

Circular 6: Booth decoration and exhibits should be ready before the opening of the fair & Receiving Buyers at HKTDC Fairs

To ensure all exhibitors and buyers have sufficient time for trade activities during the fair period as well as upholding the quality of the Fair, exhibitors are reminded to have their exhibits ready and their booths well-manned at least 30 minutes before the opening of the fair every day. The fair will be opened to visitors on time.

It has come to our attention that there were incidents in which some exhibitors refused to receive certain visiting buyers at their booths, which created some disputes. The Council would like to remind all exhibitors that, according to the laws on discrimination in Hong Kong, exhibitors must not discriminate against any visitors solely based on their sex, disabilities, or other criteria prescribed by law by refusing their visit to their booths.

The HKTDC, as the fair organiser, fully understands that a business has the right and discretion to formulate its own business promotion strategy for certain market segments. However, in the context of an international exhibition, and of maintaining the professional image of the exhibition and of Hong Kong as a trade fair capital, exhibitors are requested to cooperate on the following:

All exhibitors should welcome visitors that are qualified and admitted by the organiser.

- Exhibitors should treat all visitors courteously.
- Exhibitors should not discriminate against any visitors due to their race or place of origin.
- Exhibitors should not display any discriminatory messages at their booths.

The HKTDC sincerely hopes that all exhibitors will co-operate. If any complaint against an exhibitor regarding the above with sufficient grounds is received, the Council will carefully review the application for participation in future HKTDC events by that exhibitor and may have to take necessary actions.

通告 6: 開放攤位予買家參觀 及 參展商接待買家須知

為確保參展商與買家在展期內有足夠時間洽商及進一步提升展覽會形象，參展商請於每日展覽會開放前30分鐘準備好攤位佈置及所有展品，並同時看守其攤位，展覽會將每日準時開放予買家進場參觀。

鑒於以往在本局舉辦的展覽會上，因有個別參展商拒絕接待某些買家而產生誤會及爭拗，本局特此提醒所有參展商，根據香港的歧視條例，參展商不得純粹基於參觀者的性別、殘疾或該條例所列出的其他因素而對參觀者有所歧視，包括拒絕有關人士到其攤位參觀。

作為展覽會主辦機構，香港貿發局完全明白任何公司均有權訂定其市場取向。然而，為要保持展覽會的國際專業形象，以及香港作為亞洲商展之都的地位，本局籲請各參展商務須遵守以下規則：

1. 對所有獲本局接納進場參觀的人士表示歡迎，並有禮接待所有參觀人士。
2. 不可因為參觀者的種族或所屬地區而作出歧視行為。
3. 不應在攤位內展示任何帶有歧視性的標語。

懇請所有參展商衷誠合作。假若本局接獲參觀者對有關參展商作出歧視行為之投訴，而且理據確鑿，這將對所涉參展商日後的參展申請有所影響。