

Daedeok Innopolis — Korea's Founding Government-to-Market Technology Transfer Zone

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Korea's founding Special R&D; Zone (est. 1973): 29 government institutes and 5 universities generate over 7,000 patents a year and account for 12% of Korea's R&D; spending; in 2006 it won the country's first legal mechanism to convert public research directly into spin-off firms.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability	3/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

[Korea Innovation Foundation \(Innopolis\) / Ministry of Science and ICT](#) — accessed 2026-07-20

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