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ITMF Annual Conference 2009 - Shanghai, China

By invitation of the China National Textile & Apparel Council (CNTAC) the International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) will convene for its Annual Conference in Shanghai, China from October 23 to 25, 2009.

The general theme of this year's ITMF Annual Conference – **Structural Adjustments in the World Textile Industry** – indicates that during the Conference delegates will have the opportunity to discuss ongoing structural changes and to exchange views on important topics along the entire value chain in the light of the biggest global financial and economic crisis in decades.

The keynote speaker of the Conference is Gerhard Schröder, former Chancellor of Germany (1998-2005).

The following topics are on the Conference's agenda:

- Fibers: Outlook for Cotton and Man-made Fibers with Special Focus on China
- The Impact of the Global Financial and Economic Crisis on the Global Textile Industry
- Interdependence between the Textile and Retail Industry
- Adjustments and Revitalization of the Chinese Textile Industry
- Technical Textiles: Growth Segment of the Future?
- Ways to Innovation (Workshops)

Various renowned international speakers will present their views in the respective topics thus preparing the ground for interactive exchange with the Conference's delegates. The speakers are:

- Terry Townsend, **ICAC**, Washington/USA
- Fang Gao, **China Cotton Association**, Beijing/China
- Friedrich Weninger, **Lenzing Group**, Lenzing/Austria
- Karen Jones, **CMAI**, Houston/USA
- Stephen Green, **Standard Chartered Bank**, Shanghai/China
- David Yuen Hoi Lee, **UNIDO**, Vienna/Austria
- Giuliano Noci, Dep. of Economics and Industrial Engineering, **Politecnico di Milan**, Milan/Italy
- Chien Chen, **Walt-Mart**, Shenzhen/China
- Badis Kouidrat, **Devanlay Lacoste**, Shanghai/China
- Arvind Singhal, **Technopak**, Gurgaon/India
- Peter Kreitals, **Kreitals Consulting**, Balwyn VIC/Australia
- Thomas Fischer, Center for Management Research, **DITF**, Denkendorf/Germany
- Jiri Militky, **Technical University of Liberec**, Liberec/Czech Republic
- Kunjuan Xu, **CNTAC**, Beijing/China
- Dekang Gao, **Bosiden International Holdings**, Jiangsu/China
- Shiping Xi, **Shangtex Holding**, Shanghai/China
- Hendrik van Delden, **Gherzi van Delden**, Krefeld/Germany
- Shunlian Shen, **Haining China Warp Knitting**, Zhejiang/China
- Loek de Vries, **Royal Ten Cate**, Almelo/Netherlands
- Pang Fengjian, **Shangdong Helon**, Shandong/China

Prof. Edmund S. Phelps, Nobel Laureate for Economics (2006), has also been invited as a keynote speaker (to be confirmed).

The delegates will also have the chance to visit the Intertextile Shanghai Apparel Fabrics Fair on Oct. 22 as well as different Chinese textile mills on Oct. 26.

For more information on the Conference please consult the ITMF-website at www.itmf.org