

TFTA 5-Day In-depth Tour in Cambodia and Vietnam

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During May 27th-31st this year, Taiwan Fastener Trading Association (TFTA) under the leadership of Chairman Bill Chen organized a tour joined by many TFTA members to Angkor Wat (Cambodia) and Vietnam, in order to let its members have a deeper understanding of the upstream & downstream industry, create harmonious industrial interaction, and strengthen friendship among all members. TFTA even arranged for a special factory tour to visit local Taiwanese-invested fastener companies, offering all participants a good chance to get a clear picture of the current Vietnamese fastener industry and the future industrial trends.

After watching the mysterious and gorgeous landscapes of Angkor Wat and experiencing the unique culture of local diligent people of Southern Vietnam, Chairman Bill Chen encourages all TFTA members to become those who know how to work harder and when to take a rest. The staff of Fastener World, who was one of the participants in this tour, also had a more in-depth experience of the world through such a worthwhile tour.

On the 1st day of the tour, TFTA members visited Angkor Wat, one of the 7 Wonders of the World. The Angkor Wat dynasty once had its own flourishing age. At that time, it had a population of more than 200 thousand and was the biggest empire in Indochina, making it one of the most significant period in Cambodian history. Angkor Wat spans the area of 200 acres (W1.5km x H1.3 km). It is a typical Cambodian construction and is the world's largest temple decorated with various embossments telling ancient myths. The sophisticated details of the construction reveal the techniques of ancient Cambodian people creating such wonderful arts. Then, TFTA members climbed up to the 5-story Phnom Bakheng to watch the eye-catching landscapes of Angkor Wat covered with golden yellow sunset.

On the 3rd day of the tour, TFTA members flew to the economic hub of Southern Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City, and visited the local religious center of Chinese immigrants, Thien Hau Temple, Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica of Saigon, and the centennial Saigon Central Post Office designed by renowned Gustave Eiffel. Although the transportation, accommodation, electricity, and road quality of Vietnam are still not good enough due to late development of the country, it does little to influence TFTA members' curiosity for local Vietnamese culture.



Chairman Bill Chen also arranged for factory tours this time to visit My Xuan A2 Industrial Park, My Phuoc 2 Industrial Park, and Dong An Industrial Park. TFTA members also visited Taiwanese-invested fastener factories (e.g., Rich Fame Limited, Lih Lin Enterprises), Anchor Fasteners Vietnam supplying fasteners to Honda and KYMCO, and even visited a steel plate manufacturing plant, China Steel and Sumikin Vietnam Joint Stock Company. Guided by local hosts, TFTA members could all experience the effort made by Taiwanese investors in Vietnam.

Every culture has its tradition and wisdom. Even the so-called world police, USA, was also once defeated on this land, Vietnam. After coming back from the tour, TFTA members truly realize the preciousness of friendship and it is expected that they can cooperate with each other and go hand in hand to strive for a better future for Taiwanese fastener industry. ■



Product Range of Vietnamese Companies Visited by TFTA

Anchor Fasteners: anchors, rivets, automotive components.

Lih Lin Enterprises: drywall screws, chipboard screws, plastic screws, self-tapping screws, machine screws, wood screws, self-drilling screws, stainless steel wires.

Rich Fame Limited: chipboard screws, wood screws, machine screws, self-tapping screws, screw nails, drywall screws, self-drilling screws, concrete screws, self-piercing screws, construction screws.

China Steel and Sumikin Vietnam: hot rolled acid pickling oiled steel plate, cold rolled steel plate, hot-dip galvanized steel plate, electrical steel.

