

About WCIT

I. The Global Influence of WCIT

World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT 2017), dubbed as the Olympics of the ICT industry, is the flagship event of the World Information Technology & Services Alliance (WITSA), a leading consortium of ICT industry association members from over 80 countries/economies around the world. WCIT is a congress for global IT industry and a great platform for B2B business matching. The event typically attracts more than 2,000 academics, business leaders, and government officials from over 80 countries to gather together on the Congress, share and discuss the latest trends and technologies of the ICT industry.

II. The Origin of Taiwan & WCIT

Taiwan is widely recognized by its achievements in technology, in fact, the island state plays a significant role in the global IT industry supply chain. When Taiwan first held WCIT in 2000, iconic figures such as Bill Gates, John Chambers, Carly Fiorina were all invited to share their ideas about the future development of the world's technology industry. Over the past 17 years, Taiwan has been conducting industrial reform, and an international event such as WCIT 2017 will help to introduce new innovative energy into the country and showcase the economic capacity of its industries. Over the past decade, WCIT had been mostly held in Western countries. This year, Taiwan will host WCIT again, as a start of the shift of focus of the Congress. For the next 5 years, the hosts of WCIT will all be countries from the Asia-Pacific region. This is the proof that Taiwan is as a smart island, is the heart of Asia, the focus of global economic growth. Furthermore, it is a great opportunity to demonstrate Taiwan's achievements in creating the innovative economy of the future IT industry in Asia.

III. About WITSA:

Founded in 1978, the World Information Technology and Services Alliance (WITSA) is a leading consortium of ICT industry association members from over 80 countries/economies around the world. WITSA's members represent more than 90 percent of the world ICT market. As the leading recognized voice of the global ICT industry, WITSA aims to drive transformation and grow the industry given that ICT is the key driver of the global economy. WITSA's suggestions and opinions are widely endorsed by international organizations such as WTO, OECD, APEC, and G-8. WITSA organizes two major international events including World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT) and Global Policy and Trade Summit (GPATS), which aim to provide member states with the platforms to exchange global issues related to IT and service industry.

【 Reference II 】

WCIT 2017 Organizational Structure

Advisor: Board of Science and Technology, Executive Yuan

Organizers: Ministry of Economic Affairs. ▸ WITSA

Host City: Taipei City Government

Co-Organizers: CISA Information Service Industry Association of ROC, Taipei Computer Association, Cloud Computing Association in Taiwan, Taiwan Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association

Implementer: Institute for Information Industry

Sponsors:

Chunghwa Telecom, Foxconn, TSMI, Acer, CTBT, CyberLink, E.Sun Bank, Mediatek, Perfect, the Syscom Group, Institute for Information Industry, Industry, Industrial Technology Research Institute, National Chung-Shan Institute of Science & Technology, ASE Group, EasyCard Corporation, FarEasTONE, GJung&LiveABC, Google, LITEON, Mitsubishi Electric, PLANET, Quanta Computer, Taiwan Mobile, TDK, TECO, Trend Micro iEi. Integration Corp, QNAP, COMPUTEX, Delta, GIOT Gemtek, TAITRA, Taoyuan, LoreMaster Tech Inc., Automotive Research & Testing Center, Development Center for Biotechnology, Food Industry Research and Development Institute, Metal Industries Research & Development Center, Precision Machinery Research & Development Center, Taiwan Textile Research Institute, CHIEF, CISCO, iPASS Corporation, NEC, PUHU, Commerce Development Research Institute, Cycling & Health Tech Industry R&D Center, China Productivity Center, Corporate Synergy Development Center, Footwear & Recreation Technology Research Institute, Plastics Industry Development Center, Medical and Pharmaceutical Industry Technology and Development Center, Printing Technology Research Institute, Ship and Ocean Industries R&D Center, Stone & Resource Industry R&D Center, Taiwan Design Center, Taiwan Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center

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