

## Taiwan Institutes collaborate for 3D printing programme

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Taiwan's National Applied Research Labs (NAR Labs) and China Medical University Hospital (CMUH) have come together to establish a strategic partnership with the National Additive Manufacturing Innovation Cluster (NAMIC) in Singapore.

An international cooperation signing ceremony was held recently where the parties jointly announced that they will collaborate on a range of 3D printing initiatives focused on bio-medical applications. Singapore had announced plans in 2013 to invest \$\$500 million (\$380 million) in 3D printing under a Future of Manufacturing scheme.

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This initiative is in line with the Taiwan Government's Southbound Policy which aims to enhance cooperation and exchanges between Taiwan and 18 countries in Southeast Asia, South Asia and Australasia.