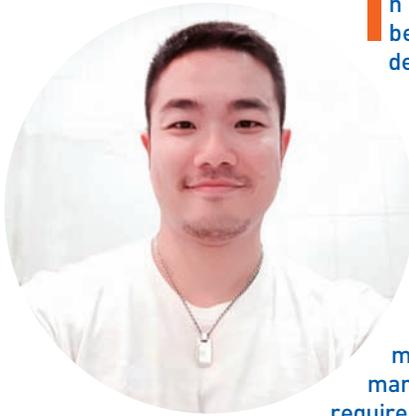


Editorial

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In the beginning of 2019, the development of U.S.-China Trade War will definitely continue to be an issue closely watched by the global industries. Although the Chinese Government has determined to suspend its 40% retaliatory tariff against the imported U.S. vehicles until March 1st 2019 and offer USA the rate of 15%, which is consistent with other rates it has offered to other countries, and in return, the Trump administration has also announced that the effective date for the 25% extra tariff against certain products imported from China is suspended to March 1st, the trade war between these two countries, which are very close business partners and have their own respective insistences, will not, as most people expect, come to an end soon in the short term, as there still exist too many uncertainties in the market. The following order-switching effect has also made some companies benefited. However, with so many uncertainties in the market, several companies have begun to work hard to extend their business reach, develop new markets, exhibit at int'l trade shows, or make effort to introduce the new version of ISO/IEC 17025:2017 or AIAG CQI-9/11/12 into their manufacturing procedures in order to be fully compliant with the increasing stringent standard requirements set by customers around the world.

The Biggest Industrial Grand Event of 2019- Fastener Fair Stuttgart A Bigger Taiwan Pavilion

This biennially held fair with the highest number of specialized fastener exhibitors is going to take place March 19 through 21. This year, the Taiwan agent of the organizers, Fastener World, will also bring nearly 140 exhibitors to the fair in Germany, and the well-designed Taiwan Pavilion stand construction is believed to catch the attention of visitors from Europe, USA and many other countries around the world to place their orders to Taiwanese suppliers.

There is a long list of registrants interested in exhibiting at FF Stuttgart this year, which totals more than 200 Taiwanese companies (including companies already getting their stands and the others still on the waiting list). However, due to the limited number of stands in the venue, some companies, unfortunately, could not get their stands (even though the team of Fastener World has kept trying to report the feedback of Taiwanese companies requesting for the release of more stands to the organizers). For those companies which cannot get their stands this year, participating in Fastener World's FF Stuttgart 2019 visiting delegation may be another good way to meet exhibitors and visitors from around the world. Or, advertising in any Fastener World's publication (e.g. Fastener World, China Fastener World, or Hardware & Fastener Components) is also a very cost-effective way to enhance brand awareness worldwide, as the publications will not only be handed out at FF Stuttgart 2019, but will be also handed out at many other int'l trade shows!

Facing Challenges in 2019, Fastener World Collaborated with Mr. Billy Liu to Hold Industry Workshops on Certain Thematic Topics

In 2017, Fastener World invited the industry well-known speaker, Mr. Billy Liu, to give courses in AIAG CQI-9/11/12 at Fastener World for the first time, attracting nearly 200 industry professionals in attendance. Following the success and the revision of ISO/IEC 17025, Fastener World once again collaborated with Mr. Liu in 2018 to give 4-day courses in ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and CQI-9/11/12, in order to provide the industry with a shortcut to improving their product quality and learning how to introduce the revised standards into manufacturing procedures. As a result, they can be well-prepared before their customers come to their plants for onsite auditing and "high quality" will become a basic requirement for Taiwanese fastener industry!

We hope to do our best to grow with the global fastener industry, so if any company is interested in or has suggestions for certain workshop topics, please do not hesitate to contact our global marketing and customer service team immediately.

In this issue, we've also included feature reports focused on aerospace-level high quality products supplier Ye Fong, self-drilling & Kaitex coating screws manufacturer Sheh Fung (which is going to be certified by ETA in March), Biing Feng new HMI system, Hwa Hsing, and excellent quality machinery suppliers (such as Wen Yang, Yee Kun, Lantech, Hung-Yin). Let's take a look at how these companies will make the most of their advantages of quality, R&D, quality control, etc. to achieve their future goals in the new year.