46th International Young Designers' Exhibition (YODEX) 2027｜Application Guidelines for Overseas Universities

May 21 - 24, 2027

Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Hall 2



Since its inception in 1981, the annual Young Designers' Exhibition (YODEX) is now entering its 46th year. YODEX boasts to be Asia's largest design exhibition especially oriented to students. Every year, the exhibition brings works of graduating students under one roof, attracting more than 80,000 visitors from Taiwan and abroad. Over the four-day exhibition, visitors witness dynamic power of young designers across richly diverse design disciplines, such as fashion design, industrial design, visual communication, interior design, mixed-media, and interactive design, to name a few. YODEX offers exhibiting students valuable opportunities to exchange ideas with one another, contributes to their pursuit of a promising career by planning dedicated Industry representative tours, and fosters cross-cultural design practices exchange through its overseas universities exhibition.

Experience the vibrant energy of YODEX! Watch our 2026 Highlights Video.

A. General Information

a. Organizers

Advise Organizer: Ministry of Economic Affairs and Ministry of Education

Official Organizer: Industrial Development Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs

Co-organizer: International Trade Administration, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Taiwan External Trade Development Council

Executive Organizer: Taiwan Design Research Institute

b. Dates

10:00 a.m. - 17:00 p.m. , May 21, May 24, 2027 (Weekday)

10:00 a.m. - 18:00 p.m. , May 22, May 23, 2027 (Weekend)

c. Exhibition Venue

Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center, Hall 2 (No.2, Jingmao 2nd Rd., Nangang Dist., Taipei City)

d. Website

https://www.yodex.com.tw/

B. Exhibitor Information

a. Overseas Exhibitor Qualifications

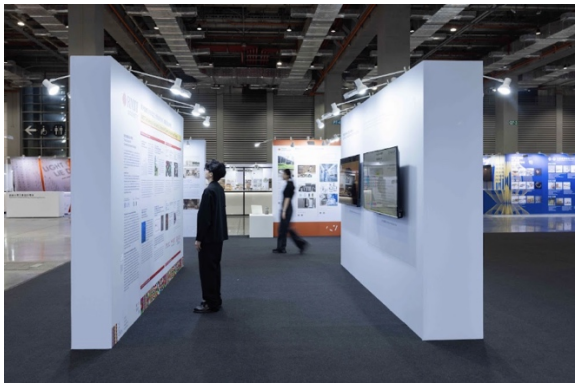
Universities, colleges, or academies with design programs. No third-party admissions agency may directly apply, except through the referral of its representative schools, who has submitted the Phase I application, with official letter of representation authorization for 2027 YODEX.

b. Participation Scheme 1: JOINT BOOTH (Curated Showcase)

The Joint Booth is an exclusive, invitation and review-based showcase designed by the YODEX curatorial team to present a diverse collection of outstanding works from global design universities, in direct response to the year's overall theme.









I. **Participation Format:** The YODEX curatorial team will arrange and design a dedicated joint booth for overseas schools. Participating schools are requested to submit 5 to 8 selected student projects (digital files, with the option of shipping in physical display objects at the school's expense. See V. of Scheme 1). The YODEX curatorial team will put together both a print-out exhibition board for each participating school, within a joint Overseas Universities booths zone, and a TV rotation display for student projects not featured on the printed boards. iPad installation is reviewed case by case.

II. **Submission Process (Two-Phase Submission):**

- **Phase 1 (Application):** Confirm participation intent by submitting the Application Form (Attachment 1.)
- **Phase 2 (Exhibit Material Submission):** Upon application confirmation, the Organizer will provide a detailed Exhibit Material Form to collect both exhibiting work information, such as description and designers, and participating school / department introductory description. Participating schools must submit high-resolution project images, school photos and school logo by the specified deadline.

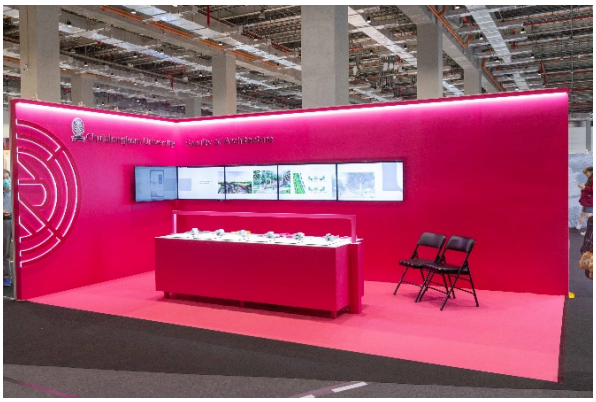
III. **Fees:** There is no booth rental or basic setup fee for schools participating in the Joint Booth. The Organizer covers the curation and decoration costs of the digital and printed displays.

IV. **Curatorial Policy:** As this joint showcase is fully organized and produced by the Organizer at no cost to participating schools, schools agree that the YODEX curatorial team holds ultimate decision-making authority regarding the booth's visual identity, spatial layout, exhibition board design, and the specific location assigned to each school's works. The Organizer reserves the right to edit, arrange, and display the submitted materials to align with the overall curatorial vision.

V. **Physical Exhibits (Optional):** Submission of physical work samples or models is highly welcome if confirmed by the specified deadline. However, participating universities are fully responsible for all shipping costs, including packaging materials, international freight, customs duties, and return shipping labels. The Organizer does not cover any shipping or travel expenses for physical exhibits or visiting representatives.

c. Participation Scheme 2: INDEPENDENT BOOTH (Physical Showcase)

For universities wishing to rent and design their own dedicated, independent space within the exhibition hall.





I. **Participation Format:** Exhibitors rent raw space and are responsible for their own stand design, construction, furniture, manning, and dismantling.

II. **Booth rental fee:**

Unit Measure	Square Meter/unit	Cost/unit (tax included)
1 booth (raw space)	3m*3m	USD $1,500 or NTD $48,000

III. USD $1,500 is added for each additional booth unit applied for. e.g., USD$3,000 for 2 booths.

IV. **Payment Method:** wire transfer.

V. Booth rental fee includes raw space and 500 watt (110 volt) electricity supply for each booth; excess electricity needs will be additionally charged. (Raw booth space does NOT include decoration materials, walls, equipment, water, extra power, or any other facilities.)

C. Application & Show Schedule

a. Show Schedule

Set up	04:00 a.m. - 16:00 p.m. , May 19-20, 2027
Exhibition	10:00 a.m. - 17:00 p.m. , May 21, May 24, 2027 (Weekday) 10:00 a.m. - 18:00 p.m. , May 22, May 23, 2027 (Weekend)
Dismantling	17:00 p.m. - 18:00 p.m. , May 24, 2027 07:00 a.m. - 16:00 p.m. , May 25, 2027

b. Application Deadlines (GMT+8 Taipei Time)

I. **Scheme 1: Joint Booth**

- First round participation deadline (Phase 1 Application): December 1, 2026.
- Second round participation deadline (Phase 1 Application): January 22, 2027.
- Rough number of participating projects and formats: February 15, 2027.
- Exhibit Project Description/ Digital Files/Images submission (Phase 2 Materials): March 5, 2027.

II. **Scheme 2: Independent Booth**

- Application deadline (Submit Attachment 1 & 2): December 1, 2026.
- Notification of acceptance & Invoice issued: January 15, 2027.
- Payment deadline (Booth rental & Security deposit): January 31, 2027
- Tentative plan for construction and manning of booths & Exhibition Proposal: February 26, 2027.

c. Application Procedure

I. Please fill in the Application Form (Attachment 1). For Independent Booth applicants, please also submit the **Affidavit** (Attachment 2).

II. Email the completed forms and required proposals to《frankie_kuo@tdri.org.tw》before the respective deadlines.

III. Overseas schools applying through an agent/agency must submit their own application form and present **a letter of representation authorization** to the Organizer, before handing off to the agent/agency.

IV. All applications are subject to approval by the Organizer. The Organizer will notify applicants of the review results according to their submission round:

- **Scheme 1 (First Round) & Scheme 2 Applicants:** Notification of acceptance will be sent no later than January 15, 2027.

- **Scheme 1 (Second Round) Applicants:** Notification of acceptance will be sent no later than February 13, 2027.

d. Agent Operating Guidelines & Financial Compliance

I. **Invoice Issuance & Payment Remarks:**

All official Invoices will be issued by default under the registered name of the participating University (Exhibitor). If booth rental fees or security deposits are remitted on behalf of the University by an authorized third-party agency (Agent), the payment remittance details/reference field MUST explicitly state the "Official University Name" to ensure accurate accounting verification by the Organizer.

II. **Security Deposit Refund:**

Security deposits will be refunded to the official University bank account specified in Attachment 1 (Application Form).

D. Regulations for Independent Booths (Scheme 2)

a. Security Deposit

I. Each individual exhibitor shall pay a fixed-price security deposit in the amount of USD $1,500 (or NTD $48,000).

II. Return of the security deposit is contingent upon satisfying prerequisites specified within the Affidavit (Attachment 2).

III. After the person in charge of booth-tending on behalf of an exhibitor together with representatives of the Organizer confirm that relevant exhibition regulations have been observed by the exhibitor without exception before 16:00 p.m., May 25, 2027, on the date of booth dismantling, security deposit will be returned to the exhibitor without interest within two months.

b. Payments by Wire Transfer

I. **Payment Schedule (Scheme 2 participants):** Upon receiving the official Notification of Acceptance and Invoice from the Organizer on January 15, 2027, exhibitors must complete the wire transfer of both the Booth Rental Fee and Security Deposit by January 31, 2027.

II. Please specify “Exhibitor Name” and “YODEX 2027” when making wire transfer.

III. **Exhibitor is responsible for all fees incurred from wire transfers for both incoming and returning. Both the booth rental fees and security deposit must be received in full**

unless otherwise given written leave by the Organizer.

International Bank Account Transfer *If you are paying in US Dollars via a non-Taiwan account, please use this information. Account Name: TAIWAN DESIGN RESEARCH INSTITUTE Bank: MEGA INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK CO.,LTD. (CHUNG HSIAO BRANCH) Account No.: 005 53 06360 0 SWIFT: ICBCTWTP005 Bank Address: NO.233, SEC.4, CHUNG HSIAO E. ROAD, TAIPEI, TAIWAN, R.O.C.
Taiwan Bank Account Transfer *If you are paying in New Taiwan Dollars via a Taiwan account, please use this information. Account Name: 財團法人台灣設計研究院 Bank: 兆豐國際商業銀行忠孝分行 Account No.: 005 09 02825 0

c. Booth Construction and Facilities

I. Lighting and air conditioning are provided in public areas.

II. Exhibitors will be responsible for stand design, furniture, equipment, stand construction and dismantling, insurance, traveling and accommodations, etc.

III. For more details about stand booth construction and facilities on site, please refer to: Attachment 3: Regulations on work at TAITRA VENUES.

d. Withdrawal and Cancellation

I. The withdrawal will take effect only upon receipt of an official written notice of confirmation from the Organizer. For a withdrawal of Scheme 2 application (Independent Booth) after booth allocation confirmation, the security deposit will not be returned at all.

II. In the event that security deposit and booth rental fee are not delivered before payment deadline, reserved booth will be cancelled.

III. No exhibitor shall transfer or sublet booths. Violator will be construed as having withdrawn from the exhibition and security deposit will not be returned.

E. General Regulations

1. Exhibit Regulations

I. **Scheme 1 & 2 (Content Review):** Participation is subject to review by the Organizer based on the Initial Work Overview submitted in Phase 1 (Attachment 1). The Organizer will not consider an application unless it provides a clear overview of the design products/objects to be exhibited.

II. **Scheme 1 (Joint Booth):** Schools are only required to submit basic application details in Phase 1, and provide digital work assets (images/videos) in Phase 2 per the schedule. No separate exhibition design proposal is required. The Organizer reserves the right to recant participation and exhibition of a joint booth school if the required materials are not provided within the specified timeline.

III. **Scheme 2 (Independent Booth - Technical Review):** Exhibitors must submit a detailed booth construction and setup plan by February 26, 2027, for venue technical and safety approval. The Organizer reserves the right to accept or reject an application and to determine the location, shape, and numbers of booths for each exhibitor.

2. Exposure of Materials and Information for YODEX Promotion

Materials and pictures submitted by an exhibitor are understood to be available for featuring in YODEX brochure, website, and/or promotional ads. The Organizer reserves the right to edit such information as it sees fit. Exhibitor is responsible for the accuracy of the submitted information which will be used freely by the press for promotional purposes.

3. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

I. **Governing Law:** These Application Guidelines, as well as all rights, obligations, and disputes arising out of or in connection with application to and participation in YODEX 2027, shall be governed by, construed, and enforced exclusively in accordance with the laws of the Republic of China (Taiwan), without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of law.

II. **Jurisdiction Court:** Any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to these Application Guidelines or YODEX 2027 that cannot be resolved through friendly negotiation shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Taiwan Taipei District Court as the court of first instance in the Republic of China (Taiwan).

F. Contacts:

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Attachment 2

[Affidavit] Required for Scheme 2 Independent Booths Only

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To the Organizer (Taiwan Design Research Institute):

_____(School Name/hereafter referred to as Exhibitor) applies for 46th Young Designers' Exhibition (YODEX 2027) to be held May 21 - 24, 2027 at Taipei Nangang Exhibition Center Hall 2, Taiwan.

The Exhibitor guarantees the name of the overseas exhibitor to be shown in the booth area is the same as the one stated in the Exhibitor's Application Form, and no agent/agency is in applying in representation of the Exhibitor, unless an accompanying letter of authorization has been recorded submitted.

That the Exhibitor accepts all terms of YODEX 2027 including punctual payments of relevant exhibition fees and authorization for the Organizer to use materials provided for presentation and publicity purposes.

That the Exhibitor promises not to provide references such as brochures and fliers with the intention to enroll new students outside the specified booth areas during the period of the said exhibition.

Moreover, that the Exhibitor agrees it will not start taking down exhibits and dismantling until the officially-announced closing time on May 24, 2027.

If any of the above-mentioned regulations is violated, with evidence supplied by the Organizer, the security deposit of the Exhibitor shall not be returned; it will also be barred from applying for YODEX for one edition after the violation year.

School Seal: **Authorized Signature:**

School Name:_____ Date:_____

(Please scan and email the filled attachments to Taiwan Design Research Institute in JPG or PDF format along with Initial Work Overview by December 1, 2026. Email: frankie_kuo@tdri.org.tw)