

Policies to promote building competitive state cybersecurity "highland"

Wuhan Airport Economic Development Zone (AEDZ) has actively put together policies to facilitate the opening of the Institute for State Cybersecurity and the establishment of enterprises in the zone.

On February 17, Wuhan municipal government issued a "Notice on Policies to Support the Development of the National Cybersecurity Talent and Innovation Base (NCTIB)." In order to implement this notice, AEDZ has released six policies related to the training and cultivation of talent, technology incubation, and introduction of industries. These provide policy backup for attracting and accelerating cybersecurity enterprises, institutions and talent to settle in the base.

By actively pushing forward the construction of the NCTIB, the AEDZ is speeding up the formation of an ecological environment in the hope of building the NCTIB into a globally competitive cybersecurity base.



Cybersecurity Training Center

Policy

Supporting system and mechanism innovation

The NCTIB is included as one of the key reform experiment projects that are systematically carried forward in the city; it has a priority in enjoying all the preferential policies at the municipal level, including the "multiple parks in one zone" policy and "innovation valley" policy of Wuhan East Lake National Independent Innovation Demonstration Zone. The base can explore, pilot and demonstrate new measures in terms of talent cultivation, technological innovation, industrial development, and finance and taxation.

Interpretation

The top-level design for the NCTIB makes it easier for the base to explore and pilot new measures in the trial stage, which reflects the openness and breakthrough of the policy. The priority policy makes it possible for all the enterprises and talent that settle in the base to enjoy favorable policies ahead of others.

Top-level

Supporting building top-level cybersecurity institutes

For those universities of former Project 985 in China and world-recognized prestigious universities that come to set up independent cybersecurity institutes or information technology institutes (universities) to cultivate graduates of bachelor's degree and above, or to set up graduate schools for postgraduates, once they reach a certain school-running scale, the NCTIB will provide them not only with facilities for office work, teaching, scientific research and student dormitories, all for free, but also subsidies for school running expenditures. The NCTIB will subsidize their purchase of teaching and experimental equipment with a total sum not exceeding RMB 100 million.

For teaching and research staff, the NCTIB will offer apartments of different living areas for free according to their academic levels. They may also enjoy a preferential policy of buying a house at cost. Registered students will be given allowances based on their education levels, and teachers will have subsidies for class teaching in line with standards. Teachers and students will be granted supplementary awards once they win prizes in domestic or overseas cybersecurity competitions, or if they transform their scientific research achievements to production.

Interpretation

On par with the policy of building globally top-level cybersecurity institutes, the NCTIB will give targeted preferential policy support to those cybersecurity institutes of degreed education that reach the required threshold. This policy can speed up the training of cybersecurity talent and make Wuhan a prestigious incubator of cybersecurity talent.

Training

Supporting construction of training and research institutions

The NCTIB supports all educational bodies that set up cybersecurity training centers (institutes) and research institutes in the base by sole proprietorship, joint venture, cooperation, and other means.

The base will give subsidies to training institutions that improve the trainee's professional, technical, and legal qualities according to the number of trainees and training hours. Reductions of taxation and rental fees for state-funded training institutions according to relevant policies of the country. For institutions carrying out scientific and technological research and development, and innovation and incubation in the field of cybersecurity, and for network attack & defense labs, the base will offer free places for scientific research and free offices for a certain number of years. Scientific and technological achievements that are industrialized at the NCTIB will obtain certain sums of financial support.

Interpretation

Training institutions mainly conduct non-degree education. Subsidies and preferential taxation and rental reductions can effectively promote the development of their training business. For scientific research and innovation institutions, and network attack & defense labs in the start-up period, the free places for scientific research and office will reduce their operational cost and pressure, which is favorable for scientific research and incubation. In the later period of their incubation, the financial support of the industrialization of scientific and technological achievements guarantees the success of the projects.

Platform

Supporting construction of public service platforms

Testing centers, authentication centers, and assessment centers and other third-party professional public service platforms that are relevant to cybersecurity and set up by national professional and technical institutions, can use the offices provided by the NCTIB for free for a certain number of years.

Interpretation

This policy has significant features of public welfare and shareability. The settling of the platforms can accelerate the concentration and development of talent and industries with important driving force and influence. In order to attract these public service platforms to set up branches at the NCTIB, it is necessary to offer them free office space in the start-up stage so as to cut down their operational costs.