Great Success at the IFE 2026
Highlights of "Taiwan Pavilion"





The International Fastener Expo (IFE), the largest and most influential trade show in the fastener industry across the Americas, took place October 7–9 at the Phoenix Convention Center in Arizona. The event attracted 520 exhibitors from 25 countries worldwide and around 3,300 visitors from 45 countries, with a total exhibition area of 75,000 sq. f. In addition to hundreds of U.S. fastener manufacturers registering to exhibit, overseas exhibitors (from Taiwan, India, Korea, Brazil, Turkey, Europe, China, and other regions) also organized delegations to participate, hoping to break into the U.S. market and capitalize on rapidly growing business opportunities. This marks the first time the exhibition has moved to Phoenix—the 5th largest city in the U.S.—since it was held in Las Vegas for dozens of consecutive editions. The new exhibition hall and the business opportunities offered by the various industrial clusters surrounding Phoenix have led exhibitors from around the world to have high expectations for this year's event. They also hope that Phoenix's recent trend of attracting over 2,000 major international companies in sectors such as IT & electronics, semiconductors, aerospace, defense, biotechnology & healthcare, and logistics and warehousing will help fastener manufacturers expand into more industrial supply chains.

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At this year's IFE, the Taiwan Pavilion—led by the Taiwan Industrial Fasteners Institute (TIFI)—was undoubtedly the highlight of the international pavilions. With strong support and resources from government, industry, and academic partners—including the ITA of Taiwan's MOEA, the EDB of Kaohsiung City, MIRDC, and Taiwan CSC—Taiwan not only featured the largest delegation in the event's history but also offered the most extensive program of activities ever at IFE. In addition to the preshow international press conference, the program included the "Taiwan Night" gala dinner, morning coffee break, the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the signing of an MOU between TIFI and NFDA, "Taste of Taiwan," one-on-one business matchmaking sessions, and an industry forum—all demonstrated the strong willingness of Taiwan's fastener supply chain and U.S. industrial clients to actively expand multi-stakeholder exchanges and cooperation among industry, government, and academia. Many distinguished guests attending the events noted that Taiwan's supply chain has been a vital force supporting U.S. industrial needs for decades and will remain irreplaceable in the future. The various activities at the Taiwan Pavilion not only showcased Taiwan's unceasing innovative capabilities and the development of lower-carbon products and processes but also deepened U.S. companies' understanding of Taiwan's leading expertise in fastener technology and services, making them more willing to establish a more diverse network of exchanges and cooperation with Taiwan.





The U.S. imports an average of US$6 billion worth of fasteners annually, with Taiwan accounting for roughly one-third of that total, underscoring Taiwan's status as the U.S. most important source of fasteners. In addition, in recent years, the construction of U.S. AI data centers and power infrastructure, along with demand for high-value-added industrial fasteners and precision components, the automotive, aerospace, and medical device supply chains, as well as demand from U.S. fastener distributors and local inventory supplies, have driven significant business opportunities in the fastener sector. This has prompted Taiwanese fastener manufacturers—who are actively seeking to establish a presence in the mid-to-high-end markets—to participate enthusiastically in this year's IFE. Their goal is to further expand their reach among U.S. importers, fastener distributors, and industrial MRO channels, while building a competitive edge through customized product services, quality traceability, fast and flexible delivery times, and stable supply capabilities.



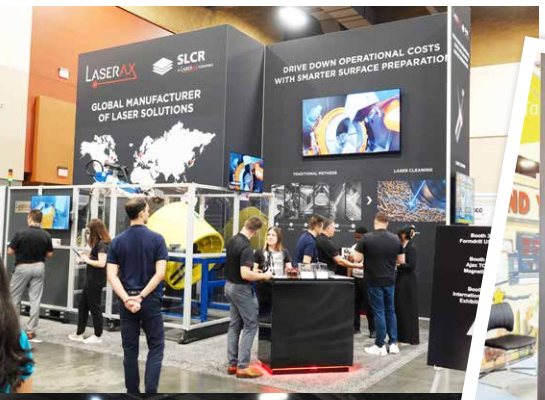
TIFI Chairman Yung-Yu Tsai said, “During this trip, we sensed continued growth in U.S. market demand. The economy is expected to recover next year, and given the consistently strong cooperation between Taiwan and the U.S., this will undoubtedly be a major boost for Taiwan’s fastener industry.” Deputy Director-General Chia-Hong Lin-Liao of EDB (Kaohsiung City Government) said, “Arizona has a well-developed high-tech industry. This time, Taiwan has brought the entire industrial chain here, and we hope to strengthen cooperation in the future in areas such as military and defense, as well as medical and biotechnology.”

IFE 2026 not only provided Taiwanese fastener manufacturers with a vital platform to expand into the North American market, but also further demonstrated Taiwanese supply chain’s ambition to deepen international cooperation and target high-value-added markets. As cooperation mechanisms between the Taiwanese and U.S. fastener industries are gradually established, coupled with emerging demand from sectors such as semiconductors, aerospace & defense, and AI, Taiwanese fastener manufacturers are expected to continue expanding cooperation opportunities with U.S. clients through technological upgrades, product innovation, and supply chain integration.

Since the inaugural U.S. IFE, Fastener World has served as the event’s exclusive Taiwanese agent. At this year’s show, with the strong support of TIFI Chairman Yung-Yu Tsai and government agencies, Fastener World successfully organized a series of exciting events at the Taiwan Pavilion. All participants in this grand event agreed that it was a resounding success, noting that it not only boosted orders from U.S. clients but also laid the groundwork for securing even more orders in the future. According to a survey conducted by Fastener World one week after the show, more than 40 companies have expressed interest in returning, and over 50 booths have been reserved. In addition, exhibitors from Kaohsiung City alone are expected to secure orders worth NT$900 million at this year’s event, making the exhibition a resounding success. Many Taiwanese exhibitors, who engaged in extensive exchanges and interactions with local buyers at the event, also noted that there were a significant number of potential buyers at the IFE. They highlighted the remarkable business opportunities and strong market demand demonstrated by the U.S. market and expressed great confidence in future inquiries from clients and bilateral cooperation. For the Fastener Fair Global in Stuttgart next April and the IFE in early October next year, the ITA (MOEA) and the Kaohsiung City Government will similarly provide exhibition subsidies, with the aim of helping businesses expand into more global markets and create new business opportunities.















The next IFE will take place at the Phoenix Convention Center from September 30 to October 1, 2027. Businesses interested in expanding into the U.S. market are welcome to contact IFE’s exclusive Taiwan agent, Fastener World for more info (Email: foreign@fastener-world.com.tw).

Highlight 1

Taiwan Night Gala Dinner

Taiwan and the U.S. United in Spirit, Resonating in Excellence

The "Taiwan Night" gala dinner kicked off in lively fashion at Chateau Luxe Event Venue the day before the IFE opened. Hundreds of Taiwanese exhibitors and distinguished guests from major U.S. fastener manufacturers, industry associations, and chambers of commerce enthusiastically attended this event, which served as an early warm-up for business exchanges at the IFE.

TIFI Chairman Yung-Yu Tsai, who had just held fruitful discussions with official representatives from Arizona regarding expanding cooperation between the fastener industry and the defense sector in the morning, took the stage to deliver a speech encouraging the exhibitors. He stated that fasteners, as critical components for protecting human life and safety, represent an industry that will never be replaced. He expressed gratitude to the ITA of MOEA for its full support of Taiwanese exhibitors, as well as to the U.S. state government and the NFDA for their assistance, and expressed confidence in the Taiwan Pavilion's exhibition.



Tracy Huang, Director at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles, stated that support from U.S. buyers and business partners is the driving force behind the continued growth of Taiwan's fastener industry. A single screw represents a decade of dedication; through its comprehensive supply chain, manufacturing capabilities, and credibility, Taiwan has earned the continued trust of global customers. Moving forward, the MOEA will continue to assist companies in smart upgrades and green manufacturing, while providing R&D subsidies and certification guidance to help them move steadily and go far!



Agnese Sturmane, VP of International Trade and Investment at the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), stated that Arizona is committed to being a long-term partner of Taiwan. The Taiwanese trade delegation's visit to Arizona is a perfect illustration of the strong and continuously growing bilateral economic cooperation.

Greater Phoenix Economic Council Director Jill Yen said, "Phoenix is home to a growing number of key industry clusters in sectors such as semiconductors, aerospace, defense, finance, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing. GPEC is willing to provide a platform to connect businesses in Taiwan and Arizona, assist in identifying resources, and promote exchange and cooperation."

To make the dinner even more enjoyable, the organizers specially arranged a variety of traditional games reflecting Taiwanese culture—such as spinning tops, shuttlecock kicking, and balancing bottles—as well as a photo booth to invite guests to join in the fun. Many U.S. guests who had never experienced these traditional Taiwanese children's games before enthusiastically participated, and the games helped them feel a closer connection to Taiwan.



Highlight 2

Preshow International Press Conference





Showcasing Taiwan to the World: Full-Scale Launch of Taiwan's Fastener Industry

The 2026 IFE was held for the first time in Phoenix, USA, the nation's fifth-largest city. Unlike in previous years, the Taiwan delegation has significantly expanded the scale of the Taiwan Pavilion this year, thanks to the strong support of the ITA (MOEA) and the vigorous mobilization efforts of TIFI. A total of 106 exhibitors gathered at the Phoenix Convention Center to present diverse fastener product solutions and services for various industrial applications—including construction, automotive, aerospace, and railway—to the vast U.S. market, where demand for fasteners continues to grow. This marks the largest number of Taiwanese exhibitors since the IFE's inception, making it the second-largest international delegation at this year's event, surpassed only by U.S. domestic exhibitors.

To foster deeper interaction and exchange between U.S. clients and Taiwan's fastener supply chain, Taiwan Pavilion carefully organized a series of events during the three-day exhibition period from October 7 to October 9, including a preshow international press conference, the "Taiwan Night" gala dinner, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Taiwan Pavilion, the signing ceremony for the TIFI-NFDA MOU, exhibitor tours, "Taste of Taiwan," one-on-one business matchmaking, and two forums. In addition to boosting the Taiwan Pavilion's exhibition profile and achieving the international marketing goals of promoting the exceptional manufacturing capabilities and comprehensive industrial cluster of Taiwan's national fastener team, the event also aimed to bridge the gap with U.S. industry clients through these engaging activities, thereby creating more opportunities for Taiwanese exhibitors to connect with local U.S. buyers.

The preshow international press conference held on October 7 kicked off a series of events at the Taiwan Pavilion. TIFI Chairman Yung-Yu Tsai, Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) CEO Sandra Watson, Director Tracy Huang of TECO in LA; Deputy Director-General Chia-Hong Lin-Liao of EDB (Kaohsiung City Government), NFDA Associate Chair Scott Camp, MIRDC President Chung-Chun Wu, and Taiwan CSC Assistant VP Chung-Yung Wu—representatives from industry, government, and academia in Taiwan and the U.S.—spoke at the event and took questions from international media. They shared perspectives from both Taiwan and the U.S. on the importance of the Taiwan Pavilion in deepening future exchanges between the Taiwanese and U.S. fastener industries, as well as the potential business opportunities it may bring.





TIFI Chairman Yung-Yu Tsai

To Help Make America Great Again, Taiwan's Fastener Industry Is Pulling Out All the Stops

Taiwan sent a large delegation of reps from industry, government, and academia to Phoenix, demonstrating the high priority it placed on this year's IFE and the U.S. market. In line with President Trump's "Make America Great Again" strategy, Taiwan not only brought its most outstanding and comprehensive team of experts in fastener technology and logistics services but also hoped to leverage its past successes in China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia to do its utmost to provide the support needed by U.S. industries. At a time when many U.S. government agencies are actively seeking partnerships with Taiwan's manufacturing supply chain—which presents boundless business opportunities—a dedicated Taiwan Pavilion has been established to demonstrate, through concrete actions, Taiwan's unwavering commitment to assisting the development of U.S. industries.

Chairman Tsai emphasized that the goal of expanding the scale of this year's Taiwan Pavilion and signing an MOU with U.S. NFDA for the first time was to help the U.S. identify the best partner for collaboration and to use the best expertise and technology to help create an environment that puts "America First."



Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) CEO Sandra Watson

Taiwan is Arizona's 2nd-largest trading partner and hopes to deepen bilateral cooperation

Based on mutual trust and shared values, Taiwan and the State of Arizona have maintained close bilateral economic and trade relations for years. In particular, this year's inauguration of TECO in Phoenix has further solidified the foundation for future bilateral cooperation. Currently, several industrial investment projects worth tens of billions USD are in full swing in Arizona, including those in the fields of semiconductor chips, aerospace & defense, batteries, and renewable energy. In addition, nearly 300 advanced manufacturing projects are in the pipeline, all of which serve to deepen cooperation with Taiwan. Imports from Taiwan have also been gradually increasing, with expanding cooperation in the fields of electronics, computer equipment, and high-tech components. ACA is committed to serving as a one-stop resource, providing a full range of services to companies interested in investing and expanding in Arizona, thereby expanding opportunities for cooperation.

CEO Sandra noted that the ACA has an office in Taiwan dedicated to fostering bilateral industrial development, and given the exponential growth of the advanced manufacturing sector, this is undoubtedly an excellent opportunity. The ACA can provide services to companies interested in establishing a presence in the U.S. and looks forward to collaborating to deepen partnership and, through business matchmaking and site selection assessments, assisting Taiwanese companies in securing the necessary resources and expanding their operations in the U.S.



Director of TECO in LA Tracy Huang

Taiwan's fastener industry is strong; U.S. drones, aerospace, EV, and advanced manufacturing present new opportunities

The U.S. is not only Taiwan's largest export market for fasteners but also a key supply chain partner. Faced with the challenges of rapid industry changes, corporate competition will increasingly focus on supply chain resilience, product quality, and low-carbon, high-end manufacturing capabilities. Taiwanese manufacturers are actively adopting smart manufacturing and investing in R&D for aerospace, automotive, and green energy products, making them trusted supply chain partners. Currently, the U.S. drone, aerospace, EV, and advanced manufacturing sectors all require components made of high-precision or specialty materials, which are expected to present new opportunities for Taiwanese fasteners to enter the U.S. market. Taiwan Pavilion fully demonstrated to U.S. clients that Taiwan is transitioning from traditional manufacturing to high-value manufacturing, shifting its product exports toward supply chain collaboration, and moving toward deeper Taiwan-U.S. cooperation.



Deputy Director-General Chia-Hong Lin-Liao of EDB (Kaohsiung City Government)

Taiwan possesses high-precision fastener technology, making it necessary to deepen cooperation between Taiwan and the U.S.

Taiwan (especially Kaohsiung) is a major hub for fastener manufacturing, boasting high-precision technology. Taiwan's fastener industry has been collaborating with the U.S. for nearly 50 years, and approximately 40–60 percent of the fasteners in the U.S. are imported from Taiwan. Currently, Taiwanese fastener manufacturers operate at least 18 distribution centers in the U.S., and they hope to establish a facility in Arizona in the future. Furthermore, given that fastener technology plays a critical role in the industrial cycle, Taiwan's technical design and manufacturing capabilities in this sector make in-depth cooperation with the U.S. absolutely essential.

Deputy Director-General Lin believes that "reliability" is the key to Taiwan's fastener industry maintaining its competitiveness and becoming the preferred choice of U.S. distributors. The promotion of AI-driven industrial transformation has significantly improved the quality of Taiwan's fastener industry. Furthermore, a comprehensive fastener manufacturing cluster, excellent quality management, and close ties with the U.S. have also strengthened channels for future bilateral cooperation in the fastener industry.



NFDA Associate Chair Scott Camp

Trust Has Fostered a Long-Standing Partnership Between Taiwan and the U.S.

As an important procurement and trade partner for the U.S., Taiwan's quality, engineering capabilities, traceability, flexibility, communication skills, and crisis management abilities all serve as crucial foundations—beyond price—for strengthening long-term cooperation between Taiwan and the U.S. However, merely meeting these criteria is far from sufficient. It is also crucial to know how to effectively leverage relationships with U.S. partners—such as strengthening cooperation with U.S. distributor partners—and how to position oneself as a source of high-quality products while fully integrating downstream operations to become a leading manufacturer. We are confident that Taiwan has the capability to integrate its outstanding manufacturing strengths with greater speed, flexibility, innovation, and supply chain resources, thereby continuing to play a vital role as a key procurement partner for the U.S.

Associate Chair Scott believes that Taiwan still faces challenges in some areas, so the application of AI in smart manufacturing to reduce costs and improve production efficiency and cost-effectiveness is crucial. Supply stability is also critical; Taiwanese manufacturers must continue to invest and evolve—not only to achieve efficient manufacturing but also to provide supply chain services that enable products to reach target markets more easily. Production efficiency and the amount of value created for downstream markets are factors that can be controlled. U.S. distributors need Taiwan, but we must make these products more readily available.

MIRDC President Chung-Chun Wu



High-value-added products, smart manufacturing, and low-carbon initiatives are the 3 key directions for Taiwan's fastener industry in the future

Taiwan's comprehensive industrial clusters and manufacturing innovation capabilities have fostered a highly resilient supply chain. The future will be defined by a combination of technology, quality, speed, resilience, and sustainability. Enhancing industrial competitiveness through smart manufacturing, automation, quality and reliability, supply chain resilience, and sustainable development presents a key opportunity for future transformation. The MOEA' subsidies for export-oriented R&D transformation, along with MIRDC's AI transformation guidance for enterprises, are continuously assisting Taiwan's fastener manufacturers in advancing high-value-added products, smart manufacturing, and low-carbon initiatives. These efforts enable the industry to integrate into international supply chains and, through collaboration among industry, government, and academia, build collective strength to expand into international markets. President Wu said, MIRDC's role is to bring R&D capabilities to the industry and to enhance efficiency and yield rates in the fastener industry through practical AI-driven die tuning, force sensing during forging, and process digitization. This has earned the industry recognition from international companies, and in the future, MIRDC will continue to help Taiwan's fastener industry accelerate its transformation by focusing on R&D, process validation, talent development, and international alignment.

Taiwan CSC Assistant VP of Technology Division Chung-Yung Wu



Providing Full Support to Fastener Customers in Terms of Materials and Manufacturing Processes

Taiwan CSC continues to provide strong support to its fastener industry partners to ensure the sustainable development of Taiwan's fastener industry, strengthen product quality, and maintain the industry's competitiveness, offering tangible support in 3 key areas. In the area of advanced materials, CSC enhances material stability, enabling fastener manufacturers to produce higher-performance fastener products. Second, through smart manufacturing, CSC actively assists customers in securing resources and achieves smart manufacturing processes by integrating AI-driven material data with forming and machining information. Third, the company provides low-carbon solutions to increase the recycling and reuse of waste materials, enhance energy efficiency, and produce more environmentally friendly products. Assistant VP Wu believes that Taiwan's fastener industry is expected to develop in 5 key directions over the next few years. First, the industry will develop higher-performance products to meet increasingly demanding industrial applications. Second, it will adopt AI and automation technologies to address labor shortages. Third, it will develop low-carbon products to comply with stricter regulations. Fourth, it will strengthen supply chain resilience to adapt to rapid external changes. Finally, it will accelerate its involvement in the design phase to enhance corporate value.



To showcase the formidable strength of Taiwan's fastener industry to international buyers, 106 exhibitors participating in this year's Taiwan Pavilion pulled out all the stops to present a wealth of noteworthy products, technologies, and innovative highlights. On the one hand, this demonstrated their hope to foster supply chain cooperation and technical exchanges between Taiwan and the U.S.; on the other hand, it reflected the Taiwanese fastener industry's active engagement in the global industrial chain market and its desire to deepen multilateral cooperation.



Highlight 3

Opening Ribbon-Cutting of Taiwan Pavilion

Taiwan's Exquisite Craftsmanship, Connecting with the U.S., Reaching New Heights Together

Taiwan Pavilion was one of the most eye-catching international exhibition areas at the IFE 2026 in Phoenix, Arizona. Comprising 106 Taiwanese fastener-related companies, it formed the largest overseas delegation—second only to U.S. domestic exhibitors. Not only was the scale of the exhibition impressive, but the pavilion also showcased a wide array of advanced and innovative fastening solutions and products, as well as end-to-end industrial chain technologies and services. As business opportunities in the U.S. market accelerate, the expanded Taiwan Pavilion not only demonstrated Taiwanese companies' high expectations for the U.S. market's potential but also served as the best illustration of strengthened interaction and enhanced exchange between the Taiwanese and U.S. fastener industries. In line with the trend of reshoring in the U.S. manufacturing sector and the long-standing partnership between Taiwan and the U.S. that has spanned decades, Taiwan's supply chain and U.S. clients will forge deeper and closer ties as they explore more diverse collaborations and expand their local presence in the U.S.



Officials from Taiwan and the U.S., as well as major U.S. industry leaders, all expressed great interest in the Taiwanese trade delegation's visit to the U.S. to explore business opportunities. Director General Kuo-En Chiao of TECO in Phoenix, Director Tracy Huang of TECO in LA, Deputy Director-General Chia-Hong Lin-Liao of EDB (Kaohsiung













City Government), Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) Executive VP Fernando Garcia, NFDA Associate Chair Scott Camp, VP of Global Supply Chain Matt Russel at Lindfast Solutions Group, MIRDC President Chung-Chun Wu, Taiwan CSC Assistant VP of Technology Division Chung-Yung Wu, FTI Managing Director Jo Morris, BBI President Jun Xu, Fong Prean Industrial President Simon Lin, Fastener World Inc. founder William Liao, and Thread Industrial President Chung-Jen Yen all participated in the ribbon-cutting.

TIFI Chairman Yung-Yu Tsai expressed special gratitude to the official agencies in Phoenix and U.S. trade partners for their strong support, as well as to Taiwanese government agencies and organizations including the ITA (MOEA), the Kaohsiung City Government, Taiwan CSC, and MIRDC, for providing abundant resources to establish the Taiwan Pavilion, thereby creating opportunities for Taiwan-U.S. cooperation. Chairman Tsai noted that global industrial chains have shifted from international division of labor to regional division of labor. Fasteners are deeply integrated into every aspect of daily life—from food, clothing, housing, and transportation—and are virtually irreplaceable. They also shoulder the critical responsibility of protecting lives in many key applications. He expressed his hope for even closer future cooperation between Taiwan and the U.S. and called for joint efforts.

Highlight 4

TIFI X NFDA MOU

Taiwan-USA Collaboration, New Chapter for Fastener Industries

Deepening Exchanges, Expanding Business Opportunities, and Jointly Shaping a New Global Industry Future

Taiwan's fastener industry plays a vital role in the global supply chain and serves as a key partner on which N. American customers have long relied. In light of the increasingly close cooperation and deepening exchanges between the fastener industries of Taiwan and the U.S., TIFI and NFDA specifically chose to sign an MOU on behalf of their respective members at the Taiwan Pavilion during the IFE, establishing a more concrete framework for future communication, exchange, and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two associations. Although TIFI and NFDA have maintained stable and frequent interactions for decades—including staff visits, the exchange of market intelligence, and cooperation among members—this marks the first time the two associations have formally sat down to sign an MOU. Members of both associations have expressed optimism regarding this development.





With the aim of strengthening cooperation and exchanges between the two associations, fostering member relationships, promoting business opportunities, and advancing the sustainable development and international competitiveness of the Taiwanese and U.S. fastener industries, the MOU covers 6 areas of cooperation:

1. Exchange of Industry Information and Market Intelligence—Share information on market developments, industry trends, trade policies, tariff regulations, supply chain dynamics, standards, and other info relevant to the fastener industry.

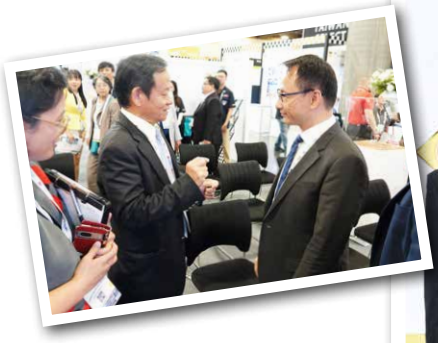
2. Business and Supply Chain Cooperation—Facilitate the establishment of cooperative relationships among Taiwanese and U.S. manufacturers, distributors, importers, buyers, service providers, and other industry partners.

3. Member Networking and Business Opportunity Matchmaking—Promote member exchanges, business opportunity matchmaking, partnership referrals, and other activities that help establish mutually beneficial business relationships.

4. Exhibitions, Delegations, and Industry Events—Encourage participation in international exhibitions, conferences, seminars, forums, reciprocal delegation visits, educational training, and other industry events organized or supported by both sides.

5. Technology, Quality, and Sustainable Development—Promote exchanges on topics related to manufacturing technology, quality management, industry standards, smart manufacturing, digital transformation, sustainable development, and market demand.

6. Other Joint Cooperation Initiatives—Jointly discuss and promote other cooperative initiatives agreed upon by both parties.

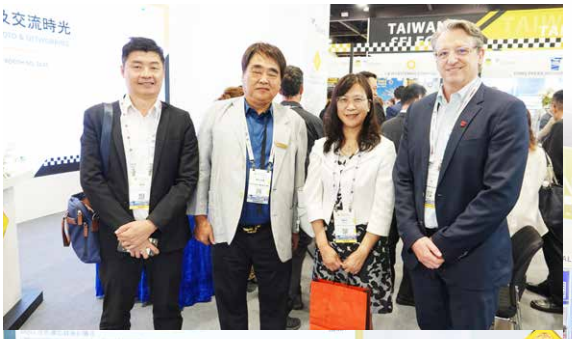






In the presence of Director General Kuo-En Chiao of TECO in Phoenix, Director Chief Tracy Huang of TECO in LA, Deputy Director-General Chia-Hong Lin-Liao of EDB (Kaohsiung City Government), and Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) Executive VP Fernando Garcia, TIFI Chairman Yung-Yu Tsai and NFDA Associate Chair Scott Camp signed an MOU and exchanged gifts to recognize the two associations' contributions and efforts in continuously fostering their partnership and strengthening cooperation and exchange.

The signing of this MOU not only marks a new milestone in the long-standing friendly relationship between the Taiwanese and U.S. fastener industries but also opens up more opportunities for future collaboration in areas such as market information, business matching, technical exchanges, and supply chain cooperation. By continuously deepening their partnership, TIFI and NFDA will help promote the integration of industrial resources between the two countries, expand business opportunities in international markets, and jointly address changes in the global trade environment and industry trends. Looking ahead, both sides hope to use this collaboration as a new starting point to continue deepening the ties between the Taiwanese and U.S. fastener industries. Together, they aim to build a more resilient, innovative, and internationally competitive industrial cooperation network, thereby injecting greater momentum into bilateral economic and trade exchanges between Taiwan and the U.S. as well as the sustainable development of the fastener industry.







Highlight 5

Visiting Taiwanese Exhibitors







On the afternoon of Oct. 8 when the show opened, Deputy Director-General, Chia-Hong Lin-Liao of Kaohsiung City Government's EDB; Director Tracy Huang of TECO in Los Angeles; TIFI Chairman Yung-Yu Tsai, TIFI Vice Chairman Simon Lin; and MIRDC President Chung Chun Wu, visited the booths of Taiwanese exhibitors including A-Plus, Autolink, Chong Cheng, Dar Yu, E Chain, Fang Sheng, Fong Prean, Jau Yeou, Kwantex, Quintain Steel, Rexlen, Ray Fu, San Shing, Spec, Sheh Fung, Special Rivets, Shuenn Chang Fa, Screwtech, Thread Industrial, Wa Tai, We Power, and Yow Chern, to gain an understanding of each exhibitor's unique strengths and competitive edge in fastener products and services, their international competitiveness, and what outcomes exhibitors hope to achieve by participating in this event, and what support and assistance exhibitors need from the government agencies, trade associations, and relevant organizations.



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Highlight 6

Taste of Taiwan

IFE Features a "Taiwanese" Flavor; International Buyers Savor Taiwanese Delicacies

Cuisine has always been a powerful tool for fostering exchanges between Taiwan and its international friends. This time, Taiwan Pavilion hosted the "Taste of Taiwan" event for two consecutive days, bringing people together through food in the warm and direct way that Taiwanese people are known for! The event venue was filled with tables laden with sun cakes, pineapple cakes, egg rolls, cream puffs, nougat—all classic treats that tourists must try when visiting Taiwan—as well as authentic local snacks renowned overseas, such as Kinmen Gongtang, snowflake cookies, dried fruits, and butter shortbread. There was even a beer and beverage bar where a bartender mixed drinks on the spot, prompting international visitors to give a thumbs-up and declare that the Taiwanese flavors were "absolutely amazing!"































In a relaxed and lively atmosphere, the event felt like a mini Taiwanese food festival. Not only did the food serve as a conversation starter between Taiwanese exhibitors and local U.S. buyers, but many U.S. clients were also impressed by the Taiwan Pavilion's creative event planning this year—some even expressed great anticipation for their next trip to Taiwan.

"Taste of Taiwan" was not only a culinary feast showcasing Taiwan's distinctive delicacies, but also an important bridge through which Taiwan showcased its cultural charm and conveyed its warmth and friendship to the world. Through a variety of classic snacks embodying Taiwan's local character and warmth, the Taiwan Pavilion successfully built closer ties with local U.S. buyers and international visitors, extending the exchange from culinary delights to cultural understanding and emotional connections. In the future, the Taiwan Pavilion will continue to showcase Taiwan's rich tourism resources and unique charm through innovative and diverse events, enabling more international friends to get to know and fall in love with Taiwan through its cuisine. This will further deepen exchanges between Taiwan and the U.S. and create more opportunities for Taiwan's tourism and international cooperation.

Highlight 7
Coffee Break



Early on the morning of Oct. 8, a special "coffee break", a common practice in U.S. workplaces and daily life, were held in the main aisle right next to the Taiwan pavilion, offering free hot coffee and tea bags. This allowed exhibitors and visitors who arrived early and had just entered the exhibition venue to take a short break and enjoy a moment of relaxation before their busy exhibition schedule began. As the rich aroma of coffee wafted through the exhibition hall's aisles, it not only created a warm and welcoming atmosphere but also allowed exhibitors and visitors from different regions to interact comfortably within just a few minutes, sharing their thoughts on the visit or their experiences at the exhibition, thereby bringing them closer together. More importantly, it helped draw attention to the highlights of the Taiwan Pavilion and encouraged enthusiastic participation in its various activities. Through this thoughtful arrangement that reflects American lifestyle and culture, the Taiwan Pavilion hoped to make every visitor feel right at home while experiencing Taiwan's culture of hospitality. As visitors recharged their spirits and energy, they would be well-prepared for the two days of the exhibition, ready to tackle the upcoming events with renewed vigor.











Highlight 8

Industry Forum

NFDA Associate Chair Scott Camp:

"Made in the U.S." Boosts Domestic Demand, Which Is a Positive for Taiwan



Taiwan Pavilion hosted the 1st TIFI Industry Forum on Oct./9, featuring a special presentation by NFDA Associate Chair Scott Camp, who focused on current trends and developments in the U.S. fastener market from the U.S. perspective. In the opening remarks of TIFI Vice Chairman Simon Lin, he stated: "The U.S. has always been an important market for Taiwan, and the Taiwanese and U.S. fastener industries have established a long-standing cooperative relationship. However, customer demands in the market are constantly changing, and the supply chain is also undergoing adjustments. In addition to producing high-quality products, gaining a deeper understanding of the customer market is equally important. NFDA maintains close ties with the U.S. fastener industry and possesses in-depth knowledge of the U.S. market's development, distribution channels, industry ecosystem, and the challenges facing the sector. We hope this forum will provide industry professionals with a more direct understanding of market conditions from the perspective of the U.S. industry."



Associate Chair Scott pointed out that the U.S. market is diverse, with sectors such as construction, transportation, heavy equipment, agriculture, and the leisure industry each exhibiting different patterns of development. Relying on a single supply strategy may not be sufficient to meet market demand and could expose companies to greater risks. The U.S. economy continues to grow at a moderate pace, and companies are willing to invest, but they have become more discerning when it comes to capital allocation and supply chain management. Inflation and interest rates continue to subject businesses to high operating costs. Taiwan can no longer focus solely on providing competitive prices, as U.S. customers increasingly value whether suppliers can help them reduce inventory investments, improve cash flow, and manage uncertainties. U.S. manufacturing policies are driving continued expansion in domestic manufacturing demand, including for industrial components and fasteners. While this is positive for Taiwan, clients will place greater emphasis on suppliers' performance in terms of efficiency, quality, and cost competitiveness. Trade policies and tariffs are also driving structural changes in U.S. foreign procurement, including the consideration of tariffs as a strategic factor, the ongoing search for diversified supply sources, and the growing importance of total cost of ownership over factory quotations.

Scott also highly praised Taiwan's quality, engineering capabilities, manufacturing experience, strong ties with the U.S., and supply chain reliability, but recommended continued investment in automation, productivity, and supply chain resilience. Furthermore, Scott expressed cautious optimism about the U.S. economic outlook for 2027, noting that investments in technology and infrastructure—such as data centers, AI, and energy—will create more business opportunities. He added that Taiwanese manufacturers will become more competitive in the U.S. market if they strengthen their investments in technology, production, quality, and customer relationships. Scott emphasized that, in the eyes of U.S. customers, Taiwan possesses a clear quality advantage and is the top choice when both quality and precision are required. Furthermore, the 50% tariff on steel and aluminum fasteners from Taiwan is more competitive in terms of total cost of ownership (COT) compared to the at least 75% tariff on Chinese imports into the U.S., making it more cost-effective than it was a decade ago. Although tariffs, freight costs, and geopolitical issues are uncontrollable factors, choosing the best partner is within one's control. Trust, quality, and competitiveness will constitute the most important strategic advantages over the next 10 years.



Taiwan CSC Assistant VP of Technology Division Chung-Yung Wu:

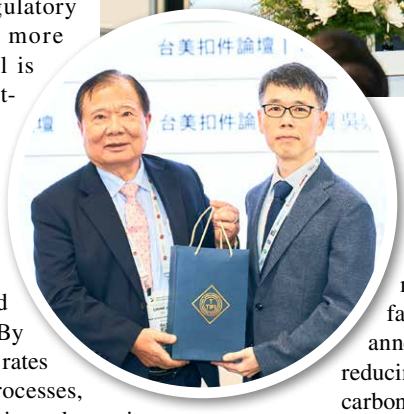
AI Applications Help Fastener Manufacturers Meet Carbon Reduction Challenges

The 2nd TIFI industry forum focused on manufacturing technology, featuring a keynote presentation by Dr. Chung-Yung Wu, Assistant VP of Technology Division at Taiwan CSC, on the topic "Powering the Fastener Supply Chain with Sustainable Steel & AI-Enabled Consistency."

Thread Industrial President Chung-Jen Yen noted that steel is the most critical starting point in fastener manufacturing. Today's customers are concerned not only with steel prices and quality but also have higher expectations regarding carbon emissions, sustainable manufacturing, and how new technologies can improve production stability. Coupled with new applications arising from the rapid development of AI, a key challenge for traditional manufacturers in the future will be how to transform these new technologies into practical tools.



Assistant VP Wu pointed out that carbon is no longer merely an indicator but a solid economic boundary. Relying solely on efficiency on the production line is insufficient to meet regulatory requirements, so producing more environmentally friendly steel is imperative. Under the 2050 net-zero carbon emissions target, Taiwan CSC plans to achieve a 25.3% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 through measures such as increasing scrap steel usage, upgrading equipment, switching fuels, and producing RC60 green steel. By increasing scrap steel utilization rates and streamlining production processes, as well as implementing AI-driven dynamic optimization and CAE predictive simulations, the technical challenges associated with the transition to green steel can be mitigated. Using inexpensive scrap steel does not equate to low-cost steelmaking, as this also involves AI-driven EAF optimization. Smarter utilization of scrap steel can lead to a more sustainable steelmaking process. Currently, key challenges faced by downstream fastener manufacturers include: optimizing annealing and extending tool life, ensuring stable wire quality, and reducing forming loads. To help fastener manufacturers achieve their carbon reduction goals, Taiwan CSC also provides extensive technical support, such as the Fastener Service Cloud (which integrates resources including fastener manufacturer information, product marketing, technical knowledge, and supply chain management to make it easier for Taiwanese fastener companies to connect with international buyers), AI-powered heat treatment prediction services, and optical internal thread inspection technology developed through an industry-academia collaboration with NKUST.





Assistant VP Wu emphasized that strategic partnerships can create shared value. Taiwan CSC is eager to collaborate with customers on joint R&D to address technical challenges and develop next-generation products. At the same time, the company will integrate material databases, CAE simulations, and cloud platforms to provide agile and on-demand technical support, thereby jointly driving continuous quality improvement, accelerating development cycles, and establishing a sustainable competitive advantage, in order to build a smarter and more sustainable fastener ecosystem.

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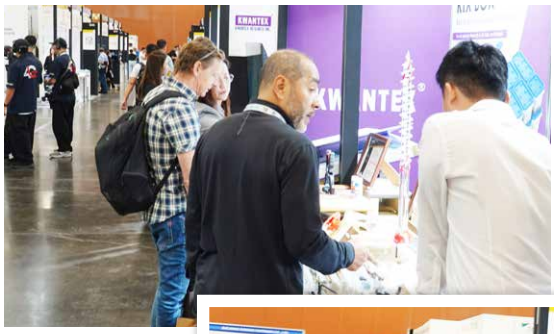
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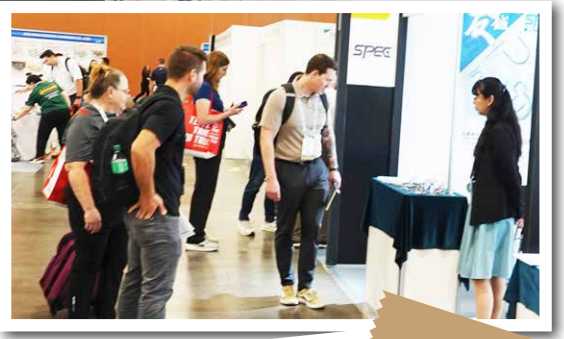
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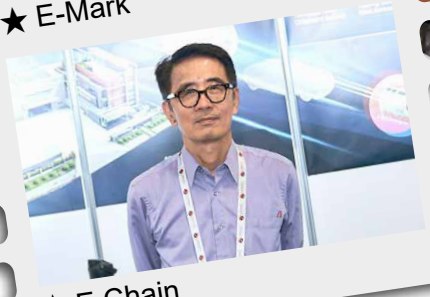
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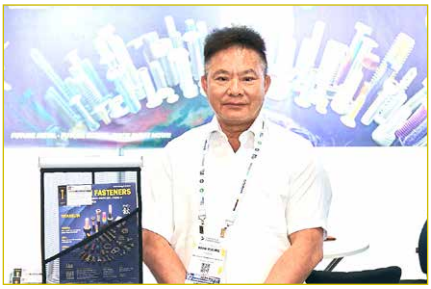

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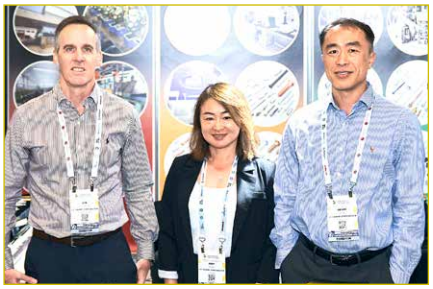
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