



THE AABI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

June 6 to 8

The AABI (Asian Association of Business Incubation) General Assembly 2018 was held with another event, COMPUTEX-InnoVEX in Chinese Taipei from June 6 to 8, 2018. Nearly 200 delegates from 11 countries and regions participated in the event, including Australia, America, China, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Chinese Taipei and Thailand.



I. AABI 24th General Assembly



On June 7, the 24th AABI General Assembly kicked off at Taipei World Trade Center Exhibition Hall. Over 40 delegates from 9 countries and regions participated in the conference. Aside from the routine discussion on AABI awards of the year, the APJIE magazine and reports on financial statement, the conference also discussed and voted for the following matters:

- Modification on the award regulation of AABI Torch Entrepreneur Awards.
- Financial support for the APJIE magazine.
- A total of 3 incubators were accepted as AABI incubator members.
- Shanghai Technology Innovation Center was assigned as AABI Secretariat for the next term (2019-2020).
- The 25th AABI General Assembly would be held by Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation in October 2019.
- Establishment of a new AABI award—The AABI Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Discussion on the future development of AABI.

II. The AABI Award Ceremony

The AABI Award Ceremony (2018) was also held during the 24th AABI General Assembly in which the winners of The AABI Incubator of the Year Award (2018), AABI Torch Entrepreneur Award (2018) and AABI Lifetime Achievement Award (2018) received their awards or grants.

Winners of the AABI Incubator of the Year Award (2018)

- ✧ Shanghai Yangpu Technology Business Incubator (China)
- ✧ Entrepreneurship Development Center (Venture Center) (India)



Winners of the AABI Torch Awards for Internationalization (2018)

- ✧ Ms. Yang Yachi, Taishang Resource international Group (Chinese Taipei)
- ✧ Dr. Milind K. Choudhari, WeInnovate Biosolutions Pvt. Ltd. (India)



Winners of the AABI Torch Awards for Promising Entrepreneur

(2018)

- ✧ Miss. Suwalee Kiatkarun, Tea Gallery Group Company Limited (Thailand)
- ✧ Mr. Harry Chan, BeeInventor Limited (Hong Kong)



Winners of the AABI Torch Award for Technology Transfer (2018)

- ✧ Mrs. Kim Kyoung Suk, KOASTEM (Korea)
- ✧ Ms. Jennifer Pai, ARPlanet Digital Technology Co., Ltd. (Chinese Taipei)



Winner of the AABI Torch Best Entrepreneur Award (2018)

✧ Mr. Bin Zhu, Shanghai BaiO Technology Co., Ltd. (China)



Winners of the AABI Lifetime Achievement Award (2018)

✧ WANG Rong, AABI Senior Consultant



✧ Bong Jin Cho, Chief Editor of APJIE Magazine



✧ Tao Chan Soon, President Emeritus of Nanyang Technological University (NTU)



III. 2018 COMPUTEX-InnoVEX

During the conference time, AABI Members also participated in a series of events in 2018 COMPUTEX-InnoVEX, including exhibitions, forums, roadshows, matchmaking meetings and etc. Through those various activities, AABI members not only got to know the development of ICT industry in Chinese Taipei, but also obtained more chances to communicate with the delegates from all over the world.



Established in 1981, COMPUTEX (also called COMPUTEX TAIPEI) is a leading global ICT show with a complete supply chain and ecosystems. Based upon Chinese Taipei's complete ICT clusters, COMPUTEX covers the whole spectrum of ICT industry, from established brands to startups and from ICT supply chain to IoT ecosystems. Every year more than 1,600 manufacturers and 40,000 international professionals come to Taipei and participate in this exhibition. Apart from the manufacturers, COMPUTEX is also an important event for global buyers because it offers a one-stop purchasing platform where buyers can find their needs, from key components to end products, from consumer electronics to industrial solutions, from communication products to IoT

cross-domain application schemes.

Since 2016, COMPUTEX has launched another special exhibition called InnoVEX, which is specifically designed to create more business opportunities and communication channels for startups, global buyers, investors and manufacturers. By organizing various kinds of activities, including shows, forums, roadshows, symposiums and so on, COMPUTEX-InnoVEX develops into a commercialized international innovation platform where start-up teams can integrate funds with technologies. In 2018 COMPUTEX-InnoVEX, a total of 388 start-up teams from 21 countries and regions joined in this exhibition, among which over a third of international teams showed their AI-related technologies and applications.

IV. Visits and Activities

To help the delegates get a clearer picture of the technology entrepreneurship in Taipei and the way the Cultural and Creative Industrial Parks in Taipei city help boost the local economy, the host of the AABI General Assembly 2018 organized business trips to the most distinctive incubation service providers within the city. The delegates visited InnoSquare in New Taipei City and Taiwan Tech Arena. During their visits, the delegates from AABI and Taipei Incubation Park shared their experiences in promoting innovative entrepreneurship and discussed possible areas for cooperation in the future.

1) Visit at InnoSquare, New Taipei City

In “Innovation Spotlight”—an international exchange activity organized by InnoSquare, New Taipei City, the representatives of more than 30 international incubators from 10 countries and regions like China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia, India, America and Australia participated in this event.



InnoSquare is an incubation center initiated by Economic Development Agency of New Taipei City government. It is purposed to become a one-stop service incubator with multiple functions, including start-up accelerator, matchmaking in investment and matchmaking in industry. Through its



multiple functions, InnoSquare is able to incubate ideas into products or services of commercial values in a systematic way and meanwhile offers diversified international entrepreneurial resources to start-ups, such as partners, professional consulting services and cooperation chances in consistent with the market.

2) Visit at Taiwan Tech Arena

Taiwan Tech Arena (TTA) is a new startup program launched by The Ministry of Science and Technology in Chinese Taipei. Located in the heart of Taipei City, inside Taipei Arena, TTA claims to be a tech innovation and entrepreneurship hub connecting the world's tech startup ecosystems under one roof. Its main mission is to encourage young entrepreneurs, cultivate deep technology entrepreneurship, and foster commercialization of innovation.

TTA is also intended to become a platform in which the overseas entrepreneurial resources can be integrated with local industrial resources. Not only will the internationally renowned incubators be invited to be the consultant of TTA, but the overseas incubation teams will also help to build an international tech startup ecosystem in Chinese Taipei.

TTA's partnerships with foreign and domestic accelerators promise to expedite the growth of over 100 startups per year through three to six-month acceleration courses featuring experienced international mentors, workshops and face-to-face consultation.

