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Policy Recommendations for Building Suzhou into an International Innovation City from a Global Perspective

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Abstract

The Global Innovation Hubs Index (GIHI) measures the innovation capabilities of 100 cities (metropolitan areas) around the world from three dimensions, including science centres, innovation highlands, and innovation ecology, and reflects the changing trends of the world's innovation landscape. Suzhou's overall GIHI ranked the 75th globally, and ranked the 8th among the 19 Chinese cities (metropolitan areas) on the list in 2022. This report examines the leading international cities on the list and meanwhile with close ties or have similar industrial structures with Suzhou, summarises their experience in building innovation cities, analyses Suzhou's current performance and its gaps with the leading cities, and proposes policy recommendations for building Suzhou into a leading international innovation city.

Key Words

The Global Innovation Hubs Index (GIHI); International Innovation City; Innovation Capability