
English bulletins to attract foreign suppliers

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The Taiwan government may attract more foreign capital with its recent approval of online English publications of government procurement and project bulletins. Such bulletins will list opportunities in Taiwan's government and project sectors for international companies.

Listings will be compiled by the Chinese-language publication the Government Procurement Gazette, which is published daily by the Public Construction Commission. The Web site will link individual announcements to a page where

interested parties can find additional information on particular project openings.

Winkler Partners, a full-service law firm, recently launched the first online English bulletin, "Taiwan Procurement and Project Bulletin," with the approval of the Taiwan government.

"We hope our bulletin will facilitate international participation by providing timely information in English to interested international companies," said Winkler Partners co-founder Grace Lei, in a recent statement issued by the law firm.

According to the release, Taiwan is expected to join a WTO agreement on government procurement early this year. The opening up of Taiwan's procurement market is estimated by the Public Construction Commission to bring in a total value of US\$8.6 billion in foreign products and services.

"As never before, the government is keen to attract foreign capital and expertise to implement public works plans needed to stimulate the economy, create jobs and improve Taiwan's competitiveness in the region," Lei said.