality of the Administration's service.

Now beyond its 11th year of development, the Park has transformed from sugar-cane fields into a silicon valley. By everyone's support, the Park will continue as the center of technology in southern Taiwan. The Administration, now entering our 6th year, will continue to assess deficiencies and improve services accordingly. We will apply our resources to better aiding the Park enterprises through difficult economic times, to establishing the Park as the Silicon Valley of Asia, to alleviating the administrative burden of our Park enterprises, and to bringing hope to local residents.

