

Achievement Brings more Responsibility

"The goal of the Metal Industries Research and Development Centre...is to improve the development of domestic metal and machinery industries...The centre has been assigned the mission of assistance and guidance and played a significant role in the national economic development..." Cited from the senior advisor to the president Kwoh-Ting Lee's inscription engraved on the building during the centre's establishment in 1963. These words express the high expectations of the centre and the core mission of the centre.

With the efforts of the former chairmen, presidents and countless senior colleagues, the centre has made a tremendous contribution to domestic economic development over the past 50 years. The centre has rendered assistance to all kinds of enterprises and industries, including the establishment of the China Steel Corporation; light industries, sewing machines, hardware and bicycles in the early stages; industrial products, equipment, components, automation and material industries in the later stages.

There is a strong contrast between the scenes of primitive villages five decades ago and the scenes of highly industrial, commercialized society nowadays. There were only a few buildings scattered around the Kaohsiung headquarters 50 years ago. Nowadays, the centre has built up service stations island wide. The transformation of the centre is linked closely to the evolution of Taiwan's industries. Humbleness is the soul of MIRDC, yet the memory of interactions between the centre and the industries is the pride of MIRDC, here at No. 1001 Kaonan Highway. Each and every partner of MIRDC is a small but honorable part in the wheel of time.

Through assisting middle and small sized enterprises to overcome challenges in every phase of development, MIRDC has not only accumulated sufficient strength and brilliant achievements, but also enriched the technical capacity for a

variety of industries. In recent years, the centre has focused more on global cooperation with Europe, America and Japan etc., and played the role of technical exchange, research and development. MIRDC has now turned into a platform to share industrial resources with enterprises, assisting domestic industries in effectively engaging with the international market.

Confucius once said: "At fifty, I knew the decrees of Heaven." It is the contribution of every devoted colleague and partner in the past 50 years that has made who we are and what MIRDC is today. We would like to extend our gratitude to all partner industries for their great support and mutual trust. This has given us the chance to contribute and serve. The expectations Mr. Lee had for MIRDC 50 years ago were the sustained responsibility that will lead us on another 50-year journey ahead. Competitive and challenging as the global business environment is, it is the mission, and the sustained responsibility, of MIRDC to continue collaborating with our partner industries in order to overcome any potential tasks. Let's move on, shoulder to shoulder, to another page of glory in our history.

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