

Annual member assembly



Mayor Chen Chi-Mai (middle) attends to offer encouragement &amp; support



# TIFI Member Assembly 2025— Unity & Breakthrough to Pioneer Quality Fastener Export

TIFI (Taiwan Industrial Fasteners Institute) Member Assembly was grandly held on December 18, 2025, at the "Enjoy Your Life Banquet Hall" in Gangshan, Kaohsiung City. TIFI Chairman Mr. Yung-Yu Tsai emphasized the TIFI role in helping Taiwanese businesses turn the tide in this critical survival battle. Since taking office, he has actively linked TIFI with the Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Kaohsiung City Government, and others, articulating the export challenges faced by fastener businesses to various government agencies and securing their support. This has enabled TIFI to lead numerous Taiwanese fastener companies in forming a "Team Taiwan," realizing the vision of creating "Taiwan Quality Fastener Pavilion" to unite Taiwanese exhibitors under one roof and shine at major global trade shows.

As Taiwan's largest fastener export destination, the U.S. since 2025 has undergone structural changes in its external fastener procurement amid intensifying international political, economic, and trade competition. This poses unprecedented challenges to Taiwanese fastener makers' overseas orders and profit margins. As China's tensions against the U.S. and relations become the new norm, the restructuring of global fastener supply chains is now firmly established and becoming long-term and frequent, requiring Taiwanese businesses to accelerate their transformation to adapt to it.

In his address, Chairman Tsai stated: "Facing challenges like U.S. tariffs and the EU's CBAM, businesses must stay united, accelerate transformation, and grit their teeth to push through. Over the past two years, the industry has faced unprecedented volatility in costs, order demand, and exchange rates. We must consolidate domestic team strength, regain our footing, and seize the initiative in the next wave of opportunities. I call on fastener industry veterans and second-generation successors to join hands and fight for Taiwan's future!"

To assist Taiwanese fasteners industry to compete through a group model, **TIFI will once again form the Team Taiwan, continuing the success made in the IFE show. Again, TIFI will establish "Taiwan Quality Fastener Pavilion" at Taiwan International Fastener Show, IFE (Phoenix, U.S.), and Fastener Fair Global (Stuttgart, Germany) in 2026.** TIFI will also organize a group to exhibit at FASTENER POLAND®, promoting Taiwan's high-value fastener businesses, products, and services to visitors and buyers worldwide. All TIFI members have been invited to join and participate.

The event drew a distinguished gathering, including Kaohsiung Mayor Chen Chi-Mai, Economic Development Bureau Director Liao Tai-Hsiang, Metal Division Chief Guo Yan-Yun from the Industrial Development Bureau, and Secretary-General Chiang Tsung-Yi of Taiwan Steel Wire & Wire Rope Industries Association. **Mayor Chen delivered remarks to boost morale, instructing the Economic Development Bureau to provide full administrative and resource support to help businesses overcome obstacles—even amid turbulent waves—with government backing.** Chairman Tsai expressed gratitude to members for not giving up amid challenges and firmly breaking through, while specially thanking the government for supporting Taiwan's fastener industry development. He wished everyone prosperity at the end of the journey and a new peak ahead.

Additionally, the Assembly featured a lecture on "Corporate Resilience and R&D Transformation Guidance," covering key areas members need to know: "Dual-Axis Transformation" (green design, energy-saving and carbon reduction), "Technology Value-Add" (new processes, new materials, high-precision products), "Cross-Boundary Integration," and "Marketing Deployment" (product certification, channel development). Businesses facing client demands to absorb tariffs, cargo returns, order cancellations, or delays—even without export operations—can apply for related assistance.

Amid international economic and trade challenges, TIFI leads members forward steadily. Through the united power of the Team Taiwan, it helps businesses seize new export opportunities and jointly forge a stable future for the fastener industry. ■

