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Upcoming GTO Events

Delegation of Industrial Designers from Germany to Visit Taiwan

Dates: January 22nd - 26th 2018
Location: Taipei

A delegation of German Industrial Designers will visit Taiwan to meet with Taiwanese manufacturers of different industries such as machines/ machine tools, automotive/ motorcycles, medical devices and household goods. The German Industrial Designers offer the following services:

- Improve the design, function, engineering and marketing of a product
- Develop product designs especially for the European/ German market
- Develop and improve the design of digital user interfaces

For more information and to set up your individual meeting with our designers, please contact Ms. Linda Blechert at Blechert.Linda@taiwan.ahk.de, Tel: 02 8758 5804.

2018 Secutech German Pavilion

Show Dates: April 25th - 27th 2018
Venue: 1F., Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center
Application Deadline: January 19th 2018

The German Trade Office Taipei is organizing the first German Pavilion at Nangang Exhibition Hall 1F. We sincerely invite you to exhibit at 2018 Secutech German Pavilion and showcase made-in-Germany products, latest technologies and innovations. Secutech is one of the most important events for the security industry and the best platform to access the Asian market. The show converges security, ICT and IoT technologies to help broaden the scope of intelligent solutions, facilitate cross-industry cooperation and enhance the connection between product design and system integration. For more information, click [here](#).



GTO News

GTO Goose Dinner 2017 successfully concluded

The GTO Goose Dinner 2017 took place on December 7th at the Sherwood Hotel Taipei with around 100 guests from the German-Taiwanese business

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Did you know?



There are currently 725,282 residents of foreign nationality in Taiwan, adding up to roughly 3% of Taiwan's population.

There are currently 10,039,080 residents of foreign nationality in Germany, adding up to roughly 12% of Germany's population.

[Taiwan Economic Factsheet](#)

community. The event's Lucky Draw activity was able to raise NTD 100,000, which were donated to the Catholic Hua Kang Social Welfare Foundation. The Foundation operates various schools for daytime educational training, adult day services and night time educational services for people with disabilities. You can find more information, as well as photos of the event [here](#).



Hamburg Port Authority Delegation visits Taiwan

Last week a delegation from Hamburg Port Authority visited Taiwan. In a meeting with the Department of Navigation and Aviation of the Taiwanese Ministry Of Transportation and Communication (MOTC) they discussed topics such as shipping routes between Hamburg and Taiwan, challenges of ultra large container ships and digitization of port management. Members of the delegation included Tino Klemm, CFO of Hamburg Port Authority, Lutz Birke, Head of Port Estate and Maritime Affairs, HPA, as well as Dr. Torsten Sevecke, Director of the Department of Innovation and Port at the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Hamburg City, and Lars Anke, Chief Representative of the Hamburg Liaison Office.

All-Chamber Winter Happy Hour 2017

On behalf of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Taiwan, we would like to invite you to this year's All-Chamber Winter Happy Hour on Thursday, December 14th at the Grand Hyatt Taipei. The event is always well attended and offers a great chance to connect with the Taipei Chamber network in a beautiful and relaxed setting. The entrance fee of NTD 1,100 includes three free drinks and a variety of food. A [registration](#) for the event is recommended.

Promote your brand in our Trade Fair Guide 2018

We are now accepting applications to purchase exclusive advertisement space to showcase your brand name or preferred advertisement of choice in our new „Trade Fair Guide Germany 2018“. It is a 150-page-publication that contains detailed information on all trade fairs taking place in Germany in the coming year. We specifically tailored it to Taiwanese companies interested in the German market. One thousand copies of the booklet will be distributed and circulated among the extensive network of the German Trade Office Taipei. For more information, click [here](#).



GTO Event Calendar

28 July 2018

GERMAN TRADE OFFICE TAIPEI

UPCOMING EVENTS 2018

Information contained within is subject to change without notice

Date	Event	Location	Contact Person
11. August	Workshop Investment and Trade Opportunity in Germany and Austria (National Forum (Germany))	Taipei Industry Park Service Center	Ms. Angi Lin Lin.Angi@german.taipei
25. August	Wind Energy Investment Forum (WIF)	WIFCC Hall 3, Taipei	Mr. Robert Henner Henner.Robert@german.taipei
27. August	Special Seminar: Sustainable on Vocational Education and Training with Dr. Gernot Schickel, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Education and Research	German Trade Office Taipei	Ms. Carolin Wang Wang.Carolin@german.taipei
31. August - 3. September	Taipei Fall Navigation Exhibition (German Pavilion)	Taipei Maritime Exhibition Hall, 4F	Ms. Sung Wu Wu.Sung@german.taipei
01. September	100th Anniversary of the Republic of China (ROC) - Wirtschaftskommunikation	Grand Hyatt Hotel, Taipei	Ms. Linda Reinhold Reinhold.Linda@german.taipei
02 - 07. September	IFA Berlin (Economic Pavilion)	Meise Botels, Germany	Ms. Wanda Cheng Wanda.Cheng@german.taipei
07 - 08. September	Session Taiwan (German Pavilion)	J Area, Nangang Exhibition Hall, 1F	Ms. Sung Wu Wu.Sung@german.taipei
08. September	German Trade Fair - Nangang Exhibition Center	J Area, Nangang Exhibition Center	Mr. Robert Henner Henner.Robert@german.taipei
11. September	AMDEC 2018 - Green Building (Energy Forum and Green City Government)	Singapore Cultural and Creative Park	Ms. Linda Reinhold Reinhold.Linda@german.taipei

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DGBAS	Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics
ECFA	Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement
ITRI	Industrial Technology Research Institute
MOEA	Ministry of Economic Affairs



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- Final report with full details of prospective future partners



GTAI News

Taiwan counts on extensive digitalization

Basis for market competitiveness / Focus on speed and security of information / By Juergen Maurer

Taipei (GTAI) – Government programs and initiatives to strengthen the digital hardware and software infrastructure of Taiwan are counting on digitalization to advance the economic and social development of the island. This can both help the local information and communication sector, as well as strengthen Taiwan's international reputation as a high-tech hub. The main focus of these government programs includes broadband expansion, comprehensive access, as well as high information security. (GTAI, 13.11.2017)



Economic News

Taiwan's forex reserves hit new high in November

Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves increased significantly by USD 2.68bn in

MOF	Ministry of Finance
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs
MOI	Ministry of the Interior
MOST	Ministry of Science and Technology
TAITRA	Taiwan External Trade Development Council
TSMC	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company

Note: All figures are in US Dollar and originate from the newspaper articles or have been converted according to the current exchange rate.

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November and totaled USD 450.47bn at the end of the month. According to Harry Yen, head of the central bank's department of foreign exchange, the rise can mainly be attributed to higher investment returns from the bank's asset management, as the Euro, which is part of the bank's asset portfolio, appreciated against the US-Dollar. November was the eighth consecutive month this year, in which Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves increased. ([Focus Taiwan](#), 05.12.2017)

Taiwan's taxation regime earns plaudits from EU

On December 5th, the EU Code of Conduct Group released its review results on 92 countries and territories, measuring their proper handling of fair taxation and taxation transparency. Taiwan's taxation regime was generally commended, and Taiwan was not included in the group's List of Non-cooperative Jurisdictions for Tax Purposes. Taiwan's Ministry of Finance issued in a statement that Taiwan will continue collaborating with countries around the world to promote information transparency and measures against taxation avoidance. ([Taiwan News](#), 07.12.2017)



Environment and Green Technologies

Siemens Gamesa expands in Taiwan

Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy, a leader in the worldwide offshore energy market, opened its new office in Taipei last week, as it sees great potential in the emerging Taiwanese renewable energy market. The new presence will enhance the company's proximity to customers in Taiwan and the East Asian region. The German company has recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Taiwan International Ports Corporation to examine the suitability of the Taichung harbor for production, office spaces and transportation in connection with offshore wind energy projects. ([Finanzen.net](#), 06.12.2017)

Tainan aims for circular economy leadership

Last Monday, the Tainan City Government hosted the 2017 Tainan-ECCT Low Carbon City & Circular Economy Conference. Besides the European Chamber of Commerce Taiwan (ECCT), the conference hosted speakers from companies like STMicroelectronics Taiwan, Atlas Copco, Grundfos and Robert Bosch Taiwan. Deputy Mayor of Tainan, Chang Chen-yuan, pointed out that the city wants to push forward and be a model in the development of the circular economy by following, amongst other things, a plan to turn food waste into fertilizers and biogas. Tainan has already reached a recycling rate of 52% this year. ([China Post](#), 05.12.2017)

Taipower plans to transform deserted Nuclear Power Plant

On Sunday, Taipower spokesman Lin Te-fu made a statement that Taiwan's Fourth Nuclear Power Plant could be turned into a green-power facility that includes wind turbines, solar panels and fire-powered generators. The power plant, located in Gongliao district in New Taipei City, currently remains without purpose, as construction was halted in 2014. Lin said that an "initial draft plan" for transforming the facility already existed and that the decision making on how to proceed further now remained with the Cabinet. ([Focus Taiwan](#), 10.12.2017)

Companies and Industries

Hon Hai, Intel, APT unveil edge computing platform

On December 5th, Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision Industry Co. (Foxconn), Asia Pacific Telecom Co. (APT), and American company Intel Corp., jointly unveiled their new multi-access edge computing (MEC) platform and facial recognition technology, as the result of their collaborative efforts in 5G technology solutions. Hon Hai participated in the platform's development with Intel and is in charge of sensor manufacturing for facial recognition technology, while APT provides network connectivity. The new technology aims to create smarter shopping experience in department stores, smart security for home and companies, smart medical services and more. ([Taipei Times](#), 06.12.2017)

Taiwan's Everlight to brighten streets in South India

Starting from next year, Everlight Electronics Co., Taiwan's largest LED components and lightning products manufacturer, will start providing LED street lamps in southern states in India. In the course of the next 2 to 3 years, the company will install up to 100,000 street lamps. After having left the Indian market earlier, Everlight's return will make the country its 6th international market after the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Cambodia. ([Taiwan News](#), 05.12.2017)

Other News

MOST and Microsoft sign MoU

Taiwan's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) recently entered a strategic partnership with American company Microsoft to develop Artificial Intelligence (AI) and related technologies. The move is evidence of Taiwan's goal to be a front runner in high tech industry, as the world moves into the age of Internet of Things (IoT) and AI. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Microsoft comes after a pledge by the MOST to invest USD 133m over the next four years into cultivating new talent to further development of AI and related industries. ([Taiwan News](#), 07.12.2017)

2017 Information Technology Month

Taipei's World Trade Center will host an exhibition between December 6th and 11th as part of the 2017 Information Technology Month, which is likely to draw up to a million visitors. The event will feature a variety of new products focusing on Artificial Intelligence and facial recognition technology, including smart home appliances, 3D printers, computers, cameras, smartphones, TVs, self-driving vehicles, drones and robots from both local and international producers. For the Taipei exhibition alone, 92,000 visitors are expected. ([Taiwan News](#), 05.12.2017)

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