



Exhibitions Review

Subcon 2019 Opens in “Detroit of the East- Thailand”

by Nai-Wen Chang, Fastener World

Subcon Thailand took place at BITEC in Bangkok. According to Fastener World's correspondent onsite, many visitors coming to Fastener World stand were looking for fastening products and automotive components. These visitors asking for Fastener World's latest publications were mostly from local Thailand, USA, Germany, Japan, China, India, etc.



Subcon Thailand 2019 was co-located with Intermach and mta Asia. Several Taiwanese companies had their stands in the three thematic areas.

The Taiwanese exhibitors included Tzong Ji Metals, Budstech, Special Rivets Corp, etc., which were present to demonstrate their excellent technique. According to the organizer's statistics, around 400 high-quality manufacturers from 17 countries came to exhibit and many potential buyers were from automotive, aerospace, medical and robotics segments to visit the show this year.

The statistics also revealed that more than 50% of the visitors coming to the show over the past years were buyers or business owners, and they were mostly from automotive (26%), mechanical processing (19%) and construction (17%) industries.

Thailand is the second largest economy in ASEAN and the automotive industry in the country is very well-developed. The Thai Government is also now actively pushing the introduction of Industry 4.0 into its manufacturing and is planning some relevant economic policies as well to boost the domestic demand, which is expected to further boost the demand of peripheral industries, too.

Consolidating N. American Market, Fastener World Exhibited at International Fastener Manufacturing Exposition 2019

by Nai Wen Chang, Fastener World

International Fastener Manufacturing Exposition (IFME) 2019 took place May 14 to 16 at Georgia World Congress Center and was co-located with Interwire

Trade Exposition this year. IFME is the only industry show with a dedicated and exclusive focus on the manufacture of the full-range of fasteners and precision formed parts and is a manufacturing show for manufacturers featuring materials, production machinery, tooling, components, inspection and packaging systems, software, accessories, manufacturing support services...and much more. According to the statistics of the organizer, there were more than 400 exhibitors at both thematic areas (IFME + Interwire) and around 16 seminars were held during the event and visitors were from at least 50 countries. According to Fastener World's correspondent on-site, most of exhibitors were wire and mechanical parts suppliers.

Fastener World disseminated on our stand the latest publications (including Fastener World Magazine, China Fastener World Magazine, Hardware & Fastener Components Magazine, Emerging Fastener Markets Magazine), which offer the most complete suppliers info and industrial news to visiting buyers and keep them updated with global

fastener industrial trends at all times. For buyers interested in Taiwanese fastener manufacturers, our publications are no doubt the most useful and must-have sourcing directory. Fastener World was also one of the most focused stands for visiting buyers during the 3-day event.

According to our correspondent, perhaps due to the uncertainties brought by the trade war between China and USA, the number of visitors was not as many as it was in the last edition. However, IFME was still a platform that several fastener and equipment manufacturers converged from different countries (e.g., Carlo Salvi, Sakamura, Wafios, IFMSA and Wrentham Tools) to exhibit their latest fastener technology, materials, manufacturing machinery, tools, testing & inspection facilities, etc.

The next edition is scheduled to take place again in 2021.





Fastener Fair USA 2019

Global Fastener Industries Demonstrate New Innovations

by Gang Hao Chang, Vice Editor-in-Chief of Fastener World

After the successful event held at Huntington Convention Center (Cleveland, OH) that drew much attention of American buyers in 2018, Fastener Fair USA 2019 was held on May 22-23 at the Cobo Center in Detroit and attracted many different semi-finished/finished products & related equipment purchasers, distributors, retailers to seek collaboration opportunities. In addition to the latest new products and very competitive service provided by exhibitors this year, the organizer also arranged more than 15 technical and processing sessions, allowing more industrial interaction and market intelligence exchange. Fastener World Inc. was also present to act as a bridge closely connecting the fastener industry in the East and the West.



With a new eye-catching stand construction this year, Fastener World was visited by lots of local manufacturers, suppliers, distributors and end-users interested in buying semi-finished/finished fasteners, machines, tooling, wire & materials. Our newly released

publications (incl. Fastener World Magazine, China Fastener World Magazine, and Hardware & Fastener Components Magazine...etc) displayed onsite were also considered by several buyers to be the best way to having their demand fully satisfied. Some buyers also stated that the online B2B System of Fastener World at www.fastener-world.com.tw did help them find out suppliers throughout the world that best fit their real demand.



According to the observation of Fastener World correspondent, though there exist challenges and uncertainties in American/European/Asian markets, many exhibitors from local America and other European or Asian countries still booked their stands this year, in order to enhance their exposure on the market with fierce competition and outpace other competitors to win the entry ticket to the "Winners' Club".

The next edition of Fastener Fair USA, according to the organizer, will move to Charlotte Convention Center (Charlotte, NC) in May 2020, with an aim at creating more diverse collaboration approaches and business opportunities for the fastener industry.



IFS China 2019, a Successful Ending on June 13

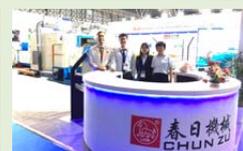
International Fastener Show China (IFS China) was brought to a successful close in Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Center on June 13th this year. With an exhibition area of 42,000 square meters, there were breakthroughs in scale and level for International Fastener Show China 2019 whose exhibition area was increased by 24% compared with that in 2018. IFS China gathered 725 renowned enterprises, attracting 36,080 visitors (including 4,212 overseas visitors from 53 countries and regions) in

2019. A great number of purchasers, dealers, traders, end users, manufacturers and other industrial peers sought new opportunities. Well-known fastener enterprises appeared collectively and presented competitive technologies and products during the show. Equipment, wire, mold and consumables suppliers were located in Hall 2, while fasteners, standard fasteners and non-standard fasteners exhibitors were located in Hall 1.

IFS China 2019 boasted an active participation of overseas mainstream equipment manufacturers from South Korea, Netherlands, Italy, Japan, Germany, the United State and Taiwan, etc. The show built a bridge for Chinese and global fastener industry to communicate, cooperate and enhance exchanges and understanding, creating opportunities for fastener companies from home and abroad.

Mr. Olaf Daebler, Global Director of Industrial Supply, Research & Technology of Deutsche Messe AG said, "International Fastener Show China 2019 has seen a significant increase in both the exhibition area and the number of the exhibitors, reflecting a very high level of internationalization and great international influence".

The next edition of IFS will again take place June 22-24 in 2020 in Shanghai World Expo Exhibition and Convention Center with 42,000 square meters and 800 exhibitors.





Fastener Fair Mexico 2019- the Mexican Fastener Event Attended by American, European and Taiwanese Companies

by Dean Tseng, Fastener World

The 5th edition of Fastener Fair Mexico opened at World Trade Center Mexico City during June 19 to 20. The show had 104 local and overseas exhibitors from Mexico, the U.S., Taiwan, China, etc. The visitors to this show scattered evenly across the venue. They included the local Mexicans, the American business persons with local operations in Mexico, and the Guatemalan industry professionals. The visitors were mainly local Mexican importers and distributors, followed by manufacturers. Most of them were looking for industrial fasteners.

Taiwanese exhibitors included Chirek, Jern Yao, Uni-Protech, Ko Ying, Shyang Sheng, Home Soon, Easylink, Chien Tsai, Yeswin, Ony Co., and King Yuan Dar, some of which arranged a visit to local Mexican clients after the show. The American and European exhibitors were major companies including Fastenal, Brighton-Best, Atotech, Accument, Bralo, Conventya, MacDermid, and Nylok. Chinese exhibitors included Hisener and Hunan Liangang Fasteners. While handing out magazines there, Fastener World utilized its own developed buyers/sellers exchange platform to find suited targets of purchase for the show visitors.

The show organizer arranged 12 seminars and a VIP meeting program for exhibitors. An exhibitor welcome gala was also held in the evening of the first day with live bands amping up the atmosphere for exhibitors. This annual show is held alternately in Mexico City and Guadalajara. Follow the latest show updates on our official website for the next open dates in 2020 and location of this show!



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Review of Korea Metal Week 2019

by Dean Tseng, Fastener World

Korea Metal Week 2019 was held at KINTEX during June 19 to 21. The Fastener & Wire Zone covered the following categories:

- Bolt / Nut Products & Equipment
- Automobile Parts / Fastening Products & Subsidiary Materials
- Wire Production & Manufacturing

Additionally, the show was concurrently held with Press & Forging, Tools, Automobile & Machine Parts, Tube & Pipe, 3D Technology, Foundry & Die Casting, Fundamental Manufacturing Industry, Aluminum, Metal Surface Treatment & Painting, Laser & Welding, Pump Technology, Composite, Control, Measurement and Automation. This time, experts from Nord-Lock (South Korea) were invited to the show for a seminar speech on the cause of bolt loosening.

The show had the attendance of 350 exhibitors, most of which were local companies including Hyodong Machinery. The group of overseas exhibitors included Dörken. Fastener World's correspondent at the show observed that India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) put up an India Pavilion there consisting of Indian industrial companies. Fastener World as an exhibitor was there as well promoting

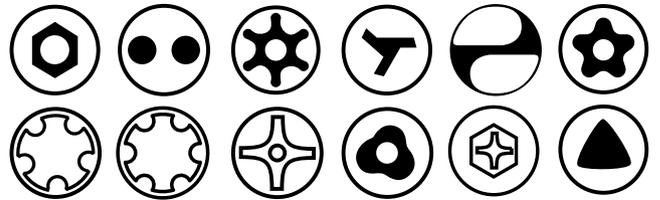
competitive Taiwanese fastener companies to the Korean market and building up a bridge between the Taiwanese and Korean markets. The annual Korean Metal Week is going to open its door again from June 17 to 20 in 2020.



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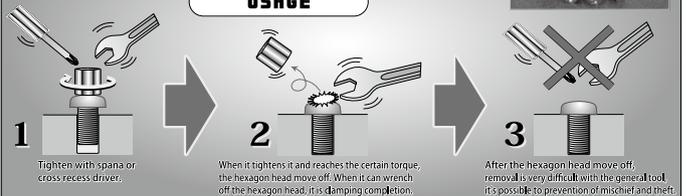
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