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# ITRI teams up with Merck for drug manufacturing

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The Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI), Taiwan, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Merck, announcing the establishment of Taiwan-Merck Biopharma R&D & Training Collaboration Program at ITRI Guangfu Innovation Campus in Hsinchu.

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Dr. Chii-Wann Lin, Vice President of ITRI and General Director of its Biomedical Technology and Device Research Laboratories, explained that this collaboration includes two stages, and the Taiwan-Merck Biopharma R&D & Training Collaboration Program is only the beginning of this joint program.

In addition to introducing world-leading drug manufacturing and purifying technologies and high-efficiency mass production processes, the program will bring in validation and verification methods that meet the standards of international, European, and US regulations.