



THE COTTON TEXTILES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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Sub: ITMF Annual Conference 2023 to be held in Kekqao, Shaoxing, China during November 4-6, 2023

Dear Member,

The International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) is holding its Annual Conference 2023 in Keqiao, Shaoxing, China from November 4-6, 2023. The conference will be co-hosted by the China National Textile and Apparel Council (CNTAC) and the Shaoxing Municipal People's Government and will feature international industry experts from around the world from along the entire textile value chain – from fibres to retail.

Since ITMF was founded in 1904, it has evolved from an international federation that represented the cotton spinning and weaving industry to an international forum that covers both cotton and man-made fibres and comprises all segments of the textile value chain from fibre producers to producers of garments and home textiles as well as textile machinery companies. ITMF's world-wide membership spans from Argentina to Uzbekistan, from South Africa to Portugal or from Türkiye to China and from India to Vietnam.

Keqiao is a district of Shaoxing City, a city with a long history and nestled along China's Hangzhou Bay. With a heritage spanning more than 2,500 years, Shaoxing combines ancient charm with modern innovation. Moreover, Keqiao, known as China's Textile City, has a vibrant textile industry. It serves as Asia's largest production base for chemical fibres and is the world's largest textile distribution centre, responsible for 1/3 of the global fabric trade.

Attending this conference in one of several China's production centres will provide all delegates with first-hand insights and a better understanding of the ongoing dynamics in the industry both in China and around the world.

The ITMF Annual Conference 2023 will bring together industry experts from around the world that will discuss underlying trends with a focus on digitalisation and sustainability/circularity. A fast-changing world require industry leaders to take some time off to meet colleagues from different parts of the world and to exchange their respective perspectives.

At the ITMF Annual Conference 2023 Dr. K.V. Srinivasan, Past Chairman Texprocil and

Managing Director of Premier Mills, India, and currently ITMF Vice President, will be elected as the new ITMF President. He will follow Mr. Ruizhe Sun, President of the China National Textile & Apparel Council (CNTAC) who stood at the helm from 2020 until 2023. In the 119-year history of ITMF, Dr. Srinivasan will be the 4th ITMF President from India after Mr. Krishnaraj M.D. Thackersey (1974-1976), Past Chairman Texprocil, Mr. Madanmohan Mangaldas (1986- 1988), and Mr. Sudhir Thackersey (2002-2004) Past Chairman Texprocil.

As it is likely to be a prestigious moment for the Council and India at large, we would like to invite all our members to attend the ITMF Annual Conference 2023 in Keqiao, China. All information about the ITMF Annual Conference 2023 can be found on the following website: <https://www.itmf.org/conferences/annual-conference-2023>

In case of any questions, please contact secretariat@itmf.org

Regards,

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