



世界台商皮革業協會

TAIWANESE INTERNATIONAL LEATHER ASSOCIATION

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## Introducing Taiwanese International Leather Association

The Taiwanese leather sector has a history of more than 60 years and today there are around 60 tanneries in the country. Since the 1990s, Taiwanese tanneries have started to relocate abroad, establishing their factories and investing in Thailand, Mainland China and Vietnam. Nowadays, there are more than 40 Taiwanese owned tanneries established in these countries. The production capacity of all Taiwanese tanneries is about 45-60 million square feet per month, of which 80% of all leathers are supplied to the well-known international branded footwear makers.

In order to consolidate the international spread of Taiwanese based tanneries and to form an industrial group with a voice and strength, several leaders of the leather industry have decided to establish the Taiwanese International Leather Association in Tainan on April 6, 2008. The association was also formed to overcome shared difficulties and to enhance common industry competition.

The current chairman of the association is Mr. Jen Yang, president of TYCHE Leather who has been elected along with five vice-presidents who each take charge of the above mentioned sub-committees and also include association representatives from non-Taiwan countries mentioned above and pigskin tanning sector.

Nowadays the association has 120 members, including tanneries located in Mainland China, Vietnam and Thailand, tannery machinery makers, chemical suppliers and agents, raw material dealers, as well as environmental engineering companies. The association is actively involved in the following areas through a number of committees:

- **Leather Website Committee:** A new website [www.taiwan-leather.org](http://www.taiwan-leather.org) was set up by this committee. It provides industry news, exhibition information, technology, special reports, legal information, a leather forum and member information etc.
- **Industry Development Committee:** In charge of establishing and special Taiwanese leather zone and promote new environmental leathers.
- **Leather Technical Committee:** The main job of this committee is to train competent people and conduct training courses.
- **Taiwan Leather Image and Reputation Promotion committee:** In charge to improve Taiwan leathers brand of quality and image, Promote Taiwanese tanners trustworthy.



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#### Events:

- Leather technician technology one month training program held on July, 2008.
- TILA cup golf tournament held on March last two years.
- **Industry Friendship events:** Such as taking part in lectures and golf tournament etc, held by the Taiwan Footwear Manufacturers Association.
- **Taiwan Leather Industry Forum:** The last meeting was held in Taichung on July 11, 2009, with 260 participants. Guests from the footwear industry were also invited to take part in a dialogue with the association members.
- **International leather exhibition:** Participated to Shanghai International Leather Exhibition on September, 2009.

#### Next events plan:

- ☞ To promote and assist tanneries become the member of Leather Working Group (LWG).
- ☞ To set a first Taiwan tanning industry park into action.