

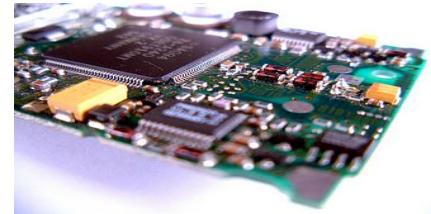


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EDB sees a promising future for Singapore's electronics sector

Electronics firms' fixed asset investments at \$6.2 billion last year. -BT
Teh Shi Ning

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The Business Times

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SINGAPORE - Singapore's electronics sector is a diversified one with a bright future, the Economic Development Board (EDB) said as it unveiled \$6.2 billion in fixed-asset investments committed by electronics firms last year.

This was lower than the \$7.4 billion secured in 2011 and made up 39 per cent of total investments secured in 2012.

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In recent months, this decline stood in sharp contrast to the recovery of Taiwan and Korea's exports and production. Several private-sector analysts have since read this as Singapore not being sufficiently plugged into the handset segment and hence missing out on resurgent demand for smartphones and tablets.

* Q4 GDP beats expectations, improves outlook for 2013

* Biomed make bigger contribution than **electronics** for 1st time

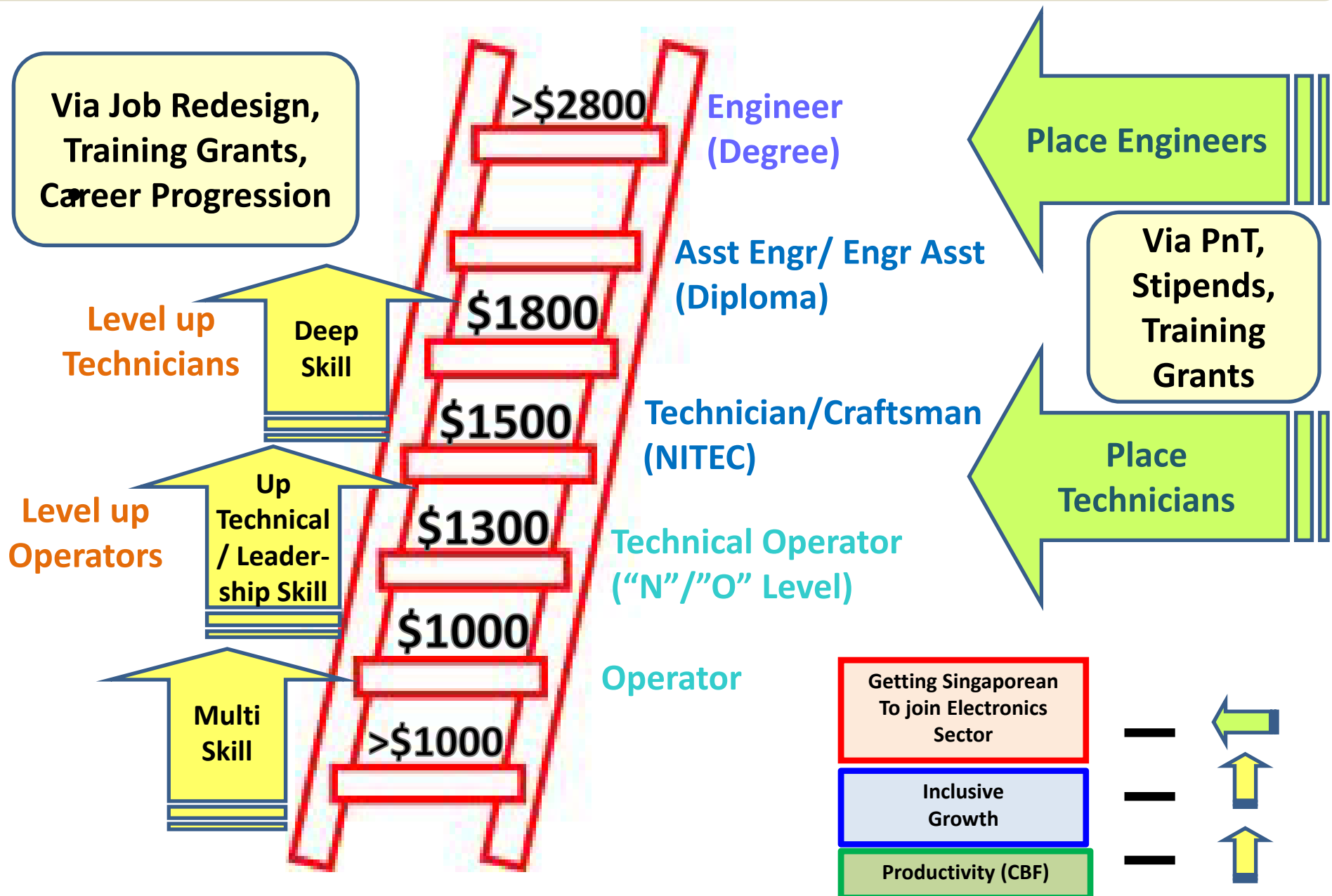
* Downside risk for global **economy** recede (Adds comments on biomed, forecasts for 2013)

By Kevin Lim

SINGAPORE, Feb 22 (Reuters) - Singapore's economic outlook brightened after fourth quarter growth was revised up substantially, with its young biomedical sector contributing more to the **economy** than the **electronics** sector for the first time.

Singapore's GDP expanded at an annualised rate of 3.3 percent in the fourth quarter from the preceding three months, turning around from the 4.6 percent contraction in the third quarter, according to revised seasonally adjusted data released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry

Electronics & Precision & Machinery Engineering (EPME) Cluster



Workforce Skills Qualification (WSQ)



Labour chief Lim Swee Say (foreground, third from right) at the launch of the new initiative developed under the Workforce Skills Qualifications framework. With him is NTUC deputy secretary-general Halimah Yacob. PHOTO: LIANHE ZAOBAO

Skills training for 7,000 to boost wafer fab sector

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**Six companies back
training customised
for high-tech industry**

■ By CAI HAOXIANG

A NEW training programme customised for the high-tech wafer fabrication industry was unveiled yesterday, in a move to boost the productivity of its engineers as well as make them more employable.

It has gained the support of six key wafer fab companies, which have agreed to send about 7,000 of their engineers for in-house training under the scheme.

It provides a framework for these workers to systematically acquire a range of certified engineering skills that will be recognised nationally.

The scheme was launched by labour chief Lim Swee Say yesterday, as part of the labour movement's new focus on reversing Singapore's declining productivity.

Said Mr Lim: "With this national framework in place, we can keep upgrading but more



Workforce Skills Qualification (WSQ)

- 3, 000 engineers to benefit
- UWEEI collaboration with 6 major industry players and Singapore Workforce Development Agency
- Framework to be launched in 2012



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