

2025 Global Outstanding Overseas Compatriot Alumni 【Business and Enterprise Award】

Mr. Ma Wong Ching

Ma Wong Ching - a Malaysian textile magnate who started his entrepreneurial journey in the 1970s and now commands the pulse of global supply chains. Under his leadership, his textile enterprise has expanded into five countries and earned a place on the “Yazhou Zhoukan’s” Top 500 Chinese Business Leaders list. More than a business leader, he is a philanthropist who has donated over NT\$100 million to education - using the power of enterprise to write a legacy of honor for both the overseas Chinese community and Taiwan.

Ma Wong Ching, born in 1951 in Yong Peng, Johor, Malaysia, was raised in a humble and hardworking family steeped in Chinese education and values. With a close bonding among siblings and a strong work ethic, he developed a deep interest in the textile industry from an early age. In 1972, he traveled to Taiwan to study in the Textile Department of the Technical Training Program for Overseas Youth(海青班) at Feng Chia University. After completing his studies, he returned to Malaysia and began working from the ground up in a textile factory - gradually building expertise in manufacturing management, production-line technology and global market trends.

During his time at Feng Chia University, Ma was deeply influenced by his professors and the school’s ethos of integrity and diligence. He laid a strong theoretical foundation in textile engineering while cultivating a resilient, pragmatic approach to work. Reflecting on his experience, he once said, “Taiwan gave me opportunities, capabilities and the spirit to embrace hardship.” His time studying abroad also forged lifelong friendships with like-minded overseas Chinese students and sowed the seeds for future business partnerships upon his return to Malaysia.

In 1976, Ma Wong Ching co-founded Shiang Rong Knitting Co., Ltd.(向榮針織公司) with his younger brother Ma Wong Ming(馬文明) and fellow alumnus Chien-Piao Wang(王建彪). In 1980, the company expanded and was restructured into “Ramatex BHD” (Ramatex Berhad), with Ma serving as Chairman. He led the company onto the global stage, introducing advanced German automated textile dyeing equipment and integrating the group’s operations into a complete vertical supply chain. Under his leadership, Ramatex grew into a world-renowned manufacturer of knittedfabrics and garments, with factories in Malaysia, Mainland China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Jordan. The company supplies leading global fashion brands and generates billions of U.S. dollars in annual revenue.

Ramatex BHD has repeatedly been ranked among the Top 500 Chinese Business Leaders(國際華商五百強) by “Yazhou Zhoukan,” reaching as high as No. 203. The company has long served as a pillar of Malaysia’s textile industry - not only by creating jobs and upgrading local manufacturing technology, but also by employing a significant number of overseas Chinese professionals. Nearly 100 alumni from Feng Chia University have held roles across Ramatex’s departments, making the company a model of cooperation between industry and the overseas Chinese community. Believing that “education should never be denied by poverty,” Ma has dedicated himself to philanthropy. His contributions include donating more than NT\$120 million to Feng Chia University for scholarships and campus development; over RM200 million (approximately NT\$1.5 billion) to various charitable, educational and disaster relief causes; and serving as Chairman of Yong Peng Chinese Independent High School. There, he donated 33 acres of land for a new campus and contributed more than RM20 million to support school relocation, curriculum reform and teacher development.

Ma firmly believes that enterprises should go beyond profit-making to become stabilizing forces that deliver social value.

Looking ahead, he hopes to deepen Ramatex's collaboration with Taiwan's technology and higher education sectors - bringing in more Taiwanese design, materials and talent. At the same time, he plans to continue investing in education and youth development through a philosophy of "trilingual education and five-domain learning," aiming to make Yong Peng High School a model overseas Chinese institution that blends Chinese heritage with global perspective.

With heartfelt gratitude, Ma acknowledges his hometown, his alma mater and the brothers and employees who have stood beside him. As he says: "Taiwan was the starting point of my career; the overseas Chinese community is where my responsibility lies."