

METALTECH & AUTOMEX 2026

Rising Opportunities in ASEAN **Automation** and **Automotive** Sectors

May 20 to 23

The Malaysian flagship manufacturing and automation technology exhibition successfully concluded from May 20 to 23, 2026, at Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC). This year's event brought together over 1,500 brands and companies from 19 countries, showcasing the latest innovations in smart manufacturing, industrial automation, robotics, metalworking, and advanced engineering. It further reinforced METALTECH's position as a key platform for manufacturing industry exchange in Southeast Asia.

Centered on the theme "Driving Industrial Excellence, Redefining Smart and Sustainable Manufacturing," the exhibition attracted professional buyers, engineers, and industry decision-makers from 45 countries and regions. Exhibits covered metalworking machinery, precision measurement, laser cutting, Industry 4.0, automation control, robotic applications, smart logistics, and AI-driven manufacturing solutions, offering a comprehensive view of the latest trends in global manufacturing transformation and upgrade.



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During the exhibition, numerous internationally renowned brands and industry leaders unveiled their latest technologies and application solutions. On-site business interactions were highly active, fostering cross-border collaboration and business matchmaking opportunities. Concurrent forums, technical seminars, and industry summits addressed topics such as smart factories, green manufacturing, automation integration, and ESG sustainability. The organizer noted that the event was held alongside the Advanced Machinery & Engineering Summit (AMES), further strengthening collaboration among industry, government, academia, and research institutions, and injecting new momentum into regional manufacturing innovation. ■

2026 Fastener & Hardware Indonesia

Emerging Trends in **Southeast Asia's Supply Chain Restructuring**

May 20 to 22

Indonesia's automotive, construction, and manufacturing sectors have been growing steadily. In recent years, the country's annual imports of fasteners have averaged around USD 550 million, positioning Indonesia as an increasingly important emerging player in both regional and global fastener supply chains. 2026 Fastener & Hardware Indonesia was held from May 20 to 22 at Jakarta International Expo, attracting professionals from the fastener, tools, equipment, and hardware components industries.



FASTENER & HARDWARE INDONESIA

The exhibition served as a platform for companies and industry professionals to showcase products, innovations, and technologies, covering a wide range of fastening and fixing solutions as well as hardware and tools.

The event occupied 8,000 square meters of exhibition space and featured over 150 exhibitors, along with 15,000 visitors from 15 countries. Exhibits included a diverse array of products and solutions such as industrial fasteners, fixing components, assembly and installation systems, as well as warehousing and logistics services, highlighting the increasingly close integration between the fastener industry and the automotive, construction, and manufacturing sectors. ■



Subcon Thailand 2026

ASEAN Holds Significant Potential for
Smart Manufacturing and High-end Innovative Products



 May 13 to 16

Subcon Thailand, billed as ASEAN's largest industrial subcontracting and business matching event, was grandly held at the BITEC exhibition center from May 13 to 16 this year. A total of 233 exhibitors from Thailand and abroad seized this rare annual opportunity to tap into business opportunities in the rapidly growing ASEAN market.

At this leading trade show, which brought together exhibitors specializing in industrial, automotive, electronic, aerospace, and medical device components, fasteners & molds, automation, software & surface treatment, and industrial products and services, as well as potential buyers from these sectors, **innovative product solutions developed through the integration of smart manufacturing, AI, automation, and cutting-edge technologies became a hot topic and a major highlight throughout the four-day event.**

In line with the global trend toward smarter, more environmentally friendly, low-carbon, and fully integrated production, Thailand's subcontracting and component supply industry has gradually emerged as a key driver of this wave of transformation in recent years. Building on the success of the previous edition, which was projected to generate over 22 billion baht in trade value for the industry, this year's Subcon Thailand served as a premier networking platform for fostering innovation and creating new business partnerships. Visitors also gained insights into the demands and trends of the Thai and broader ASEAN markets regarding industrial technology, procurement opportunities, and business prospects through this event.



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THAILAND

According to observations by Fastener World staff at the event, the exhibition not only showcased cutting-edge innovations in fields such as machine tools, sheet metal processing, automation, robotics, plastics/rubber processing, smart manufacturing, and industrial parts procurement, but also integrated the entire industry ecosystem.

Through seminars, numerous buyer-matching sessions, and international pavilions (such as the Taiwan Pavilion and the Korea Pavilion), the event facilitated business connections, investment opportunities, and strategic partnerships. In particular, **the automotive sector, green energy and electric vehicles, electronics and manufacturing technologies, ASEAN investment, and digital solutions were hot topics at this year's seminars.**

The next exhibition will be held at the same venue from May 12 to 15, 2027, as ASEAN actively seeks to establish its voice on the global stage for next-generation smart manufacturing and high-end product innovation. ■



Fastener Fair Italy 2026

Embracing the **CBAM Era**: Taiwan Seeks
Business Opportunities in Fastener Applications in Europe



June 24 to 25

The biennial Fastener Fair Italy returned to CityLife-Allianz MiCo on June 24–25 this year, attracting more than 200 exhibitors. This event is not only the most specialized fastener and fastening technology trade show in Southern Europe, but also a major European industry gathering that many leading fastener manufacturers make a point of attending. Serving as a vital platform that brings together manufacturers, distributors, and end users to facilitate industry networking and interaction, the exhibition this year featured products including industrial fasteners and fastening components, construction fasteners, assembly & installation systems, fastener manufacturing technologies, factory equipment, and related accessories. In addition to companies from Italy and other parts of Europe, there was a notable increase in the number of exhibitors from Asia this year.



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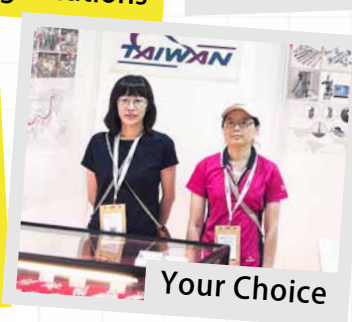
As the exclusive sales agent in Taiwan for the show, Fastener World also brought 19 Taiwanese exhibitors as a group to attend this year, including **BOLTUN, CORNWALL, FIRST-STRING, FAREAST METAL, GOOD YEAR HARDWARE, SHENG QIAN, SOURCING SOLUTIONS FASTENERS, L & W, HWA HSING, TSUNAMI PRECISION MOLD, SCREWTECH, YOUR CHOICE FASTENERS & TOOLS, RAY FU, WAN IUAN, JI LI DENG, CHIREK, MAO CHUAN, SHAW GUANG, WINGTONE.** They aimed to provide the EU market, which prioritizes quality and CBAM carbon reduction, with more competitive products and services from Taiwan, thereby facilitating seamless connections between EU buyers and Taiwan's high-quality supply chains.

According to on-site reports from Fastener World staff, buyers who visited our booth **not only inquired about traditional fastener products but also expressed procurement needs for fasteners used in aerospace applications.** Many visiting buyers told Fastener World that they have always had a very favorable impression of the quality of Taiwanese fasteners, and they hope

to identify the most suitable sourcing partners and suppliers amid the various challenges currently facing the European and Italian industries such as price, quality, and the impact of AD measures.

During the exhibition, the organizer made a special announcement regarding a major change in the event: The next edition will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, for the first time. By leveraging Prague's strategic proximity to Germany, Poland, and other key European urban hubs—as well as its position as a central hub for Central Europe's transportation, automotive, heavy industry, and electronics sectors—the organizer aims to transition the exhibition into a roadshow across different countries, thereby connecting exhibitors with business opportunities for supply chain collaboration across more nations.



**Boltun****Chirek****Cornwall****Fareast****First-String****Good Year****Hwa Hsing****Ji Li Deng****L&W****Mao Chuan****Ray Fu****Screwtech****Shaw Guang****Sheng Qian****Sourcing Solutions****Tsunami****Wan luan****Wingtone****Your Choice**

The next edition of the exhibition will be held again at PVA Expo Prague in Prague, Czech Republic, on April 26–27, 2028.

For the latest exhibition updates or to register for the next edition to strengthen your presence in the European market, please contact the exhibition's exclusive sales agent in Taiwan, Fastener World (Tel: +886-6-2954000 / Email: foreign@fastener-world.com.tw). ■



Fastener Expo Shanghai 2026

Exhibitors Expand Domestic Demand and the Presence in the Middle East and Southeast Asia



June 24 to 26

Fastener Expo Shanghai was grandly held from June 24 to 26 this year at the National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai). This year's event spanned three halls: Halls 1.1 and 2.1, which featured finished fastener products, and Hall 3, which showcased fastener equipment, wire, molds, and consumables. Approximately 1,400 exhibitors occupied over 70,000 square meters of exhibition space.

Fastener World, which has successfully helped numerous Chinese fastener companies establish domestic market channels and international marketing networks over the years, continued to participate in this event this year. At the show, we provided the latest supplier information on high-quality fastener products, machinery, and related products from both China and overseas, and exchanged views with many exhibitors on the Chinese market and overseas expansion strategies.

Many local businesses told Fastener World that, due to U.S. tariffs continuing to drive up customers' import costs and the EU's complex CBAM certification requirements raising market entry barriers, they have shifted their focus to the domestic market as well as Southeast Asia and the Middle East. Exhibitors in the automotive parts and machinery sectors noted that half of their current revenue came from domestic Chinese orders, and that most of this year's orders have been secured well in advance. Business strategies this year are generally conservative, with a tendency to first adopt a wait-and-see approach regarding global market trends.

Many overseas buyers hailed from the Middle East and India, primarily inquiring about finished fasteners, machinery, and other products. During the exhibition, the organizer also arranged numerous events, including the B2B International Buyer Matchmaking Sessions, The Fastener Anti-Loosening Performance Invitational Tournament & Anti-Loosening Technology Forum, and the Global Fastener Industry Ecosystem Conference, among others.





The organizer has not yet announced details about the next exhibition. For more information, please continue to follow Fastener World's official website at www.fastener-world.com ■



Manufacturing World Tokyo 2026

Stable Market Demand; High-End Applications Draw Attention



July 1 to 3

Manufacturing World Tokyo officially opened at Tokyo Big Sight from July 1–3, 2026. Held annually on a rotating basis in Nagoya, Tokyo, Osaka, and Fukuoka, this large-scale trade show is Japan's premier event covering industries such as mechanical parts machining technology and surface treatment, industrial ODM/EMS, medical devices & equipment, design and manufacturing solutions, digital technology and artificial intelligence, factory equipment, 3D printing, and inspection & measurement, etc.



Overall, the exhibition this year was geared more toward expanding the domestic Japanese market. There were not many exhibitors specializing in fasteners; the focus remained primarily on mid- to high-end products such as titanium, stainless steel, CNC precision parts, machined parts, assembly components, and custom parts, with applications predominantly in the machinery, semiconductor, military & defense, and other high-end industries.

65% of the exhibitors were from Japan, with international exhibitors also coming from China, Taiwan, South Korea, Southeast Asia, and Europe and the Americas. Some international exhibitors participated in the event with the hope of finding distributors in Japan to gain a foothold in the Japanese market. According to the post-event statistical report released by the

organizer, the 2026 event featured 2,109 exhibitors and reached 81,697 visitor counts, with the majority of this year's attendees coming from within Japan. During the 3-day event, the organizer also invited reps from several leading Japanese companies to host special lectures analyzing current industry technologies and trends. With the Japanese market remaining stable recently, this year's exhibition turnout and visitor numbers were comparable to previous years.

In addition to Fastener World, which was on-site to distribute specialized buyers' guides, engage in in-depth discussions with local Japanese buyers, gather local market intelligence, and monitor industry trends in Japan, several Taiwanese exhibitors (such as Spec Products, Masterpiece Hardware, and Glocal Sales) also participated in the event with the aim of expanding their presence in the Japanese market.

The next exhibition, to be held in Tokyo, will return to its usual June schedule and is expected to welcome exhibitors and visitors from around the world once again at Tokyo Big Sight on June 16–18, 2027. ■

