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Subject: Announcing the amendment of the qualifying criteria for Foreign specialist Professionals Possessing Specific Expertise in Science & Technology, to take effect from the date of the announcement.

Basis: Article 4 Subparagraph 2 of the Act for the Recruitment and Employment of Foreign Professionals

Notice:

Foreign Specialist Professionals Possessing Specific Expertise in Science & Technology (FSPPSEST) must meet one of the following conditions:

1. Previously or currently holding a position in a technology industry or field in a foreign state or in the Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "Taiwan") with a most recent monthly salary of at least NTD160,000.

2. Possessing unique skills, outstanding R&D design, or solid achievement in starting a business in a cutting-edge area of technology such as software applications, software technology, nanotechnology, MEMS technology, optoelectronics, ICT, communication transmission technology, automation systems integration technology, materials application technology, high- precision sensing technology, biotechnology, resources development or energy saving, frontier basic research, national defense, and military strategy.

3. Possessing unique skills, outstanding R&D design, or solid achievement in starting a business in a forward-looking area of technology such as AI, IoT, AR, blockchain, VR, robots, and additive manufacturing.

4. Having been awarded a Nobel Prize, Tang Prize, Wolf Prize, Fields Medal, or other equivalent international award.

5. An academician of a national science academy or a scholar at the level of national academician.

6. Currently or previously holding a position as a chair professor, professor or associate professor in a university, or as a researcher or associate researcher in a research institution, and having important academic contributions or important specialist works, or having published internationally respected research results within the last three years.

7. After receiving a doctoral degree, having spent at least four years continuing to engage in a specialized occupation or to perform research work in a research institution or to conduct R&D or management in a science and technology institution.

8. Possessing distinctive ability, highly uncommon both in Taiwan and abroad, in a special technology or in R&D or management in a science and technology institution.

9. Holding a doctoral degree and possessing expertise that is lacking in Taiwan.

10. Having been a senior executive or core member of an R&D team with experience in the successful IPO of an overseas startup.

11. Having been a senior executive or core member of an R&D team with experience in an overseas startup being successfully acquired by or merged with another company.

12. Serving as a senior executive of a venture capital firm or fund with solid achievement of investing in overseas startups or startups under programs of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

13. Possessing other potential to contribute to a technology industry in Taiwan.

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