



New Year Greetings from Abroad

Elgar Straub, Managing Director of VDMA Textile Care, Fabric and Leather Technologies - <https://www.vdma.org/>



"The past year once again presented us with major challenges: economic uncertainty, rising costs and a general reluctance to invest. Nevertheless, we are seeing signs of stabilisation: new investments in automation, digitalisation and sustainable technologies show that our industry is positioning itself for the future.

Looking ahead to this year, we are cautiously optimistic. The technological strength of our industry provides a solid basis for generating new momentum and successfully exploiting opportunities in a challenging environment. With our sights set on Frankfurt and one of the industry's leading trade fairs, Texprocess, we hope to see a further boost for innovation and investment.

We wish the companies and the entire industry a successful year, your VDMA Textile Care, Fabric and Leather Technologies."

Marco Salvadè, President of ASSOCIATION OF ITALIAN TEXTILE MACHINERY MANUFACTURERS (ACIMIT) – <https://www.acimit.it>

"I wish a very **Happy New Year** to all the readers of **Nippon Sewing Machine News**.

The year 2025 has been a challenging one for the **global textile machinery industry**. The international geopolitical



landscape, marked by persistent **regional instabilities** and a **complex economic climate**, has continued to weigh on textile investments and global demand. However, the Italian textile machinery industry has shown its **resilience**, facing these headwinds with **innovation** and **determination**.

As we look forward to **2026**, although uncertainty remains a factor in the global market, our resolve is **stronger than ever**. We acknowledge the seriousness of the global challenges, but we refuse to be passive. Our goal remains clear: **we want to Shape the Future ourselves**.

Driven by international dialogue and technological evolution, the Italian textile machinery industry continues to:

- **Transform ambitions into tangible solutions** and turning our long-standing experience into positive change for a sustainable future.
- **Bridging the gap between people and ideas**, overcoming physical and technical barriers through the power of digitalization and cross-border collaboration.
- **Shaping the vision** of a future where progress is defined by efficiency, and technology becomes the ultimate tool to achieve it.

Italian textile machinery manufacturers are ready to embrace the changes that 2026 will bring, weaving together **expertise** and **creativity** to build a future full of **new possibilities**. We look forward

to doing this alongside our valued **Japanese partners**, strengthening a bond built on **quality** and **mutual respect**.

Wishing you all a **healthy, peaceful, and prosperous 2026!**"

Mr. Steven Fang, Chairman of Taiwan Sewing Machinery Association (TSMA) – <http://www.tsma-sewing.org.tw/>



"Moving Forward with Innovation, Quality, and Global Partnership"

As we welcome the arrival of 2026, I would like to extend my warmest New Year greetings to all partners, colleagues, and friends around the world on behalf of the Taiwan Sewing Machinery Association (TSMA). A new year not only brings renewed energy but also inspires us to reflect on the progress we have made and the future we envision for our industry.

Review of 2025: A Year of Steady Progress and Collective Resilience

The year 2025 presented continued shifts in the global market environment. Industries across the world faced challenges including rising costs, changing consumer expectations, and accelerating supply chain transitions. Despite these developments, Taiwan's sewing machinery industry upheld its long-standing resilience and adaptability.

Our manufacturers continued advancing in smart technologies, automation solutions, energy-efficient designs, and customized equipment. Through persistent innovation and reliable manufacturing capabilities,