

Microsoft, H-P to Launch Taiwan Tech Center

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TAIPEI -- Microsoft and **H-P** will establish a joint technology center in Taiwan, focused on investing in advanced software, hardware and improving technical support to its Taiwan partners. About 80% of the world's PCs are built in Taiwan.

The new center -- Microsoft's 16th worldwide -- is expected to generate a small amount of revenues -- the firms estimated about \$83 million in five years. That's a drop in the bucket relative to the companies' annual sales, however.

Taiwan is home to most of the world's top makers of PC hardware, including **Quanta Computer, Foxconn, Acer** and Compal Electronics.

In a press statement, Global Microsoft Technology Center director John Knutsen said, "Microsoft and H-P solution centers will help advance the technology of our Taiwanese business partners and corporate clients."