



Press Release

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The official website of the 22nd International Technical Footwear Congress has been launched

The International Technical Footwear Congress, which is the official event of the International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians (UITIC), is known as the most prestigious conference in the technical field of the global footwear industry. The 22nd UITIC International Technical Footwear Congress (UITIC Congress 2025) will be held in Shanghai, China from Aug 31st to Sept 3rd, 2025, co-organized by the UITIC and China Leather Industry Association (CLIA), with ACLE and Moda China 2025 as strategic partners and supported by diamond sponsors including ANTA, Xinhaopan, Huafon, Bangni, Taiwei, Kaiyue, Senyuan, Xingye and silver sponsors including DESMA, Luyi, ONECAN Thread, Nanxin, Yanshi footwear cluster. The conference official website www.uitic2025.com has been launched recently.

Sergio Dulio, Chairman of UITIC, said: "With the new year 2025 approaching, we are getting closer to the 22nd UITIC congress hosted in the bustling city of Shanghai. The organizers announced all useful information on the website about the event, including its program and how to register. We are working to prepare a daily schedule rich with content and inspiring for our local and international audience. The congress will be an occasion to focus on various important technological innovations that have helped footwear companies modernize and become more sustainable. So don't miss it out and stay tuned!"

Nowadays the supply chain reengineering of the global footwear industry is accelerating and the whole industry is facing multiple challenges. Nevertheless, many new technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) are speeding up the development of new quality productive forces and reshaping industrial ecology. Therefore, the theme of this conference is "Footwear Competitiveness and Sustainable Development in the era of AI".

The UITIC Congress 2025 is committed to building a unique platform for global participants to learn the latest technical trends and exchange information, as well as providing new opportunities for strengthening cooperation.

Li Yuzhong, Chairman of CLIA, said: "Global footwear production in 2023 reached 22.4 billion pairs. China remains the undisputed leader, manufacturing 13 billion pairs annually and capturing more than 55% of the global market share. China is not only the biggest producer in the world, but also the top exporting country and consuming country. China is one of the key players in the global footwear industry, playing an important role in many fields. We are deeply honored to hold the UITIC Congress in China for the second time since it has been successfully held in Guangzhou, China in 2013. The organizing committee will work together with all colleagues in the footwear industry to hold a successful, productive conference. We sincerely invite entrepreneurs, scholars and industry experts from all around the world to join us in Shanghai."

The UITIC Congress 2025 will last for four days. SADA, Shima, Huaфон visit will be arranged on August 31st and Siena, Duowei visit will be on Sept 1st. The oral speakers will give presentations from 2nd to 3rd Sept and the attendees could visit the innovation exhibition booth outside the congress hall concurrently. During the conference, the participants could also visit ACLE, Moda China and enjoy the Huangpu River night cruise tour. The delegates will have a deep understanding of the achievements of China's footwear industry and feel the charm of Shanghai which is known as the Pearl of the Orient.

CLIA www.chinaleather.org

Founded in 1988, with more than 1200 members, China Leather Industrial Association (CLIA) is a national trans-regional and cross-sectoral organization related to leather, footwear, leather garments, leather goods, fur and fur products, leather chemicals, leather machinery, leather hardware and other relative sectors.

As a bridge connecting the government and its member enterprises, CLIA's objective is to: implement national policies and regulations; complete work entrusted by the government; reflect enterprise requests and intentions, and promote a healthy and stable development of the whole industry. CLIA is engaged in a range of productive work in the following areas: market research; work out industrial development plans; industrial standard examination and approval; implement a brand strategy, cultivate special leather industrial zones and advocate scientific and technological progress.

UITIC <https://uitic.org>

The International Union of Shoe Industry Technicians (UITIC), established in 1972, is an organization which aims at developing technical knowledge in the footwear industry, in particular by organizing international conferences on a regular basis and by taking the initiative in setting up information exchanges between its members, mainly in the field of technology. UITIC's main activity is to organize the most prestigious meeting of experts in the world, the "UITIC International Footwear Congress" which is attended, on average, by more than 400 people. This event tackles the latest technical problems or innovations in the footwear industry such as: sustainability, automatic sewing, computerised management, new materials, quality, training, design, etc.

Visits of footwear factories and related industries are organized before the Congress. UITIC's members are footwear experts, research centers, private companies and technicians from footwear associations, coming from 27 countries.

ACLE www.aclechina.com

Founded in 1998, All China Leather Exhibition (ACLE) is co-organized by China Leather Industry Association and APLF Co., Ltd., and will be held from 3rd to 5th Sept 2025 in Shanghai. With an area of more than 90,000 sqm, ACLE is the largest and most influential professional international exhibition in China, known as the 'Barometer' of the development of world leather industry.

ACLE attracts over 1200 well-known exhibitors from more than 30 countries and regions and more than 50,000 professional buyers from over 100 countries and regions each year. Exhibits include leather, leather chemicals, synthetic materials, synthetic materials chemicals, shoe materials, tanning and shoe-making machinery. Buyers are mainly purchasing managers from enterprises engaged in shoe making, bags and luggage, leather and fur garments, automotive interiors, furniture and housewares, importers, exporters, traders, etc.

Moda China www.chinaleather.org/moda

Moda China International Shoes, Bags & Apparel Fashion Fair (Moda China), permitted by National Authority of Commerce and organized by China Leather Industry Association (CLIA), is the largest, most influential and forward-looking fashion exhibition of leather industry in China. The first Moda China will be held from 3rd to 5th Sept 2025, which will attract around 400 brand companies from Italy, France, Spain, the United States, Brazil, China and other countries and regions to participate, and more than 50,000 buyers from all over the world to visit. During the exhibition, a series of Fashion Day activities will be held. The exhibition will be held concurrently with All China Leather Exhibition (ACLE), which is the largest leather raw materials exhibition in Asia. The theme of Moda China is "leading trend and building brand value". The products categories of the exhibition include all kinds of shoes and boots, leather and fur garments, luggage and bags, leather goods and fur art works, etc.