

Forging Ahead with the Coexistence of Quantity and Quality

Time flies. It is my fifth year of working for the Metal Industries Research and Development Centre. According to Forbes Magazine's research, only 2% of the world's 500 largest companies averagely are able to stand firmly for more than 50 years. Established in 1963, the centre is now forging ahead and enters its fiftieth year officially with the support of the government, industries and colleagues. It is really my honor to meet the new future with all our partners together at this moment.

With the core technical capabilities of casting, forging, welding and stamping, during its initial stage the centre gave impetus to metal-related industries. Meanwhile, the centre was dedicated to promoting CAD&CAM technologies and successfully fostered thousands of engineers. By doing so, the centre laid a solid R&D foundation for private companies and equipped them with international competitiveness.

Metal has a wide range of applications. As the electronics industry gradually grabbed higher attention among domestic industries, the centre started to apply its technical capability to high-tech industries, such as the flat panel display, 3C electronics, medical devices, biotech and energy industries in recent years. To cope with the increasing importance of environmental protection and high value-added industries, the centre has also invested in related R&D. With the guidance of the government's industrial policy and the collective efforts of colleagues, the centre's revenue, which was about NT\$ 1.5 billion in 2007, has now exceeded NT\$2.2 billion.

The global economic environment has experienced turmoil since the Year of the Snake. And despite Taiwan's economic growth rate being unsatisfactory in 2012, the government has still endeavored to adjust industrial structure and upgrade overall competitiveness. As a non-profit organization of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, R.O.C., the centre spares no

effort in carrying out its mission assigned by the government, playing the role of a bridge between the government and industries, and turning the government's R&D resources into practical solutions to upgrade industrial values.

In the next 50 years, the Metal Industries Research and Development Centre will continue to optimize its organization and human resources, deepen core technologies, leverage the value of technologies, and commercialize technologies. The strategy of "steady growth in quantity and rapid growth in quality" enables the centre to keep up with the times and also benefit more domestic industries and companies.

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