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Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Outperforms Global Industry Growth Rate, Says Semico  
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The latest Semico Research market data shows the Taiwanese semiconductor industry ranking fourth, globally. While overall 2004 was a banner year for the semiconductor industry, Taiwan did even better than worldwide performance. Semico says the Taiwanese semiconductor industry's annual growth rate hit 34 percent in 2004, as compared to a global annual growth rate of 24.8 percent.

With so much information in the news about China and the huge market known as Asia, the details of the importance of Taiwan can get lost. Plus, many Taiwanese IT manufacturers shifted their manufacturing facilities to mainland China. However, Semico Research Corp. sees Taiwan as a powerhouse for semiconductor production.

"Taiwan is a global leader in foundry and captures the second-largest IC design industry," stated Philip Wang, analyst at Semico Research Corp. "This year Taiwan's semiconductor industry will continue to outperform the worldwide standard with a 6.7% annual growth rate and the industry production values reaching \$35.9 billion U.S.D.," remarked Mr. Wang.

About the market research report

Semico's latest research report, "Taiwan Semiconductor Industry Report", delivers a concise view and provides significant data on the Taiwanese Semiconductor Industry. This report includes its supply and demand, applications, industry and capital spending trends for 2000-2005. In addition to other important topics addressed in this report, it details strategic alliances by company plus revenues by application, technology, region and customer.