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1934 Act Registration No. 1-14700

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of December 2003

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd. (Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

No. 8, Li-Hsin Rd. 6,
Science-Based Industrial Park,
Hsin-Chu, Taiwan
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.) Form 20-F $\,$ X Form 40-F $\,$

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2 (b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.) Yes ____ No X

(If "Yes" is marked, indicated below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2 (b): 82: _____.)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Ltd.

Date: December 4, 2003

By /s/ Lora Ho

Lora Ho

Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY LIMITED

This is to report the grant of Employee Stock Options in December 2003.

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ESOP Granted	December 2003
Approval Date by the Securities and Futures Commission	
Issue (Grant) Date	12/03/2003
Number of Shares Issued	842,900
	0.00416%
Source of Option Shares	New Common Share
Grant Price Per Shares	NT\$66.5
Option Duration	10 years
Vesting Schedule	2nd Year: up to 50% 3rd Year: up to 75% 4th Year: up to 100%