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AUO to initially invest NT\$5 billion in thin-film PV modules

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AU Optronics (AUO), having announced a project to develop "third-generation" thin-film photovoltaic (PV) modules with energy conversion rates of at least 10%, has set aside an initial budget of NT\$5 billion (US\$150 million) for the new business, according to industry sources.

Although AUO has not defined its "third-generation" thin-film PV technology, which may refer to micromorphous silicon tandem-junction or CIGS (copper-indium-gallium-selenide), the sources pointed out. The former is more likely than the latter because of relative maturity in manufacturing technology, the sources indicated.

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