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The following document, issued by the Wuhan City government in 2017, lays out the city's various preferential policies to encourage the development of Wuhan's National Cybersecurity Talent and Innovation Base.

Title

Notice of the [Wuhan] City People's Government on Certain Policies to Support the Development of the National Cybersecurity Talent and Innovation Base
市人民政府关于支持国家网络安全人才与创新基地发展若干政策的通知

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The people's governments of all districts, and all departments of the City People's Government:

To construct the National Cybersecurity Talent and Innovation Base (hereinafter referred to as the Cyberbase) is a major development opportunity given to our city by the Party Central Committee and the State Council. It is an important work task for constructing a national central city, and it has important significance for promoting the city's economic transformation and upgrading, and for driving the development of strategic emerging industries. In order to accelerate Cyberbase construction, accelerate the formation of a good ecological environment for talent cultivation, technology innovation, and industrial development, and hasten construction of a globally competitive Cyberbase, and after studying the matter, notice of relevant policies in support of the development of the Cyberbase is hereby given as follows:

I. Scope of Application

These policies are applicable to enterprises, public institutions¹ and agencies that have industry and commerce registrations and tax registrations in the Cyberbase, and are engaged in teaching, training, R&D, production, technical services or sales for network security and information technology related industries, as well as all types of talents working in the abovementioned enterprises, public institutions and agencies.

II. Focus of support

Educational and research institutions such as the cybersecurity college, cybersecurity research academy, and cybersecurity attack and defense laboratory; public infrastructure technology platforms such as information security certification (evaluation or testing) centers, big data centers, and supercomputing centers; and core industries such as information technology and advanced manufacturing, data security technology and security services, and software and information services.

III. Policy measures

(I) Support innovation in institutional mechanisms. Incorporate Cyberbase construction in the key work of the citywide system to promote comprehensive innovation-based reform and experimentation, give priority to the enjoyment of city-level preferential policies (including the "One Zone with Multiple Parks" and "Innovation Valley" policies of Wuhan Donghu National Innovation Demonstration Zone), and support the pilot testing, experience exploration, and demonstration activities of the Cyberbase in such areas as talent cultivation, technology innovation, industry development, taxation and financing.

(II) Support the establishment of world-class national cybersecurity colleges. Provide free office, teaching, scientific research, student dormitory and other supporting facilities, and give school operation expense subsidies, to former "985"² universities or internationally recognized and world-renowned universities that come to the Cyberbase to establish independent cybersecurity colleges or information technology colleges (universities), to develop talents with bachelor's or higher degrees or to organize graduate schools, or to operate schools that reach a certain size; give subsidies totaling up to RMB 100 million for the purchase of teaching laboratory equipment; provide free experts' apartments of different floor areas to teaching and scientific research staff according to their different levels, and where purchasing housing is necessary, housing purchase incentives can be granted up to the purchase cost; give enrolled students living expense subsidies of a certain amount according to their educational level, and give teaching hour subsidies for teachers' lectures according to standards; and give supporting awards to students and teachers who have won prizes at cybersecurity competitions at home

¹ Translator's note: "Public institutions" (事业单位) are organizations created and led by PRC government departments that provide social services. Unlike state-owned enterprises (SOEs), public institutions do not create material products and do not generate income. Public institutions are not considered government agencies, and their employees are not civil servants. Most public institutions are fully or partially government-funded, but some fully privately funded (but still government-led) public institutions exist. Public institutions typically provide services in areas such as education, science and technology, culture, health, and sanitation.

² Translator's note: The 985 Project (985工程), launched in May 1998, aims to transform a select group of China's elite higher education institutions into world-class universities so as to support China's modernization.

or abroad, or have realized commercialization of S&T achievements (成果转化). (Responsible units: City Cyberspace Administration, City Development and Reform Commission, City Finance Bureau, City Education Bureau, Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee [武汉临空港经济技术开发区管委会])

(III) Support establishment of training and research institutions. Support establishment of cybersecurity training centers (colleges), cybersecurity research academies, and other training and research institutions operated by means of sole proprietorships, joint ventures, cooperation, and other forms. For training institutions that carry out professional, skills, legal and other types of quality improvement, give training expense subsidies according to the number of trainee-times and teaching hours; based on relevant national regulations, provide preferential tax and rental rates; and provide free scientific research and office facilities, for a limited number of years, to institutions that conduct cybersecurity-related R&D and innovation incubation, as well as to cybersecurity attack and defense laboratories. (Responsible units: City Cyberspace Administration, City Bureau of Human Resources and Social Security, Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee)

(IV) Support construction of public service platforms. Provide free office accommodations, for a limited number of years, to cybersecurity-related testing centers, certification centers, evaluation centers, and other third-party professional public service platforms established by relevant national professional technical institutions. (Responsible unit: Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee)

(V) Support locating big data centers in the base. In a coordinated fashion, promote cluster construction within the base by all kinds of data centers throughout the city, and continuously integrate data resources, so as to form a data resources "trough." For enterprises that build data centers, supercomputing centers and other public technology platforms in the Cyberbase, and have a fixed investment of at least RMB 3 billion, land sold for their use can be matched with a certain portion of commercial and residential-use land in accordance with the law, provided it conforms to relevant plans. (Responsible unit: City Cyberspace Administration, City Bureau of Land Planning)

(VI) Encourage corporate investment. For investment projects that conform to the city's cybersecurity industry development plans, and have a minimum fixed investment of RMB 50 million, implement financial assistance based on 8% of expenditures for the acquisition and modification of major advanced equipment, with the total subsidies for a single project in principle not to exceed RMB 8 million. For major cybersecurity projects or key projects in the production chain, encourage the Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee to implement matching support according to a subsidy standard of 2%-8% of a project's fixed asset investment. Have the administrative fees incurred in the process of locating in the Cyberbase subsidized by the Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee, and provide free procedure handling and assistance services for approval matters to projects that locate to the zone. (Responsible units: City Commission of Economy and Informatization, City Government Services Management Office, Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee)

(VII) Establish a Cyberbase industry fund. By absorbing social capital³ that participates in relevant projects in the cybersecurity field, establish a diversified, multi-channel cybersecurity industry investment system. The cybersecurity industry fund will focus support on incubation and recruitment in cybersecurity and related industries, key technology R&D and industrialization of S&T achievements (成果产业化), construction of innovation platforms, etc. (Responsible units: City Reform and Development Bureau, City Bureau of Financial Work, City Cyberspace Administration, Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee)

(VIII) Secure the supply of land. Include the Cyberbase among major city-level construction projects, give priority to securing project land requirements, adjust and improve related plans, and ensure the Cyberbase has 20 square kilometers of construction land as space for development. Include the network and information security industry among the city's priority industries for development, enjoying preferential pricing policies for the supply of land. (Responsible units: City Development and Reform Commission, City Bureau of Land Planning)

(IX) Encourage S&T innovation. For enterprises and institutions that establish various kinds of innovation platforms, incubators, makerspaces (众创空间), technology innovation alliances, and R&D centers, in addition to the existing national, provincial and city policies they enjoy, encourage the Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee to grant them matching incentives. To encourage and support market listings by enterprises, give certain amounts as incentives, in accordance with policies, to enterprises that list on the main domestic and foreign exchanges, the Growth Enterprise Market (GEM), the New Over-the-Counter (OTC) Market or the Wuhan Equity Exchange. (Responsible units: City Science and Technology Bureau, City Bureau of Financial Work, Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee)

(X) Strengthen the recruitment and training of talent. Focus efforts on the recruitment and incubation of high-level talents and teams in the cybersecurity field. For industry-leading individual talents newly recruited by enterprises, public institutions and agencies in the Cyberbase, give incentive subsidies of RMB 500,000 to 2,000,000, encourage the Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee to grant matching incentives, and make customized settlement policies for securing housing, healthcare, children's school admission and other aspects. For professional talents that engage in entrepreneurship or employment in Cyberbase, grant reasonable subsidies covering such aspects as living allowances, venue rental fees, utilities, broadband internet fees, etc. Set up talent incentive mechanisms, and give incentives to various kinds of talent with notable achievements and outstanding contributions in scientific research, production, instruction, operations, management, services and other work. (Responsible units: City Human Resources

³ Translator's note: The Chinese term 社会资本, translated literally as "social capital," and its synonym 社会资金 "social funding," refer to any source of funding outside of government budget outlays. These terms encompass investment by private individuals and private institutions. However, investment from state-funded entities such as state-owned enterprises (SOEs), including state-run banks, also falls under the umbrella of "social capital" or "social funding."

and Social Security Bureau, Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee)

This *Notice* shall be implemented from its date of issuance and will be effective for 5 years. Where the policy measures in the *Notice* overlap with the policies stipulated in other documents issued by Wuhan, the principle of paramountcy (就高原则) shall be executed, with no duplication of enjoyed policy benefits. The policy's specific implementation details will be formulated and implemented by the Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee. For dominant industry-driving projects and those with especially significant contributions, the Wuhan Airport Economic and Technological Development Zone Management Committee shall grant support, after conducting special studies, according to the principles of "different policies for different enterprises" and "different treatment for different circumstances."

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