

2027 Overseas Participation Timelines & YODEX Introduction

YODEX

young designers' exhibition



OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES APPLICATION SCHEDULE KEY TIMELINES

Exhibition Period: May 21–24, 2027

- **Move-in: May 19–20**
- **Dismantling: May 25**

PARTICIPATION SCHEME 1: JOINT BOOTH

- **Dec 1, 2026**: First Round Application Deadline (Submit Attachment 1).
- **Jan 22, 2027**: Second Round Application Deadline (Submit Attachment 1).
- **Mar 5, 2027**: Final Exhibit Assets Submission (Project images & descriptions, university logos & introduction).

PARTICIPATION SCHEME 2: INDEPENDENT BOOTH

- **Dec 1, 2026:** Application Deadline (Submit Attachments 1 & 2).
- **Jan 31, 2027:** Financial Clearance (Wire transfer for booth rental & security deposit).
- **Feb 26, 2027**: Technical Clearance (Submit booth construction & setup proposal).

2027 YODEX THEME

Evolving: Iterating Underway



The definition of design today ought to be re-envisioned as a dynamic and iterative process rather than a singular one-time solution. It is time to focus on the mechanisms for evolution in designs, with emphasis on designs' affordance for iteration, regeneration, and transformation as they are implemented and used over time.

We invite the young designers to use this theme as a conceptual starting point, free themselves up from the search for a perfect final solution, and instead incorporate changing needs and expectations as part of their designs, to arrive at not a resolution but a methodical starting point.

What future co-creation solutions are your students bringing to the table?
Let's share them.

01 / ADAPTABILITY

Responsive Systems · Modular Design · Dynamic Evolution

02 / RESILIENCE

Regenerative Systems · Climate Adaptation · Self-Repair

03 / VARIATION

Inclusive Design · Tailored Accessibility · Micro-Customization

04 / DIVERSITY

Plural Ecosystems · Symbiotic Coexistence · Multimodal

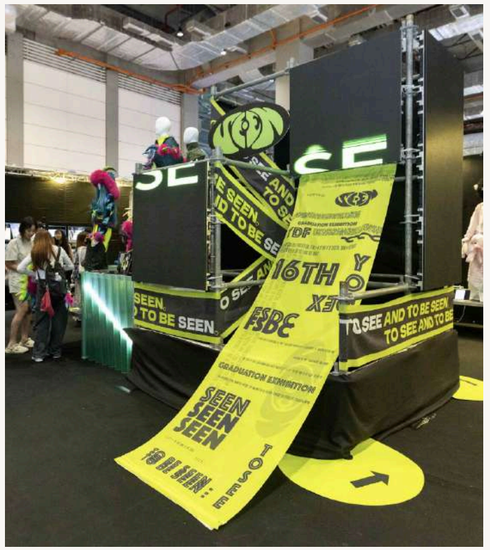
05 / MUTATION

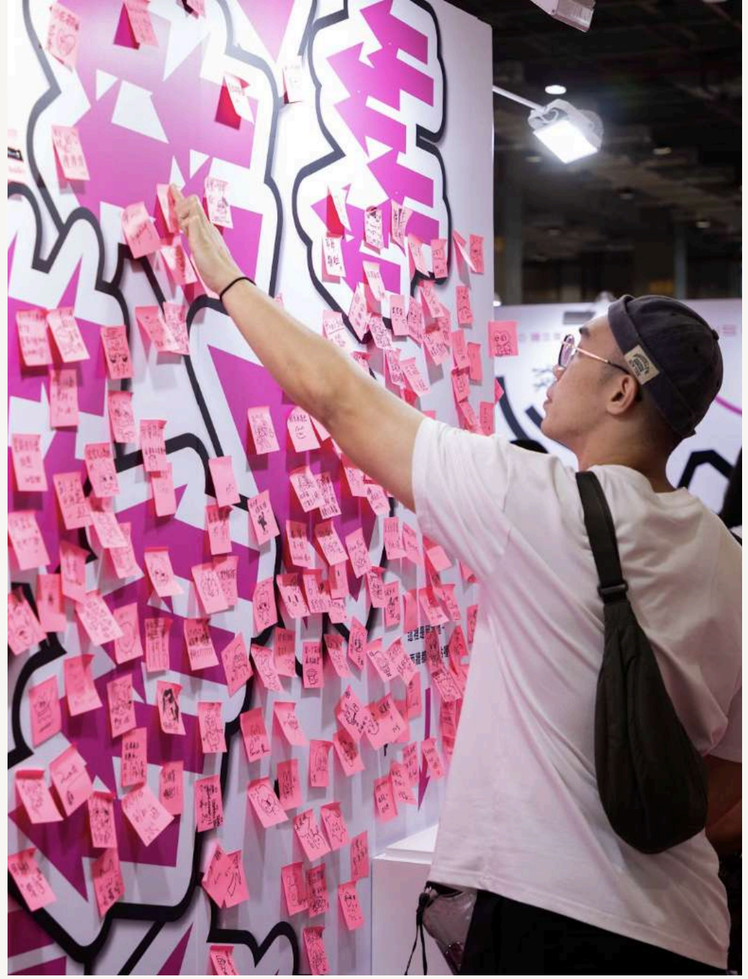
Generative Aesthetics · Proactive Randomness · Bio-Materials

06 / EXAPTATION

Open Grids · Technology Transfer · Cross-Disciplinary





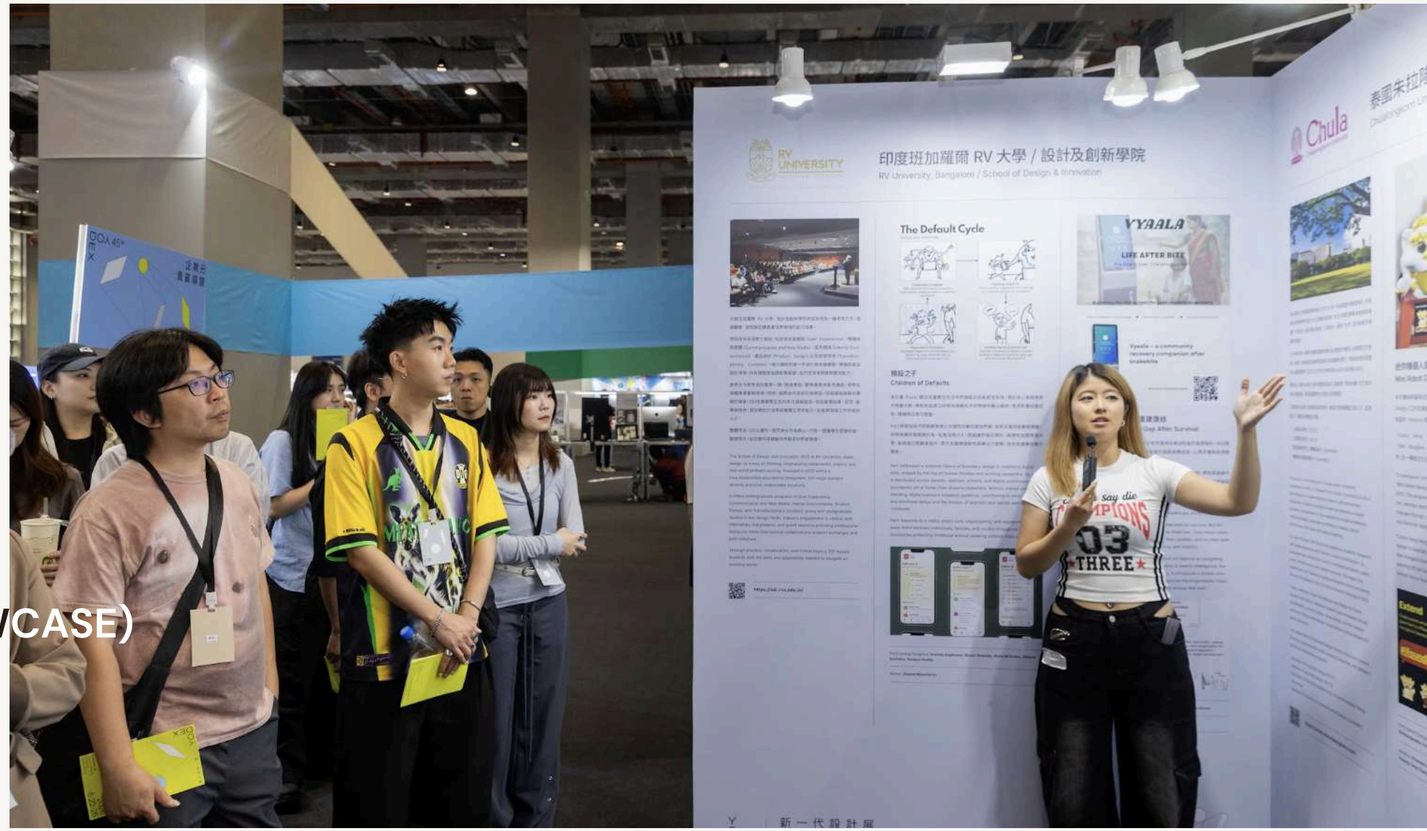


CURATORIAL VISION | 6 SUB-THEMES

A directional guide for global schools to expand and respond to "Evolving: Iterating Underway."



PARTICIPATION SCHEMES | 2 WAYS TO JOIN



SCHEME 1: JOINT BOOTH (CURATED SHOWCASE)

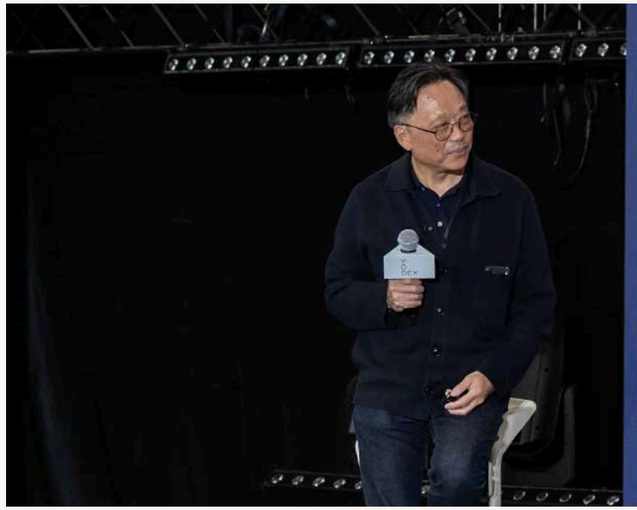
- **Zero Cost**: Fully waived booth rental and spatial setup fees ($0).
- **Digital Delivery:** Submit 5–8 digital projects; YODEX curates the entire physical and multimedia display.

SCHEME 2: INDEPENDENT BOOTH (PHYSICAL SHOWCASE)

- **Independent Presence**: Scalable physical booth space tailored to your institutional scale.
- **Creative Freedom**: Full authority to design an immersive branded experience reflecting your identity.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION | FEES & FACILITIES







BOOTH RENTAL FEE

- Scheme 1: Fully waived ($0 rental and setup fees).
- Scheme 2: USD $1,500 per 3m x 3m raw space ($1,500 added for each additional booth).

BOOTH FACILITIES & ELECTRICITY

- Scheme 1: Curated layout, graphic printing, and digital displays arranged by YODEX.
- Scheme 2: Raw space with 500-watt (110V) electricity supply included (extra power/facilities available upon request).

SECURITY DEPOSIT (SCHEME 2 ONLY)

USD $1,500 refundable deposit per exhibitor, returned in full without interest within 2 months following compliant on-site dismantling.

ABOUT YODEX

- **Milestone**: Established in 1981, celebrating its 45th edition in 2026.
- **Core Value**: An internationally iconic platform bridging design education and industry.
- **Annual Scale**: 55 universities / 110 departments / 9,000 designers / 3,500 works / 80,000+ visitors.



Organizers

- MOEA: Ministry of Economic Affairs
- MOE: Ministry of Education
- IDA: Industrial Development Administration
- TDRI: Taiwan Design Research Institute



DRIVING EDUCATION & INDUSTRY INNOVATION





INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA CO-CREATION

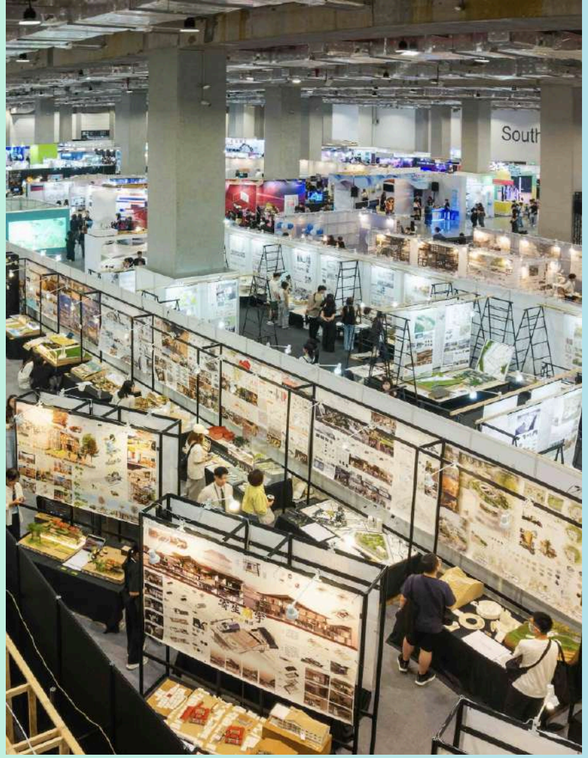
Connects enterprises with young talents through the Young Pin Design Award and YODEX Industry-Academia Cooperation Project.

GLOBAL RECOGNITION & SCALE

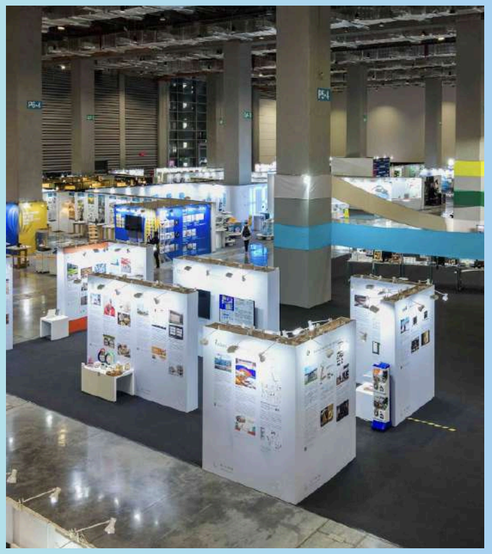
Recognized by Icsid (now WDO) on its 50th anniversary alongside Milan Furniture Fair and Norwegian Design Day.

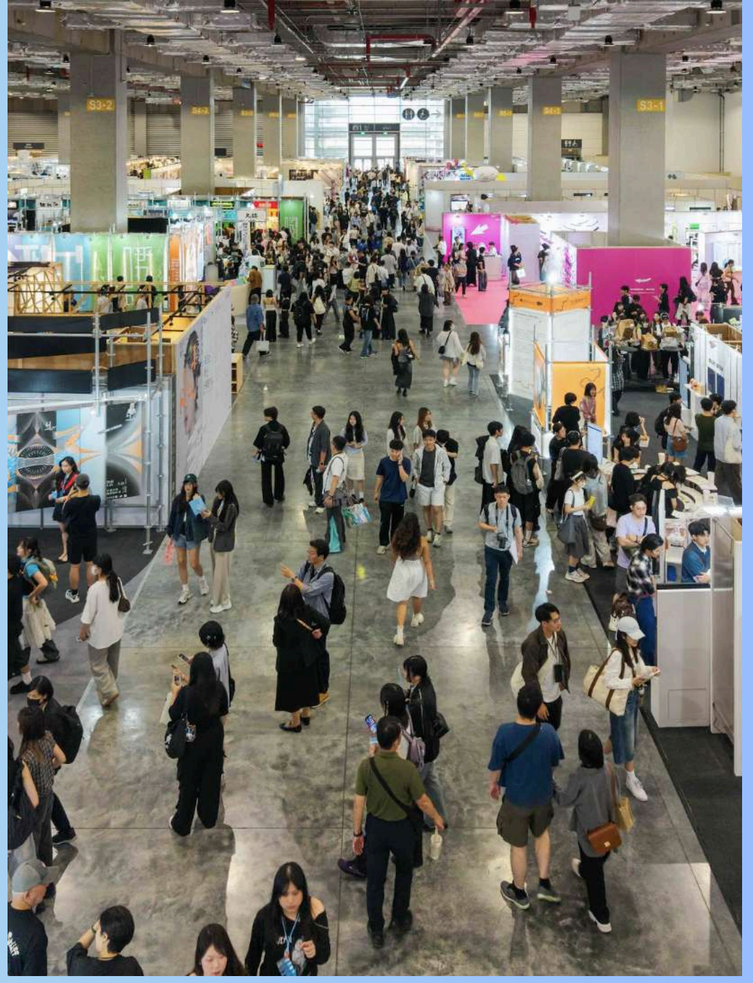
FUTURE-READY INNOVATION HUB

Features thousands of forward-looking proposals tackling key industry challenges to define next-generation design trends.









6 SPECIALIZED ZONES

Spanning Product & Craft, Visual Communication, Space & Architecture, Fashion, and Digital Multimedia to tackle contemporary challenges.

CURATED SPATIAL STRATEGY

Guided by a professional curatorial approach, the layout harmonizes aesthetics with functionality, seamlessly connecting enterprises with design talent and solutions.

DIVERSE DESIGN INNOVATIONS









CROSS-SECTOR LEADERS CONVENE AT YODEX 2026

- **Distinguished Guests**: Key leaders across government, industry, academia, and research—including deputy ministers, agency heads, and legislators.
- **Shared Vision**: Gathering to witness and champion the breakthrough achievements of design talents.

ANNUAL FLAGSHIP DESIGN EVENT

2026 SCALE & KEY MILESTONES



Centered on the annual theme "Fluid Boundaries," YODEX was held from May 22 to 25 at TaiNEX 2. Featuring its largest international lineup to date, the exhibition inspired emerging talents across the globe to break boundaries and engage in collaborative creation.

9,000+ Emerging Designers

Uniting 55 design universities and 110 departments nationwide.

3,500+ Innovative Works

Future living solutions spanning 6 specialized disciplines.

613 Industry-Academia Proposals

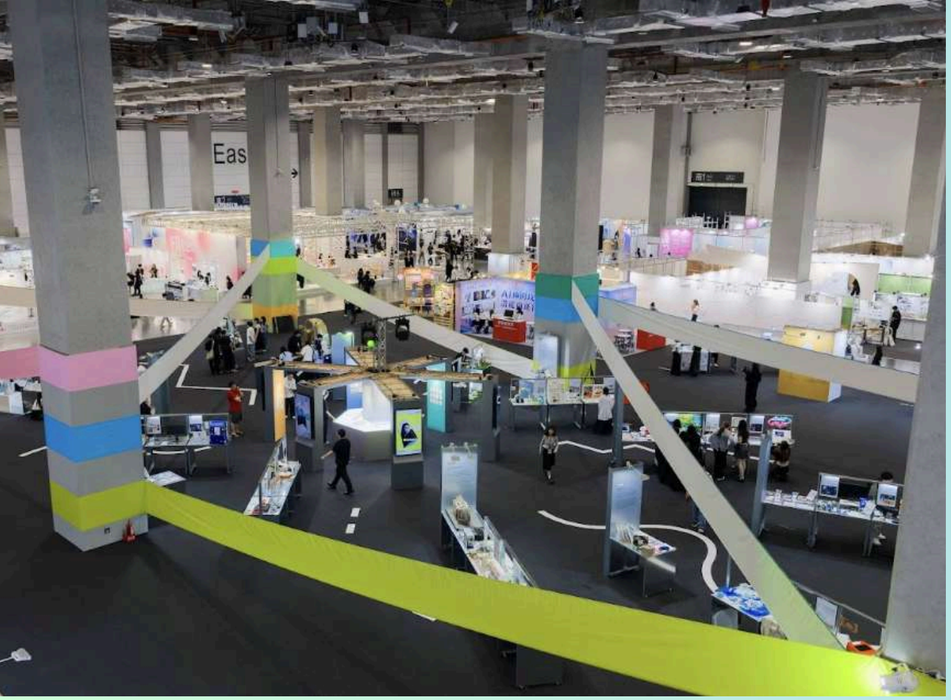
1,769 students co-creating with 13 leading enterprises.

80,000+ Visitors

Generating 300+ media features across the 4-day exhibition.

22 Schools Across 10 Countries

Cross-border creative exchanges among world-leading design schools.



2026 THEME: FLUID BOUNDARIES



Facing rapid shifts in AI, sustainability, and society, YODEX 2026 serves as a dynamic experiment that breaks traditional boundaries.

MULTIDIMENSIONAL CURATION & VISUAL IDENTITY

Collaboratively shaped by 3+2 DESIGN (Spatial Curation) and FOUND FOUND (Visual Identity), translating "Fluid Boundaries" into immersive spaces and dynamic graphics.

THEMATIC ZONE | CONCEPT TO MARKET





INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA COOPERATION

A 9-month co-creation platform connecting 1,769 talents with 13 premier enterprises and organizations—including Yamaha, Bosch, and government institutions—translating student innovation into practical market solutions.

THE BOUNDARY EXCHANGE

Echoing the annual theme "Fluid Boundaries," this curated zone serves as an experimental hub for cross-disciplinary co-creation. By bridging enterprises, students, academia, and the public, it accelerates the exchange of knowledge, technology, and insights—positioning design as a catalyst for new collaborative value.

TOP HONOR | YOUNG PIN DESIGN AWARD





RIGOROUS JUDGING PROCESS

- 12 Categories | 4,465 Submissions | 70 Multidisciplinary Jurors.
- Real-time on-site final judging, selecting 122 winning works across all disciplines.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: DEFINING THE FUTURE THROUGH INNOVATION

Hosted at the "Boundary Salon," the grand Young Pin Design Award Ceremony brought together prominent leaders across government and industry to celebrate and champion the year's most exceptional breakthrough designs.



OVERSEAS SALONS | PERSPECTIVES &TRENDS



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

Leading institutions—such as **Pratt Institute (USA), UNSW (Australia), and RMIT Vietnam** in 2026—take the stage in person to explore future design trends and pedagogies.

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY INDUSTRY FORUMS

9 curated sessions with 16 multidisciplinary experts—featuring leaders from **NVIDIA** and **Dyson**—bridging emerging design with cutting-edge tech and practice.



GLOBAL CONNECTION | SHOWCASE & NETWORK



DEDICATED INTERNATIONAL PAVILION

- **Global Stage:** Showcase student works and institutional identity.
- **Audience Reach**: Direct access to 80,000+ visitors and creative leaders.

EXCLUSIVE NETWORKING SESSION

- **Peer Dialogue**: Connect directly with Taiwan's design deans and TDRI.
- **Future Ties**: Foster student exchanges and institutional partnerships.



INDUSTRY IMMERSION | ENTERPRISE VISITS



INDUSTRY VISITS & FIELD EXPLORATION

- **Inside Taiwan's Ecosystem**: Curated visits to Taiwan’s premier tech giants, creative studios, and manufacturing hubs.
- **Direct R&D Insights**: Firsthand exposure to cutting-edge prototyping, design engineering, and production processes.
- **Future Ties**: Fostering cross-border internship pipelines and industry collaborations.









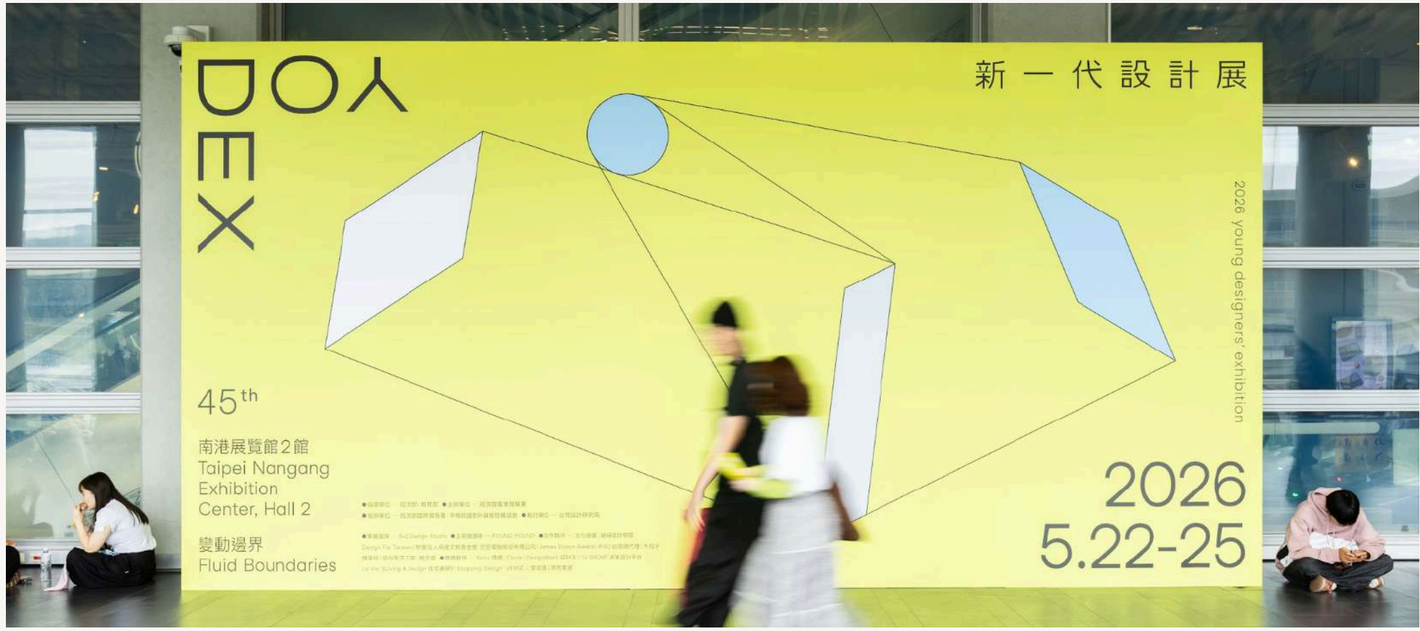
MEDIA IMPACT & VISIBILITY

- **Nationwide Press Reach**: Broad reporting across Taiwan's major news outlets, broadcast networks, and digital platforms.
- **Direct Market Engagement**: High visibility reaching thousands of prospective postgraduate students and industry collaborators.

MEDIA IMPACT | NATIONWIDE EXPOSURE

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