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**Strategy and Roadmap for PV Systems  
in  
Chinese Taipei**



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# New Energy Policy of Chinese Taipei

## Chronology of Energy Policy Development

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2015.01.15-16

Held the 4th **National Energy Conference**

2011.11.03

President Ma announced **New Energy Policy** to “Steadily Reduce Nuclear Dependency, Gradually Move Towards a Nuclear-free Homeland, and Create a Low-carbon Green Energy Environment”

2010.05

Approval of the **National Master Plan on Energy Conservation and Emission Reduction**

2010.01

Establishment of the **Committee on Energy Conservation and Emission Reduction**

2009.07.08

Promulgation of **Renewable Energy Development Act**  
Amendment of **Energy Management Law**

2009.04.15-16

Held the 3rd **National Energy Conference**

2008.06.05

Launched **Framework of Sustainable Energy Policy**

# Renewable Energy Development Act

The Renewable Energy Development Act is the major watershed in the domestic photovoltaic power promotion policy.

- 1) Before promulgation of Renewable Energy Development Act, **subsidy of PV generation power equipment** was the main driving instrument to promote the PV power.
- 2) After Renewable Energy Development Act became effective, the **Feed-in-Tariff (FIT)** incentive plays the important role for the expansion of the PV power.

## Renewable Energy Development Act

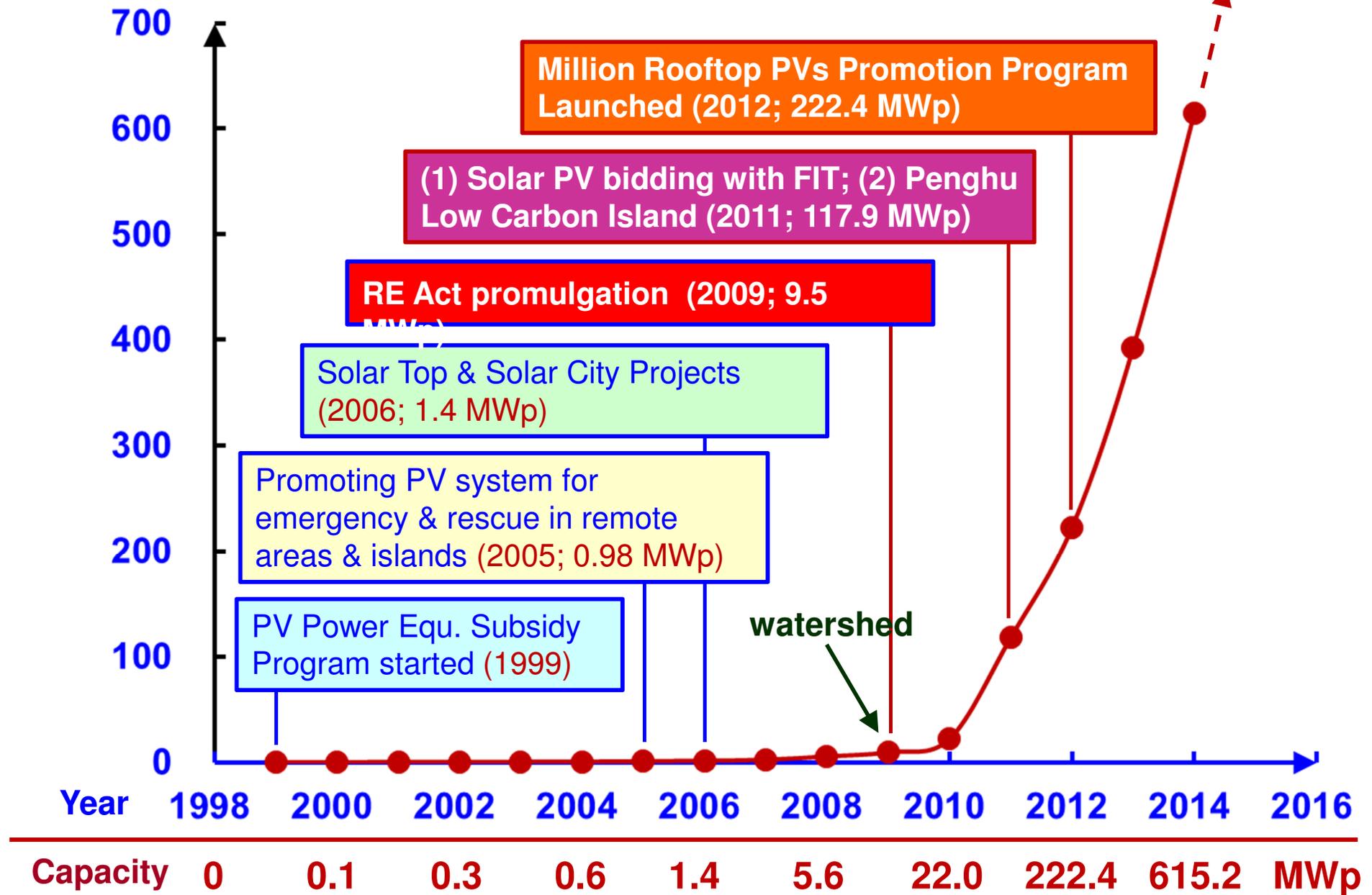
Subsidies of PV power  
Generation Equipment

Feed-in-Tariff

July, 2009

# Progress in PV Promotion in Chinese Taipei

**New Target :**  
**6,200 MWp by 2030**



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# Aggressive RE Installation Capacity Targets

To prompt solar PV and offshore wind power, **Million Solar Rooftop PVs** and **Thousand Wind Turbines** promotion programs were approved in 2012.

- PV: 6,200 MW systems by 2030
- Wind: 1,000 turbines (450 onshore and 600 offshore) by 2030

Unit: MW

Year	2013	2014	2015	2020	2025	2030
On-shore Wind	614	637	814	1,200	1,200	1,200
Off-shore Wind	0	0	15	320	1,520	3,000
Hydro Power	2,081	2,081	2,089	2,100	2,150	2,200
Solar PV	333	615	847	2,120	4,100	6,200
Geothermal	0	0	4	66	150	200
Biomass	741	741	745	768	813	950
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,769</b>	<b>4,074</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>6,574</b>	<b>9,933</b>	<b>13,750</b>

# PV Industry Chain in Chinese Taipei

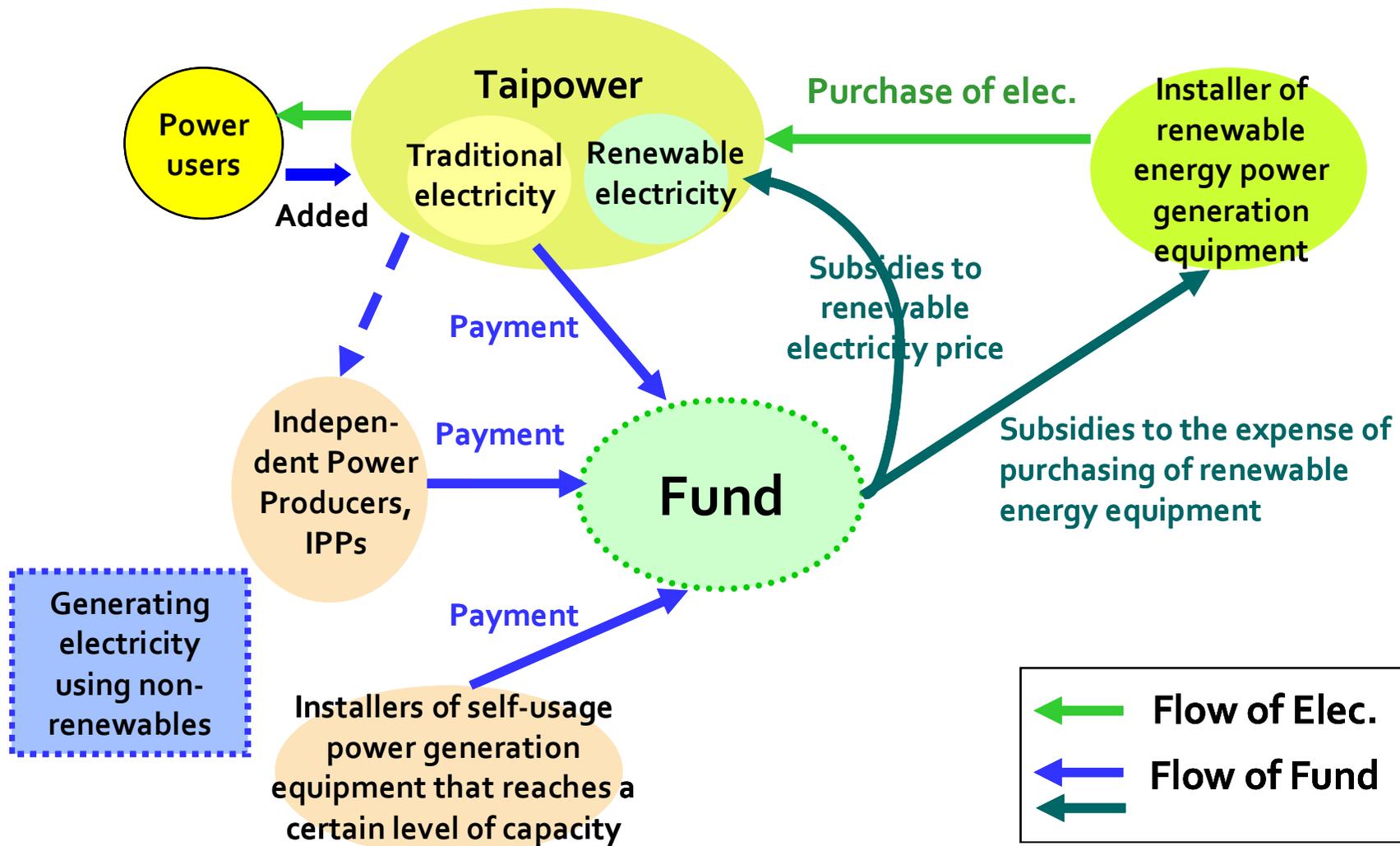
- Over 250 companies in PV industry in 2014
- A complete PV Supply Chain
- 2nd largest solar cell production in the world (~10 GW in 2014)



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# Renewable Energy Development Fund

Income based on expected expenses to balance revenue and expenditure

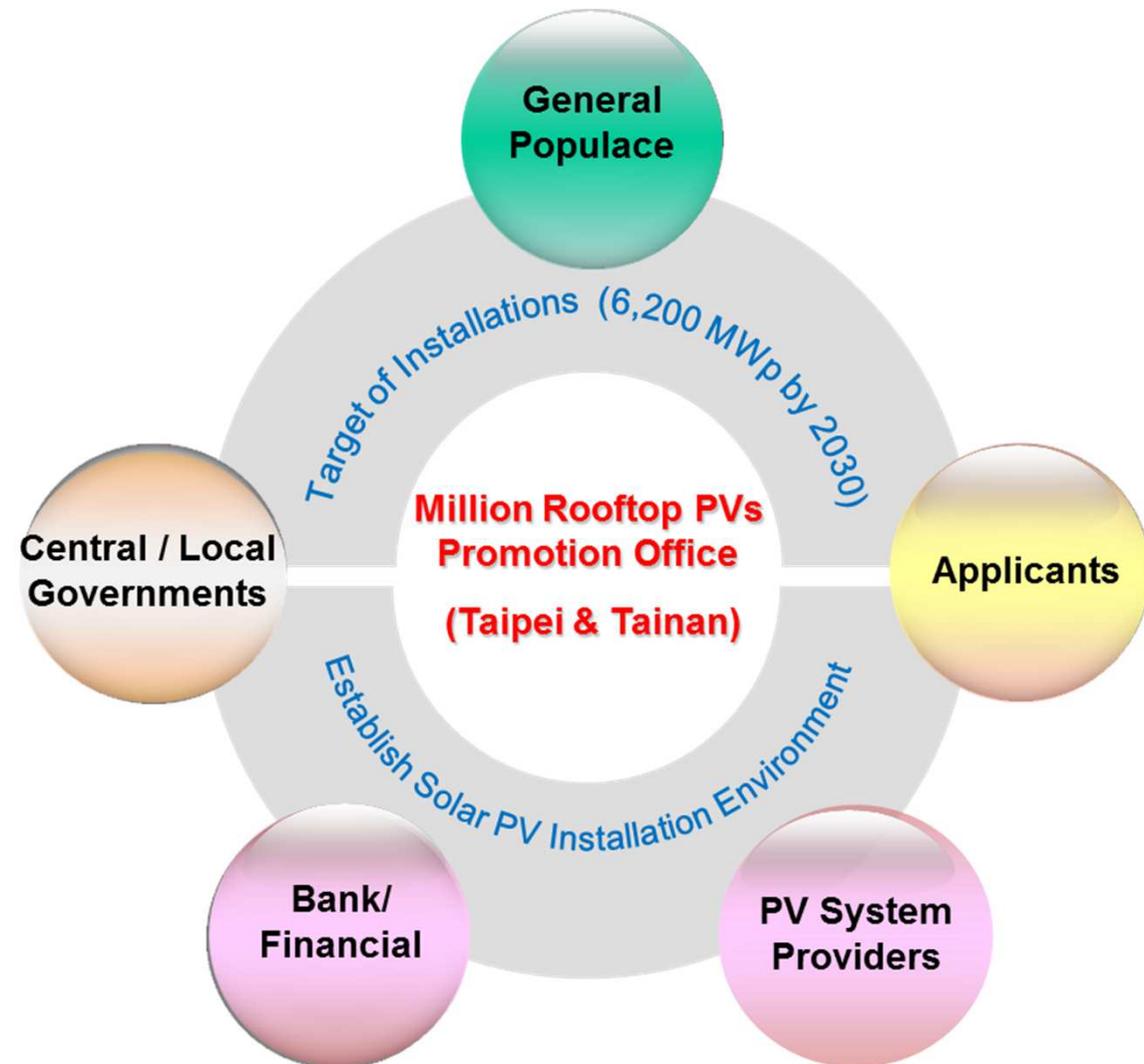


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# Million Rooftop PVs Promotion Program

## ■ Mission

- (1) Promote with local governments
- (2) Strengthen PV System financing
- (3) Public PV Promotion & Provision of advisory services
- (4) Solve problems of the system installations
- (5) Simplify installation processes and relative regulations



# Million Rooftop PVs Promotion Program

## ➤ Goal

- 6,200 MW developed by 2030
  - A. Roof-top (3,000 MW)
  - B. Ground (3,200 MW)

Priority placed to contaminated agricultural farmlands and severe land subsidence areas, with 4% open to PV installation as the current target

## ➤ Strategy

- The Feed-in Tariff as a strategy to achieve annual targets for roof-top and ground installations
- A cap quota is decided annually, while expecting large scale expansion after grid-parity is reached

## ➤ Deployment Target

Year	2015	2020	2025	2030
Total	885 MW	2,120 MW	4,100 MW	6,200 MW

# Financial Mechanisms for Promoting PV in Chinese Taipei

- Feed-in Tariffs
- PV Bidding
- PV ESCO



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## Mechanism of Feed-in Tariffs

- Tariff rates should be reviewed annually by referring to technical advancement, cost variation, goal achievement status, etc.
- **Tariffs shall not be lower than the average cost for fossil-fired power of domestic power utilities.**
- Currently only Solar PV tariff rates are set on the date when generating equipment installations are completed. The tariff rates for other RE technologies are set on the Power Purchasing Agreement (PPA) signing date.
  - ➔ **Applied for 20 years**
- BOE announces PV capacity quota every year. **PV systems > 50 kW are subject to a bidding procedure** to decide the tariffs. Developers proposing higher discount rates receive the priority to acquire the quota.

## FIT Rate for PV in 2015

Solar PV tariff rates applied for 20 years are set on the date when generating equipment installations are completed.

Effective from 1 Jan. 2015 to 31 Dec. 2015

Type	Capacity (kW)	2015 Tariff Rates (US¢ /kWh)	
		Period 1	Period 2
Roof-top	$\geq 1 \sim < 20$	21.79	21.18
	$\geq 20 \sim < 100$	18.22	17.70
	$\geq 100 \sim < 500$	17.02	16.56
	$\geq 500$	16.49	16.04
Ground	$\geq 1$	15.51	15.09

(USD 1 ~ NTD 31.5)

# Solar PV Bidding Mechanism

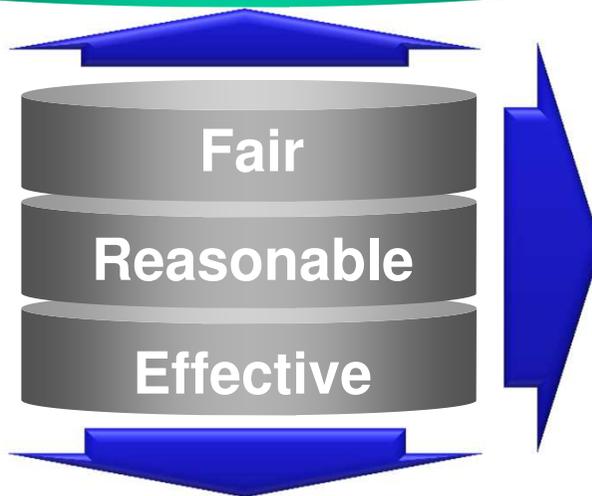
- Currently the **feed-in tariff** of solar PV remains relatively **high**.
- To relieve the financial pressure from the Renewable Energy Development Fund, only through the **competitive market**, the contract rate would be decreased resulting in **less expenditure from the Fund**.
- With the rapid improvement of PV technology, **PV installation prices have fallen precipitously**. The domestic demand of the PV equipment is greater than that of the deployment target.
- As a result, introducing the **bidding system** can ensure applicants **to participate fairly**. Therefore, it would **reveal the actual market value and cost**.

# Solar PV Bidding Mechanism

## Solar PV Bidding

- Installation cost evaluation
- Bidding discount rate

Bidding Capacity expects to increase.



Unit: MW

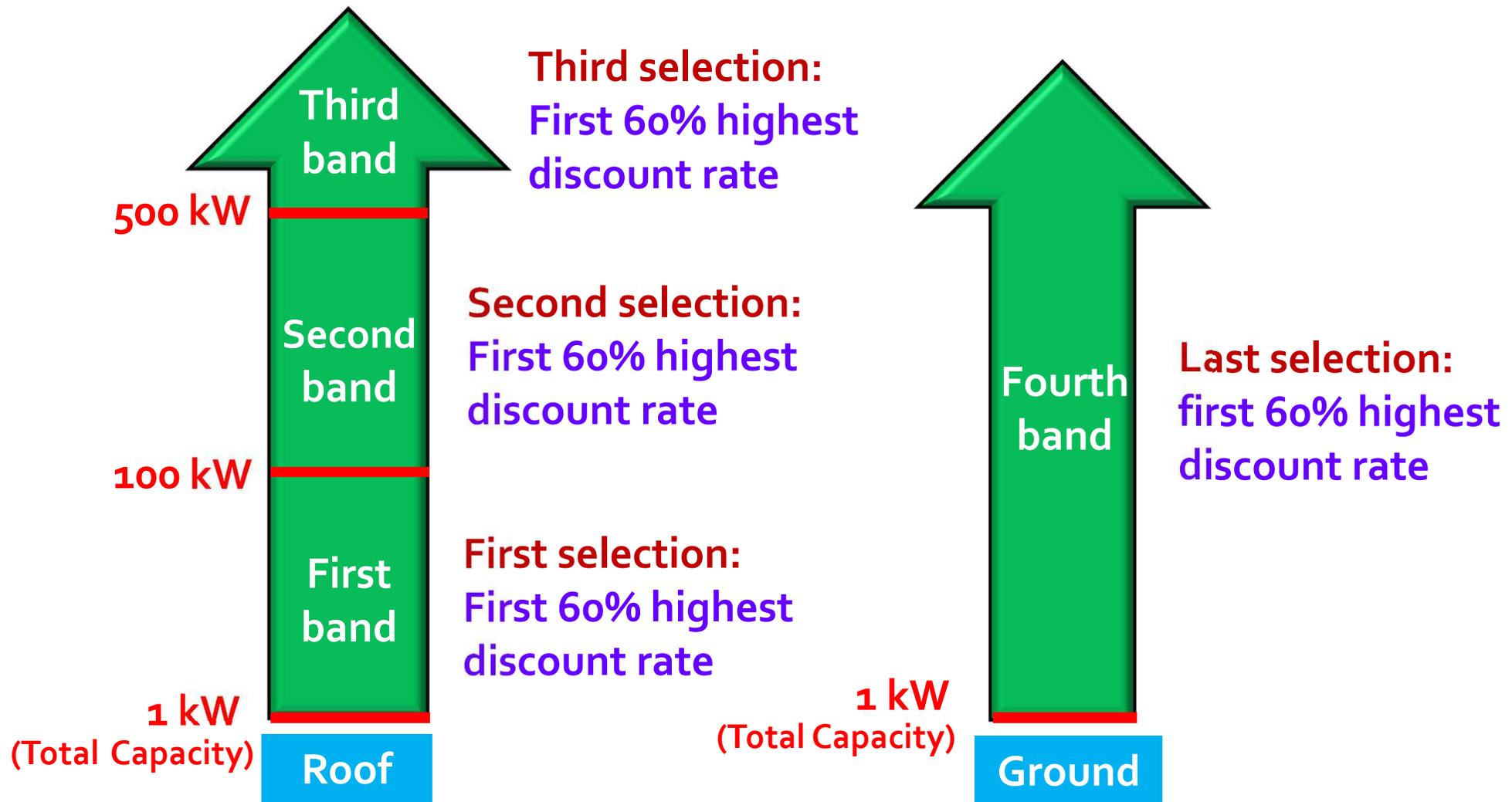
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Deployment Target	70	100	175	240	270
Bidding	40	83	135	150	180
Non-bidding	30	17	40	90	90

## Reasonable FIT Rate

- Cost transparency
- Market value reflection

# PV Bidding Operational Process & Conditions

## Bidding Operational Process



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# PV Bidding Operational Process & Conditions

## Non-bidding Conditions

1. Roof-top equipment (1kW~50kW)
2. Buildings belongs to the government or public schools
3. Buildings belongs to government or public schools rent by private installers with grants by county governments.
4. Government-owned enterprises
5. Residential buildings (1kW~ 100 kW on roof)
6. Remote islands
7. Building-integrated photovoltaics equipment
8. Land subsidence areas
9. Roof-top equipment regulated by the municipal and county (city) governments under the self-government regulations

## Cost-benefits of Solar PV bidding

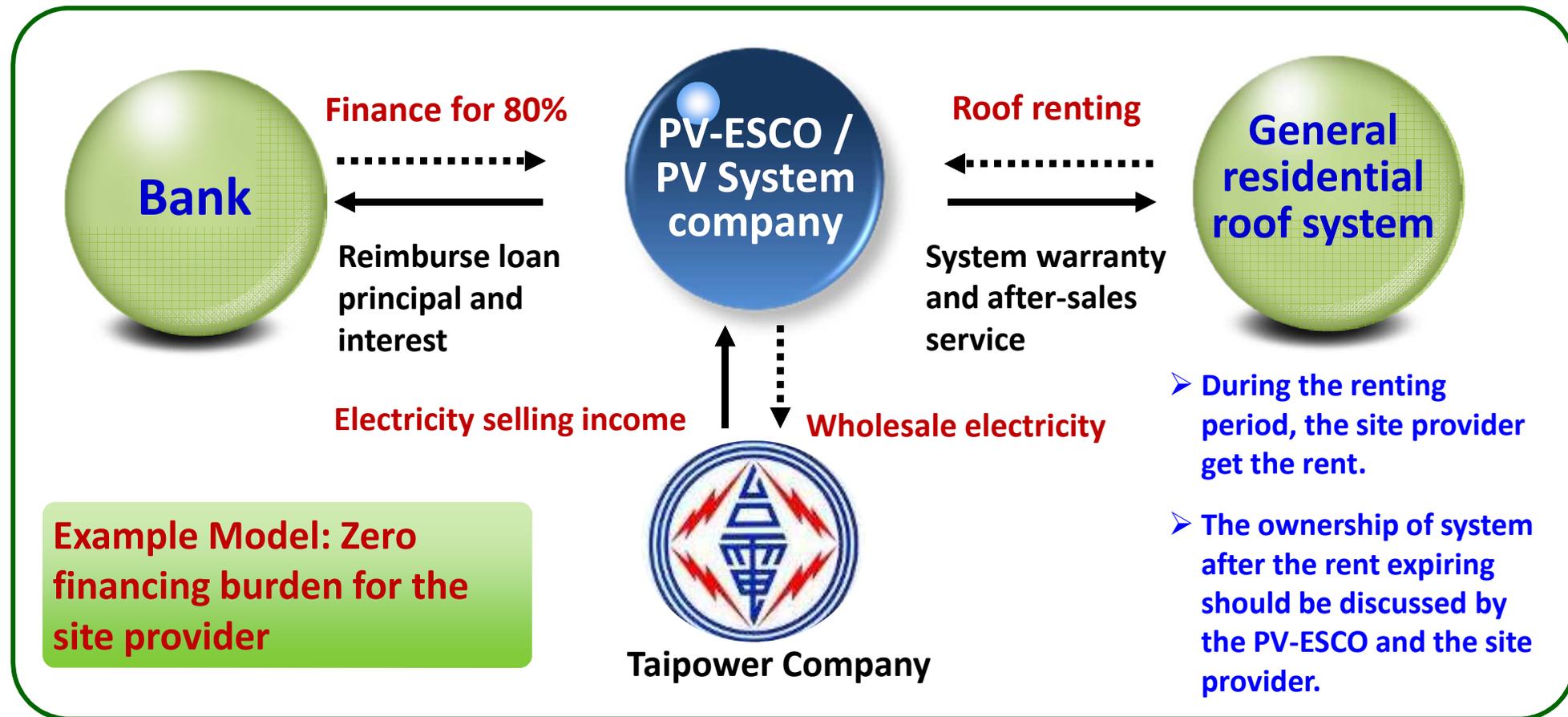
1. From 2011 to 2014, the total bidding capacity was 403 MW, resulting in less expenditure from the Fund.
2. The total savings were USD 8.83 million in 2011, 17.82 million in 2012, 80.62 million in 2013, and 74.60 million in 2014, respectively.

Year	Tender(s)	Bids	Capacity (MW)	Ratio (%)	Average discount rate (%)	Savings from the Fund (million USD)
2011	3	352	35.048	88.38	3.21	8.83
2012	7	335	83.080	60.11	3.29	17.82
2013	4	539	135.167	52.38	10.29	80.62
2014	3	588	150.060	60.12	10.08	74.60
<b>Total</b>			<b>403.355</b>			<b>181.87</b>

(USD 1 ~ NTD 31.5)

## Establishment of PV-ESCO Mechanism

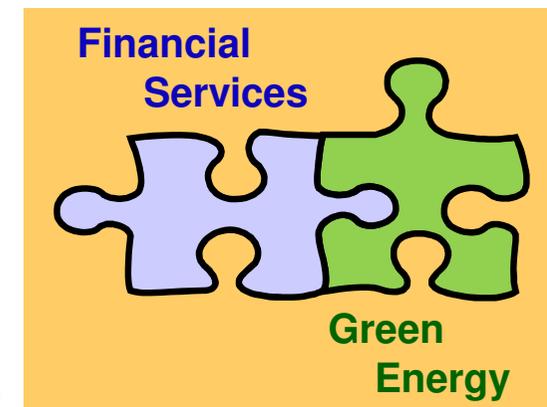
Encouraging banks to participate in project financing and to provide soft loans to PV-ESCO players



# Achievements of PV-ESCO: Green Financing



- **16 banks** now provide PV system financing support, green energy investment funds grows from **USD 1.6 to 222 million** from 2011 to 2013.
- USD 222 million funds could generate USD 317 million in system installation value, about 170 MW of domestic demand, and create more than USD 0.5 billion in industry chain value.
- PV-ESCO assists in installations for all buildings including solar community, public roof, solar farm, solar terminal, solar factory, solar rail, solar MRT, solar campus, etc.
- ESCO model plays an important role in Chinese Taipei PV installation. **PV capacity ratio increase from 48% (2012), 63% (2013), and up to 80% (2014).**



## Best Practices for PV Installation in Chinese Taipei

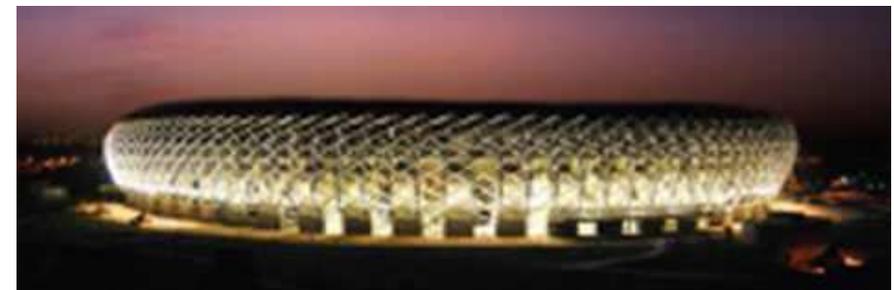
The World's first whale-shaped BIPV

Pingtung National Museum of Marine: **104 kWp**



The World's first spiral BIPV  
Kaohsiung National Stadium:

**1 MWp**



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# Best Practices for PV Installation in Chinese Taipei

## Solar Top Classic Building



**Solar Wall of Lights**  
**National Museum of Taiwan History**  
**195 kWp**



**Umbrella-shaped Solar Top**  
**Pingtung LiuDui Hakka Cultural Park**  
**75 kWp**

# Best Practices for PV Installation in Chinese Taipei

## Utility Scale

Kaohsiung Yong-An Power Station  
4.64 MWp



Taichung Power Plant Station  
1.5 MWp



Kaohsiung Luzhu HCPV Solar Farm  
1 MWp



Kaohsiung Xing-Da Power Station  
953 kWp



# Best Practices for PV Installation in Chinese Taipei

## Commercial



Location: Tainan City  
Capacity : **1.3 MWp**  
Type: Grid-tie  
Installation on **Ground**



Location: Pingtung County  
Capacity : **1.6 MWp**  
Type: Grid-tie  
Installation on **factory rooftop**

# Best Practices for PV Installation in Chinese Taipei

## Stand Alone (off-grid)

PV system for emergency application



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# Best Practices for PV Installation in Chinese Taipei

## Green Miracle

- Transform the destroyed fish-farming and orchards into solar power generation after hit by the deadliest Typhoon, Morakot in 2009.
- A **23.4 MW** PV farm project, including the largest solar power plant in Chinese Taipei, has regenerated the devastated flood-hit area.



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## Concluding Remarks

- The promulgation of Renewable Energy Development Act and related regulations has paved the way for a sustainable long-term development of PV in Chinese Taipei.
- Various incentives have been issued to encourage the investment in PV in Chinese Taipei.
- The development of PV is expected to be prosperous in Chinese Taipei.
- Chinese Taipei will devote itself for the continuous growth of PV and other REs, and welcomes the international cooperation to foster the development of PV together in the global society.

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# LIGHT YOUR FUTURE

*Our Global PV Projects Are Second to None.*

**Thank you for your attention**

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