

Intel, Taiwan in tie-up to develop new chip

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"Intel Labs will collaborate with the Industrial Technology Research Institute (ITRI) on research programmes expected to shape the future of information technology," Intel said in a statement.

The \$15-million project will focus on "super-fast, but extremely energy-efficient memory technologies" for lightweight laptops, tablets and smartphones, it said.

Intel, ITRI and Taiwan's economic ministry each will spend \$5 million on the five-year project.

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