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A Message from the President



This month, we also hosted an **Evening of Recognition to honor our Diamond Members**, celebrating their ongoing commitment and invaluable support. Their contributions are vital in driving our initiatives forward and enhancing the collective progress of our community.

We were proud to launch **Piazza Italiana**, a new initiative dedicated to showcasing Italian excellence in Thailand. This platform marks the beginning of an exciting era of cultural and commercial visibility, reinforcing Italy's strong presence in the Thai market.

Italy's participation in **Defense & Security 2025**, Asia's leading defense exhibition, further demonstrated the strength of Italian innovation and technology. The event facilitated important exchanges and highlighted Italy's capabilities in security and defense solutions.

We were delighted to support **Italy Meets New Zealand: Food & Wine from the Old and New Worlds**, an exclusive networking event strengthening culinary excellence from both hemispheres. This occasion fostered valuable connections and promoted the richness of global food and wine traditions.

We were truly honored to participate in **Gambero Rosso Vini d'Italia 2026**, where Italy's finest wines were presented to an enthusiastic audience. The event reaffirmed Thailand's growing appreciation for Italy's exceptional winemaking heritage.

Thank you, as always, for your trust, support and active engagement with the Chamber. Your ongoing commitment is invaluable to our shared success.

Arrivederci,
Federico Cardini
President

Dear Members and Friends of the TICC,
As we embark on a new chapter for the Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce, I am delighted to share with you the significant developments that have shaped this period. Each initiative reflects our ongoing dedication to strengthening the relationship between Thailand and Italy across business, culture, industry and international cooperation.

We began the month with the **26th Meeting of the Secretaries General of the Italian Chambers of Commerce Abroad** in Rome, an important occasion that brought together the global ICCA network to align strategies, exchange best practices and reinforce Italy's international economic presence. This annual gathering reaffirms our commitment to global collaboration and a shared vision for international trade.

We were equally pleased to witness the vibrant success of **Roma Jewelry Week 2025**, a celebration of artistry, craftsmanship and cultural expression. The event highlighted Italy's longstanding excellence in jewelry design, provided an inspiring platform for creative exchange with the international community and strengthened Italy's cultural and commercial visibility abroad.

Back in Thailand, **TICC Orientation Day 2025** welcomed new and existing members, fostering collaboration and strengthening ties between Thai and Italian professionals. The program encouraged meaningful dialogue, knowledge sharing and deeper engagement within our Chamber network.

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The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC), founded in 1978, is an independent, private, non-profit organization of Italian and Thai businessmen and professionals, duly constituted and registered in accordance with legislative regulations in Thailand and fully recognized by the Ministry of Economic Development and International Cooperation in Italy.

The Chamber, with its headquarters in Bangkok (Thailand), is proud to host a wide network of companies and entrepreneurs from all around the world -mostly Italian and Thai businesses, which allow TICC to pursue its objectives of enhancing commercial cooperation between Italy and Thailand. The Chamber constantly organizes activities, meetings, seminars, missions, and networking events to facilitate the promotion of economic, industrial, and cultural collaborations.



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COVER STORY

Piazza Italiana: where taste meets timeless style

This month's cover celebrates Piazza Italiana, TICC event that brings the essence of Italy to life through its food and lifestyle. The Vespa in the foreground stands as a symbol of timeless elegance and modern energy.

A Vespa, a piazza, and the distinctive flair of Italy. Piazza Italiana is a modern tribute to Italy's culinary soul, where authentic flavours meet creativity and conviviality in perfect harmony. From the aroma of espresso to the sparkle of a shared glass of wine, every detail reflects the timeless charm of the Italian way of life.

A celebration of taste, heritage, and innovation, the unmistakable spirit of Italy in every moment, shared together in true Italian style.

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THAILAND

Thailand approves \$3.1bn of data center investments

Retrieved from Bangkok Post, 10 November 2025

Thailand approved four data center projects worth \$3.1 billion in investment as well as new measures to kickstart projects that have already been approved, the Board of Investment said. The investments included an 84-megawatt (MW) data center valued at 26.7 billion baht from Dubai's DAMAC Digital and another hyperscale data centre project with an IT load of 200 MW from a local investor valued at 54.9 billion baht, it said in a statement. The board also approved measures to speed up investments worth \$9.2 billion that had been stalled, part of an initiative started by the agency last month.

Bangkok secures spot at number 22 in World's Best Cities 2026 ranking

Retrieved from The Nation Thailand, 13 November 2025

The "World's Best Cities for 2026" report by Resonance Consultancy, unveiled on November 5, 2025 at WTM London, ranks the world's top cities using extensive quantitative and user-generated data on economics, tourism, livability, culture, connectivity, and global reputation. Considered one of the most comprehensive city-quality indices, it combines expert analysis with insights from over 21,000 respondents across 30 countries. The ranking highlights cities that excel not only in infrastructure and business opportunities but also in quality of life and cultural appeal. It serves as a valuable guide to understand global urban trends.

Thai commerce minister asks India to resume FTA negotiations

Retrieved from The Nation Thailand, 13 November 2025

Thailand's Commerce Minister Suphatee Suthumpun has urged India to restart negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) to enhance bilateral trade and cooperation. After meeting with Indian Ambassador Nagesh Singh, she underscored the importance of strengthening economic ties as strategic partners and proposed resuming talks on a comprehensive FTA. Suphatee noted that renewed negotiations would help both countries expand trade opportunities amid global market volatility and shifting trade dynamics.

China reaffirms high-level engagement with Thailand

Retrieved from Bangkok Post, 15 November 2025

China has reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening high-level engagement with Thailand, with Premier Li Qiang conveying the message to His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua during their talks in Beijing on 14th Friday.

Mr Li said China and Thailand remain "as close as family", adding that Beijing is willing to maintain frequent high-level exchanges, reinforce good-neighbourly ties and continue supporting each other on core interests, Xinhua News Agency reported. He said both sides should work toward further building a China-Thailand community with a shared future to ensure tangible benefits for their peoples.

ITALY

Social and Made in Italy, the best content creators who tell the Belpaese story were awarded in Florence

Retrieved from Il Sole 24 News, 13 October 2025

The Italy Ambassador Award (IAW) promotes Made in Italy through social media, recognizing content creators as new ambassadors of Italy as a global tourist destination. At its fourth edition, held at the Leopolda in Florence and sponsored by ENIT within the BTO - Be Travel Onlife event, the award brought together institutions, brands and over 150 creators from Italy and abroad. This year's theme, Cross Travel, highlights the connection between physical and digital experiences, fostering more aware, inclusive and connected tourism. The initiative also underscores the growing role of digital content in shaping Italy's international image and attracting new generations of travelers.

Italy celebrates 120 years of Italian state railways with train exhibition in Rome

Retrieved from Wanted in Rome, 7 November 2025

Rome's VIVE complex, including the Vittoriano and Palazzo Venezia, is hosting Italian Railways (1861-2025), celebrating 120 years of the Italian State Railways and their role in the country's history. The exhibition in Sala Zanardelli and Giardino Grande features paintings, sculptures, photos, and videos, with works by Fergala, De Nittis, Boccioni, and film excerpts from Visconti to Fellini. An immersive "Journey Through Time" lets visitors experience different eras of Italian train travel.

OTHER COUNTRIES

WEF president warns of potential global economic bubbles in AI, public debt, and cryptocurrency

Retrieved from The Nation Thailand, 6 November 2025

Børge Brende, President of the World Economic Forum, has warned of three potential global economic bubbles in AI, public debt, and cryptocurrency, following sharp sell-offs in technology stocks. Speaking in São Paulo, he highlighted that global public debt is now at its highest level since 1945. While analysts note the tech correction signals caution, they say it is not yet cause for panic, as markets have reached record highs multiple times this year. Optimism over AI's potential to transform productivity and business competitiveness continues to drive global financial markets despite high interest rates, inflation, and trade tensions.

US, South Korea release details of trade deal

Retrieved from Reuters, 14 November 2025

Washington and Seoul have agreed to cut U.S. tariffs on Korean autos and auto parts from 25% to 15%, matching Japanese rates, retroactive to November 1 once the \$350 billion investment bill is submitted. Tariffs on Korean wood products and pharmaceuticals will not exceed 15%, while aircraft parts and generic drugs will be tariff-free. The U.S. will offer South Korea semiconductor terms no less favorable than those for Taiwan. Both countries will also address non-tariff barriers in agriculture and digital services, and Korea Gas will buy 3.3 million tons of U.S. LNG annually under long-term agreements.

Italian cuisine gets green light from UNESCO to become Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Retrieved from Euro News, 11 November 2025

UNESCO's technical committee has given initial approval for Italian cuisine to be added to the List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, with a final decision expected in December. The recommendation follows a joint proposal by Italy's culture and agriculture ministries, bringing the country one step closer to official recognition. The bid highlights the cultural and social value of Italy's culinary traditions, emphasizing their role in community identity. It also underlines the global influence of Italian cuisine and its contribution to tourism, education, and cultural diplomacy.

Precious antique Egyptian vase found in Pompeii 'street food' area

Retrieved from Euro News, 11 November 2025

A rare Egyptian vase has been uncovered in Pompeii's ancient "street food" area, revealing cultural and commercial links between Pompeii and Eastern communities. Found in the kitchen of the Thermopolium of Regio V, the vase, decorated with Egyptian-style hunting scenes, likely served as a food container. According to the Archaeological Park of Pompeii, it illustrates the rich cultural mix that shaped daily life before Vesuvius destroyed the city in AD 79. The discovery also sheds light on trade networks and everyday interactions among lower and middle social classes in ancient Pompeii.

A NETWORK WITHOUT BORDERS: ITALIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ABROAD MEET IN ROME

Rome, 23-25 October 2025 – The heart of Italy's business diplomacy beat strongly in Rome as the **26th Meeting of the Secretaries General of the Italian Chambers of Commerce Abroad (CCIE)** brought together leaders from across the international network. Over three days of dialogue, strategy, and exchange, participants reaffirmed the shared mission of promoting Italian excellence and supporting enterprises worldwide.

Opening the meeting, **Mr. Mario Pozza**, President of **Assocamerestero**, underlined the vital role of the Secretaries General as the true engines driving the global chamber network. He was followed by **Mr. Giuseppe Tripoli**, Secretary General of **Unioncamere**, who highlighted the importance of collaboration between Italy's domestic and international chambers in empowering SMEs and fostering competitiveness on a global scale.

Mr. Domenico Mauriello, Secretary General of **Assocamerestero**, welcomed representatives from the two key ministries that guide the network's activities: **Mr. Giulio Mario Donato** from the **Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy**, and **Ms. Lara Lanza** from the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation**. Both reaffirmed the strategic importance of the CCIE system as a bridge for Italian innovation, culture, and entrepreneurship abroad.

Networking sessions throughout the event encouraged the exchange of best practices, connecting Secretaries General with regional, institutional, and business representatives. Discussions focused on strengthening cooperation and designing new tools to support the internationalization of Italian enterprises in an increasingly dynamic global market.



Representing the **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)**, **Mr. Giacomo Iobizzi**, Secretary General, actively joined the discussions, sharing the Thai-Italian perspective on fostering stronger economic and cultural connections. His participation reflected the TICC's ongoing commitment to promoting collaboration, innovation, and mutual growth between Italy and Thailand, values that remain at the heart of our Chamber's mission.

The meeting concluded with a shared vision for the future, one of **innovation, unity, and continued dedication to advancing Italian excellence around the world**, setting the tone for the year ahead.



SHAPING JOY THROUGH ART: GAUDIUM IN THE ETERNAL CITY



Rome, 24-25 October 2025 – The fifth edition of **Roma Jewelry Week (RJW 2025)** once again turned the Eternal City into a living gallery, a celebration of jewelry as an art form where creativity, heritage, and craftsmanship converge. Set against Rome's timeless architecture, the event invited visitors to experience jewelry not merely as adornment, but as a powerful medium of artistic expression.

This year's theme, **"Gaudium"** (Joy), beautifully captured the spirit of the city's **25th Jubilee**, intertwining aesthetic pleasure with the spiritual and philosophical dimensions of human creativity. Conceived and curated by **Monica Cecchini**, RJW 2025 brought together exhibitions, talks, and performances across multiple venues, supported by **Regione Lazio** and the **Department of Major Events, Sport, Tourism, and Fashion of Roma Capitale**.

Among the many voices contributing to this year's dialogue, the **Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC)** was proud

to take part, reinforcing its mission to build cultural and artistic bridges between Thailand and Italy. Secretary General **Giacomo Iobizzi** shared words of appreciation during the opening ceremony, emphasizing the universal language of art as a connector between nations. The occasion also marked a moment of pride for the Chamber as two talented Thai artists from Silpakorn University, Bangkok, were presented on stage, a gesture that underscored the growing international collaboration fostered by RJW.

Artists and institutions from Thailand, China, Korea, Mexico, Romania, and Armenia joined forces with Italian masters, bringing a rich and diverse global perspective to Rome's jewelry scene, a fitting tribute to the event's core message: **that joy, like art, knows no borders**.

Exhibitions & Awards

Aurea Roma – A journey through heritage and contemporary design, blending historical artistry with modern creativity.

Premio Incinque Jewels – Showcasing works by 115 artists from around the world, celebrating talent, innovation, and craftsmanship.

Jewels for Freedom – An evocative artistic project against gender-based violence, curated by Monica Cecchini and internationally acclaimed artist Elina Chauvet.

Renowned **designers, collectors, and institutions** animated the event through conferences, guided tours, and live demonstrations, turning the city into a vibrant stage for creative dialogue and artistic discovery. Each encounter reaffirmed Rome's enduring role as a global crossroads for craftsmanship, innovation, and contemporary design.

Thanks to the support of the **Region of Lazio** and the **Department of Major Events, Sport, Tourism, and Fashion of Roma Capitale**, RJW 2025 not only showcased the finest expressions of **Made in Italy jewelry**, but also nurtured a wider cultural dialogue that bridged generations, aesthetics, and continents.



BUILDING BRIDGES, INSPIRING GROWTH: TICC ORIENTATION DAY

Bangkok, 29 October 2025 – The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) hosted its **Orientation Day 2025** at TICC Connect, welcoming both new and long-standing members for an engaging morning dedicated to connection, collaboration, and community.

The event opened in a relaxed atmosphere with a morning coffee chat, a warm opportunity for members to meet, exchange ideas, and connect before the session began. **Ms. Phanatchakorn Muangfak (Angela)**, TICC's Marketing & CRM Manager, then officially opened the program with a lively presentation introducing the **Chamber's identity, mission, and core values**. Her talk guided participants through TICC's pivotal role in promoting economic, cultural, and institutional ties between Thailand and Italy, highlighting how the Chamber serves as both a business hub and a cultural bridge.

The session offered members a closer look at the wide range of opportunities available within the **TICC network**, from business development initiatives and strategic partnerships to networking events designed to foster international growth and professional exchange.

Beyond presentations, the morning encouraged **open dialogue and collaboration**: participants shared ideas, discovered synergies, and explored ways to strengthen cooperation within the Thai-Italian business community.

By the end of the event, members left with a renewed sense of belonging and a deeper understanding of how TICC drives its mission, not only by connecting businesses, but by inspiring innovation, mutual growth, and lasting partnership between our two nations.

The **TICC expresses its heartfelt gratitude to all participants** for their enthusiastic engagement and extends special thanks to our generous sponsors, **Food Gallery Limited** and **Oranfrizer**, for their invaluable contribution in making this day a success.

Building on the momentum of this year's Orientation Days, TICC looks forward to welcoming members to future sessions, continuing to foster collaboration, innovation, and meaningful connections within the Thai-Italian business network.



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EMPOWERING THAILAND'S FOOD INDUSTRY: TICC AT MAKRO HORECA 2025

Bangkok, 30 October 2025 – The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) proudly joined **Makro HoReCa 2025**, Thailand's leading food business and innovation exhibition, reinforcing its partnership with **Makro**, a valued corporate member and one of the country's top wholesale businesses under CP AXTRA Public Company Limited. **Ms. Phanatchakorn Muangfak (Angela)** represented the Chamber at the event, emphasizing the strong collaboration between TICC and Makro in supporting Thailand's food industry.

This year's edition, themed **"FOOD INFINITY: Endless Growth for the Food Industry"**, highlighted Makro's commitment to empowering HoReCa (Hotel, Restaurant, and Café) entrepreneurs and fostering sustainable growth across the sector. The opening ceremony featured **Sub Lt. Chakra Yodmani**, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the **Ministry of Commerce**, alongside **Mr. Tanit Chearavanont**, Group Chief Wholesale Business Executive Officer of **CP AXTRA**, and **Mr. Eakarin Leemaharunguang**, Chairman of the Organizing Committee of **Makro HoReCa 2025**.



Visitors explored a rich array of activities designed to inspire and support industry professionals. The Makro Pavilion offered strategies and practical solutions for post-pandemic business recovery, while the **Makro HoReCa Challenge** showcased culinary excellence under the royal patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Soamsawali Krom Muen Suddhanarinatha, certified by the **World Association of Chefs' Societies (WACS)**. Other highlights included the **Makro Thailand Creative Drink Challenge**, professional workshops and consultations at the **Chef's Club** by Makro, and live cooking demonstrations at the **Culinary Showcase**, featuring Makro's premium professional brands.

Other highlights of the event included the **HoReCa Talk Sessions** and the **Culinary Showcase Zone**, where Michelin-starred restaurants and Thai SELECT eateries presented their creations. Visitors also enjoyed the **Makro PRO Zone** and the **Foodie Station Zone**, which featured live cooking demonstrations by some of Thailand's most popular chefs. These activities created an engaging environment that combined entertainment, learning, and insight into Thailand's evolving culinary landscape. Moreover, the **HoReCa Start-up Pitching Challenge** provided emerging entrepreneurs with a platform to present innovative concepts and connect with industry leaders.

Through its participation, TICC celebrated and reinforced its role as a connector between Thailand and Italy, supporting members across the food and hospitality sectors. By connecting pioneers, chefs, and entrepreneurs, the Chamber turned the event into a vibrant crossroads of ideas, creativity, and collaboration, sparking new opportunities for growth bridging cultures and industries in a shared journey of innovation.

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AN EVENING OF RECOGNITION TO CELEBRATE OUR DIAMOND MEMBERS

Bangkok, 4 November 2025 – The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) gathered at TICC Connect in Bangkok for a memorable **Evening of Recognition**, a night dedicated to celebrating and thanking our **Diamond Members: Cirio, Formichella & Sritawat, Global Food Products, Singha Corporation, and Wishulada**.

Led by TICC President **Mr. Federico Cardini**, the event was filled with warmth and gratitude, honoring the outstanding commitment and continued support that these valued members bring to the Chamber's mission of strengthening business and cultural ties between Thailand and Italy.

Guests enjoyed an exceptional Italian dining experience, generously sponsored by **Cirio**, represented by **Mr. Francesco Ciuffi**. The evening's menu, curated and prepared by **IO Italian Osteria**, featured a selection of authentic dishes perfectly paired with fine wines from **GFour** and **TGW**. **Mr. Paolo Conselvan**, founder of **TGW**, personally guided the tasting, sharing his passion and insights into Italy's rich winemaking tradition. To complement the dinner, **Global Food Products** provided **Acqua Panna** and **San Pellegrino**, adding a refined touch of Italian elegance.

Beyond the exquisite food and wine, the night was a celebration of community, filled with inspiring conversations, shared appreciation, and new ideas for collaboration.

The TICC extends its heartfelt thanks to all members, partners, and sponsors who made this event possible. Together, we continue to celebrate success, foster meaningful connections, and strengthen the enduring friendship between Thailand and Italy.



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PIAZZA ITALIANA: THAI-ITALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OPENS A NEW CHAPTER FOR ITALIAN EXCELLENCE

Bangkok, 3 November 2025 – The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) proudly unveiled **Piazza Italiana**, that marks a new chapter in its ongoing mission to celebrate and promote Italian excellence in Thailand and beyond.

The launch took place during a prestigious evening event in Bangkok, beginning with a heartfelt tribute by **President Federico Cardini** on the passing of **Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, The Queen Mother**.

"Her Majesty's devotion and grace have been a source of inspiration for generations of Thais and for all who have had the privilege to know this beautiful country,"

The evening then turned to the official presentation of **Piazza Italiana**, the new identity and evolution of **Ospitalità Italiana**, the long-standing program recognizing authentic Italian restaurants abroad.

"This evening, we not only celebrate the best of Italian cuisine and authentic products," Cardini remarked, "but we also take pride in honoring the Eccellenze Italiane, outstanding restaurateurs who have distinguished themselves through quality, authenticity, and passion."

Faced with the inability of the Chamber's headquarters in Italy to confirm the 2025 edition of **Ospitalità Italiana**, TICC embraced the challenge as an opportunity to innovate. **Piazza Italiana** emerges as a revitalized concept that continues to promote Italian culinary excellence while expanding its scope to include lifestyle, culture, and community engagement. "The name **Piazza Italiana**, or 'Italian Square', captures the



very essence of Italian life" said Secretary-General **Giacomo Iobizzi** during his address:

"In Italy, the piazza is the heart of every city, a place where people meet, where ideas are shared, and where life unfolds. With this spirit, we want to bring people together to experience and celebrate the best of Italy right here in Thailand."

The launch gathered over **500 distinguished guests**, including representatives of the Italian Embassy, members of the business community, local partners, and friends of Italy. The evening concluded with the awarding of **24 Italian restaurants**, recognized as **Eccellenze Italiane**, living symbols of quality, authenticity, and passion for Italian gastronomy.





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TICC warmly congratulates all the awardees once again for their outstanding achievements and dedication.

TICC would like to extend its sincere gratitude to all participants and sponsors for their invaluable support in making this event a resounding success. Acqua Panna and San Pellegrino, Albero The Modern Gelato, Antica Luna, Art Isan, Associazione Verace Pizza Napoletana, Barilla, Caffè Vergnano 1882, Caputo, Casillo, Cirio, Denis Group, East West Trading Agency (EWTA), Fiore, Riso Gallo, Global Food Products, Grana Padano, Great Earth International, Isola by Signor Sassi, Italiasia, IceTeam 1927 Cattabriga, Jagota Trading Brothers, Latteria Sorresina, Lavazza, Makro, Malfy Gin, Martini Professional, Phyathai Hospital, Peppina, Peroni, Giovanni Rana, Rocket Espresso Milano, San Benedetto, Tafa Inter Trading, ThaiFex HOREC Asia, The Food School Bangkok and Vespa.

Through Piazza Italiana, the Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce continues to champion both cultural and business connections between Italy and Thailand, offering a vibrant platform that showcases the richness and excellence of Italian heritage in every form.



An Italian feeling.

DEFENSE & SECURITY 2025: ITALY TAKES PART IN ASIA'S LEADING DEFENSE EXHIBITION

Bangkok, 10-13 November - Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) proudly participated in the **Defense & Security Exhibition 2025** in Bangkok, held at Impact, with an institutional booth inside the Italian Pavilion.

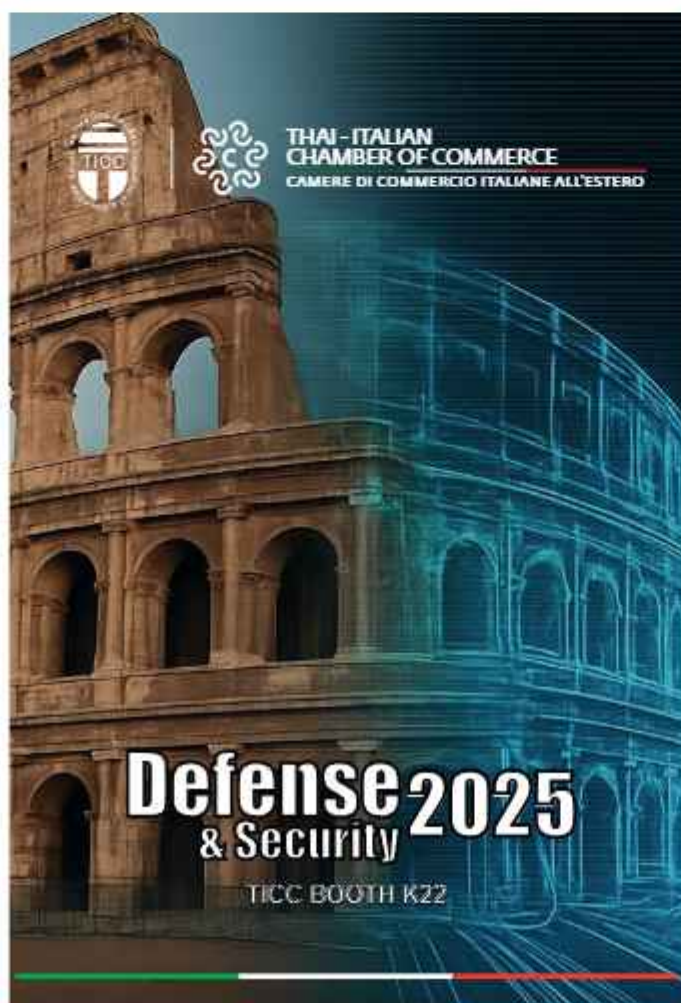
Within its exhibition space, TICC hosted several member companies — **Italian Aerospace Network, Maccaferri, and CPE Italia** — all valued members of the Chamber. We extend our sincere appreciation to them for their participation and for helping us showcase Italian excellence in the sectors of defense, security, and advanced technology.

The Secretary General of TICC, **Mr. Giacomo Iobizzi**, had the honor of welcoming **H.E. Ambassador Paolo Dionisi**, who accompanied the Italian Undersecretary of Defense, **Dr. Matteo Perego di Cremona**, during the official visit to the exhibition, together with a distinguished delegation from the Italian Government.

Among the Italian representatives present were: **General Luigi Casali, Colonel Salvatore Trincione, Colonel Domenico Ricco, Lieutenant Colonel Antonio Di Sessa, and Commander Marco Corsi**.

The Italian Pavilion also hosted key leaders of the industry, including **SACE, WASS Leonardo, Beretta, CEIA, and Fincantieri**, further reinforcing Italy's global reputation as a benchmark for innovation, technology, and international cooperation.

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ITALY MEETS NEW ZEALAND: FOOD AND WINE FROM THE OLD AND NEW WORLDS



Bangkok, 12 November 2025 – The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC), in collaboration with the New Zealand-Thai Chamber of Commerce (NZTCC), successfully hosted “Italy Meets New Zealand: Food and Wine from the Old and New Worlds” on 12 November 2025 at the Iconic Moonlight Hall within the Jim Thompson Heritage Quarter.

The event was officially opened by TICC Vice President, **Ms. Mallika Margherita**, together with NZTCC President, **Khun Amarit Charoenphan**, who welcomed guests and highlighted the importance of strengthening ties between the Italian and New Zealand business communities in Thailand.

The evening brought together professionals, executives, entrepreneurs, and members from both chambers for an inspiring session of **cross-cultural networking**. Guests enjoyed an exceptional selection of premium Italian and New Zealand products, fine wines, and culinary experiences in one of Bangkok’s most beautiful and historic settings. TICC and NZTCC extend their heartfelt appreciation to the Jim Thompson House for graciously hosting the event, and to all

sponsors whose generous contributions elevated the overall experience.

A special thank you goes to: **Pasuda, Global Food Products with Rana, Next Step Wine, The Good Wine (TGW), Italasia, Villa Tantawan, Essilor Luxottica, Meagems (Thailand) Co., Ltd.** We thank also the sponsor from the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce, **Vines to Vino Thailand, Fonterra, The Baxter Brenton, T&G Global and Dusit D2 Samyan.**

Their support ensured a diverse showcase of outstanding beverages, delicacies, and hospitality that celebrated the excellence of both Italian and New Zealand traditions.

Attendees had the opportunity to **connect, exchange ideas, and strengthen business relations** in a warm and engaging multi-chamber environment—highlighting the unique blend of Old World and New World food and wine culture.

TICC and NZTCC look forward to continuing this **collaborative spirit** and welcoming members and partners to **future joint initiatives**.



RUBIES, SAPPHIRES & COLORED GEMS: A PROFESSIONAL INSIGHT SESSION AT TICC CONNECT

13 November 2025 – The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) successfully hosted an exclusive seminar titled “From Mine to Market: Discover the Fascinating World of Rubies, Sapphires & Multi-Colored Gems, the Corundum Family” at TICC CONNECT.

The session offered a deep dive into one of the most historically and commercially significant minerals in the gemstone world; **Corundum**, the natural mineral responsible for the creation of **Rubies, Sapphires**, and the increasingly desirable **multi-colored sapphires**.

The event was inaugurated by **Mr. Michele Tomea**, General Manager of the Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce, who welcomed attendees and emphasized the Chamber’s continuous commitment to providing meaningful educational opportunities within the **TICC Jewelry Hub**.

Guests enjoyed a captivating presentation by **Mr. Samir Sukhadia**, second-generation leader of **Swadi Stit Co., Ltd.**, renowned for his longstanding expertise in sourcing, cutting, and trading high-quality colored gemstones.

Mr. Sukhadia shared his rich personal and professional journey, from his early years in Hong Kong, through his GIA certification, leadership roles in Thailand and Hong Kong, entrepreneurial ventures in the tech sector with Gemhub, and ultimately his return to the family gemstone business. His passion for gemstones, especially rubies, shone throughout the seminar.



The seminar brought together **jewelry professionals, gem enthusiasts, students, and industry operators**, creating an enriching learning environment.

After the talk, guests enjoyed a warm and engaging networking session accompanied by an **Italian aperitivo**. TICC extends special thanks to: **IC Intertrade** for providing the selection of fine wines and **Pizza Massilia** for their outstanding artisanal pizzas.

Their generous support elevated the networking experience and was deeply appreciated by all participants.

TICC warmly thanks all attendees for their participation, with special recognition to representatives from:

- Ferrari Logistics Asia (Thailand) Co., Ltd.
- Vogem
- Silpakorn University
- Monili Co., Ltd.
- The Gem and Jewelry Institute of Thailand
- Sofia Art
- Sparkling Gems Co., Ltd.
- Asia Life

and all additional participants who contributed to the success of the event.

The enthusiastic engagement of the community supports the continued growth of the TICC Jewelry Hub and its educational mission.

THE HEART OF SUKHUMVIT BEATS FOR THE WORLD: EXPAT FESTIVAL SHOWCASES CULTURES FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

Bangkok, 13 November 2025 - The Thai-Italian Chamber of Commerce (TICC) was honored to join the "Expatriate M Card Festival of the World", organized by M Card of The Mail Group, a valued corporate member of TICC. Representing the Chamber at the event was Mr. Giacomo Iobizzi, Secretary General of TICC, who attended to reaffirm the Chamber's support for initiatives that foster international community engagement in Thailand.

The event is going to be held from 13-16 November 2025 at Quartier Avenue, EmQuartier, the festival celebrates global friendship, cultural exchange, and the vibrant lifestyle of expatriates living in Thailand. Designed as a new social hub in the heart of Sukhumvit, the event brings together more than 15 countries through food, culture, arts, and entertainment.



Visitors enjoyed an **International Food Zone** featuring flavors from around the world, including Italian pasta, Japanese sushi, Korean street food, and Thai favorites, complemented by premium international beverages. The **Lifestyle & Fashion Market** showcased creative D.I.Y. and craft brands from global artisans, offering everything from pearl jewelry to unique handmade items.

Exclusive privileges were offered to **M Expatriate Card members**, including special promotions, workshops, shopping vouchers, and benefits from The Em District and partner establishments.

TICC's participation reflects its ongoing **commitment to supporting member-driven initiatives and strengthening relationships within the international business and expatriate communities in Thailand**. Through collaborative events such as this, TICC continues to encourage cultural exchange, community building, and meaningful engagement between Thai and international stakeholders.



9th HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ASEAN ITALY ECONOMIC RELATIONS

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The **High-Level Dialogue on ASEAN-Italy Economic Relations** is the premier event in the ASEAN region, promoted to strengthen economic and strategic partnerships between ASEAN countries and Italy.

Over the course of its first eight editions — held in Jakarta (2017), Singapore (2018), Hanoi (2019), the digital editions of 2020 and 2021, Kuala Lumpur (2022), Bangkok (2023), and Manila (2024) — the event has brought together more than 4,000 Chairmen, CEOs, Ministers, and thought leaders from ASEAN countries and Italy.

In 2025, the Dialogue will move to Binh Duong, in the Ho Chi Minh City metropolitan area (Vietnam), for an in-person edition that will explore the most cutting-edge topics shaping the future of ASEAN-Italy cooperation: **ASEAN's Economic and Geostrategic Outlook Amid Global Transformations, Unlocking ASEAN-Italy Investment Potential: FDI Promotion and De-risking Approaches, ASEAN's Path to Net-Zero: Green and Sustainable Development Strategies, Smart Manufacturing for Industry 5.0: Automation and Advanced Technologies, Italy-ASEAN Synergies in Next-Gen Transport Connectivity and Infrastructure Development, Security Ecosystems for Tomorrow: Solutions and Best Practices, Driving Productivity and Growth Through High-Tech Industry and Digital Innovation.**

Among the confirmed speakers: **Kao Kim Houn** (Secretary-General, ASEAN Economic Community), **SOK Siphana** (Senior Minister, Special Missions Multilateral Trade and Economic Affairs, Cambodia), **Valentino Valentini** (Vice Minister, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy), **Allan B. Gepty** (Undersecretary, Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines), **Raffaele Cattaneo** (Undersecretary with responsibility for International and European Relations, Lombardy Region, Italy), **Thai Van Linh (Shark Linh)** (Founder and Chief Executive Officer, TVL Group), **Anna Scavuzzo** (Deputy Mayor and City Councillor for Education, City of Milan), **Huynh Dinh Thai Linh** (Executive Director, World Trade Center Binh Duong New City), **Aladdin D. Rillo** (Managing Director, Policy Design and Operations, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia - ERIA; former Deputy Secretary-General for the ASEAN Economic Community), **Giovanni Dioguardi** (Senior Manager International Markets Development, Cassa di Risparmio di Padova e Rovigo - CDP, Italy), **Nguyen Hoan Vu** (CEO of Becamex Group), **Dang Tan Duc** (Director of the R&D Institute, Becamex Group), **Mario Nobile** (Director General, National Agency for Digital Italy - AGID, Italy), **Satya Ramamurthy** (Chair, Public Sector, Structured Finance Department Asia Pacific, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation), **Simone Ciampi** (Chief Executive Officer, Exprivia Asia, Italy), **Saw Nay Nwe** (Chairman, AA Pharmaceuticals, Myanmar), **Ly Duy Khiem** (Director of Intelligence Operation Center, Becamex Group), **Lorenzo Tavazzi** (Senior Partner and Board Member, The European House - Ambrosetti), **Michele d'Ercole** (President, Italian Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam - ICHAM), **Riccardo Corrado** (Professor, CamEd Business School, Cambodia; Board Advisor, AI Farm Robotics), **Ravindra Ngo** (Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Asian Network), **Khin Maung Win** (President, AmCham Myanmar; Chairman, Myan Shwe Pyi Tractors), **Vo Xuan Vinh** (Dean, Institute of Business Research - Ho Chi Minh City University of Economics), **Sanat Wongthawethong** (Director Technology and Innovation-Based Enterprises Development Fund - Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation, Thailand), **Gianluca Fiume** (General Director, Piaggio Vietnam, Italy), **Gabriele Faja** (Chairman, European Chamber of Commerce in Cambodia), **Michal Ron** (Chief International Relations and Network Officer, SACE, Italy), **Luke Tay** (Founder of Cornucopia FutureScapes; Fellow at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore), **Maily Anna Maria Nguyen** (President of Italy-Vietnam Foundation and Representative of Becamex in Italy and in Europe), **Tomaso Andreatta** (Indochina Head Representative, Intesa Sanpaolo, Italy), **Satya Ramamurthy** (Chair, Public Sector, Structured Finance Department Asia Pacific, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation), **Romeo Orlandi** (President, Asia Observatory; Vice President Italy ASEAN Association), **Luca Bernardinetti** (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Mahanakorn Partners Group, Thailand). The Masters of Ceremony are **Pham Viet Ha** (MC at HCMC Television) and **Doan Vo Nhat Trung** (MC at HCMC Television).

Top officials from the Italian and Vietnamese governments are expected to attend the event.

The High-Level Dialogue program features thematic side events and an opening cocktail reception on Wednesday, November 12, followed by plenary sessions and an exclusive closing Gala Dinner on Thursday, November 13.

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UNAPROL & EVOOSCHOOL LAUNCH THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL COURSE FOR PROFESSIONAL VIRGIN OLIVE OIL TASTERS

Unaprol, one of Italy's largest associations of olive producers representing over 100,000 farms nationwide, together with the Evooschool Foundation, founded in 2019 by Coldiretti, Europe's leading agricultural organization, continues its mission to promote the culture and knowledge of extra virgin olive oil and table olives.

In line with this commitment, Unaprol and Evooschool are launching the third edition of their English-language Official Course for Virgin Olive Oil Tasters, specifically designed for international participants. The program, authorized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry and aligned with the International Olive Council standards, enables attendees to obtain the Physiological Certificate of Eligibility required to qualify as professional olive oil tasters.

The course combines both online and in-person training, blending flexibility with the richness of hands-on learning. Participants will attend digital modules followed by intensive sessions at Evooschool's headquarters in Rome and at F.J. Tytherleigh Italia in Livorno. The experience will culminate in Florence with an EVOO Experience Day, featuring a guided visit to an olive oil mill, a surprise tasting session, and participation in TASTE 2026, one of Italy's premier events dedicated to food excellence and innovation.

Through this initiative, Unaprol and Evooschool reaffirm their mission to promote the culture, quality, and authenticity of extra virgin olive oil on an international scale, fostering education, innovation, and sustainable growth within the global agri-food community.



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GAMBERO ROSSO VINI D'ITALIA 2026: ITALIAN WINE AT ITS MOST EXCITING

Now in its 39th edition, the newly-released Gambero Rosso Vini d'Italia 2026 guide demonstrates that Italian wine has never been more exciting, vibrant and diverse.

It is no mean feat for a wine to gain the distinction of a Tre Bicchieri rating. Gambero Rosso's expert team of tasters travelled the length and breadth of Italy to find its best bottles, reducing around 40,000 samples down to a selection of approximately 2,300 finalists. Following a further tasting of these samples, 508 wines were deemed worthy to be distinguished as Tre Bicchieri. Only one wine per winery can be given this top honour.

The official presentation of the wines was at Rome Convention Center La Nuvola in the Italian capital on Sunday 12 October.



"We are not just presenting a guide, but a message: wine is about encounters, curiosity, and culture. It is part of our richness and today needs renewed enthusiasm. Quality Italian wine is in good health, as the tastings demonstrate: there is an increasing demand for independent models, the fruit of research, knowledge, and innovation" says Lorenzo Ruggeri, editor-in-chief of Gambero Rosso.

This year's guide marked the first time that the wines of Emilia were distinguished from those of Romagna in order to reflect the differing terroirs, grape varieties and winemaking styles of these two regions.

Another landmark feature in this year's guide is the fact that a *Biterno Rosso* (a blend of Montepulciano and Aglianico) from Molise, a *Ribona* from Marche, and a *Cirò Bianco* from Calabria all gained a Tre Bicchieri rating for the first time. This is an important development both for the recognition of these highly-regional wines, but also for these often-overlooked regions themselves.

Of course, where there is change there is also continuity: *Nebbiolo* retains its crown as the most-awarded grape variety, though its range is expanding eastwards into the the Asti and Casale Monferrato areas, with appellations such as *Albugnano DOC* and *Monferrato Nebbiolo DOC* becoming noted for their cultivation of the variety.

Following on from its introduction last year, the 2026 guide also features a section on *Vini Rari*, dedicated to the best wines produced in quantities of no more than 3,000 bottles. In the case of one wine listed, a *Grenache* from Marche, annual production is just 300 bottles.

A ceremony on the morning of Sunday 12 October saw the announcement of the 13 winners of the special prize categories. This year saw the introduction of a new category, **Young Producers of the Year**, which was strongly supported by *Banca di Asti*, which has created an important credit programme for agricultural and wine businesses. This new prize is a reminder that, despite the economic and political challenges faced by the sector, the future of Italian wine is in safe hands.



FEATURED ARTICLE

VICENZAORO SEPTEMBER 2025 CONFIRMS ITS GLOBAL LEADERSHIP: +3% VISITORS AND GROWING INTERNATIONAL REACH

Vicenza (Italy), 9 September 2025 – International positioning, business, training, and networking: these are the four cornerstones of **Vicenzaoro September**, the global B2B event organized by **Italian Exhibition Group (IEG)**. The international gold, jewellery and watchmaking exhibition closed recording a **3% increase in buyers** compared to the September 2024 edition and, as in January, once again attracted the entire jewellery supply chain to Vicenza.



Vicenzaoro continues to strengthen its international standing, particularly in key export markets such as the **United States (+2%)** and the **United Arab Emirates (+21%)**. Visitors arrived from **130 countries**, with Spain, France and Germany leading foreign attendance. Participation from Australia doubled, while numbers from China, Hong Kong, Japan and Brazil also rose.

With **over 1,200 exhibitors** (60% Italian) representing **30 countries**, Vicenzaoro September 2025 was once again **sold out** thanks to its comprehensive and integrated supply chain offer, an essential advantage in today's uncertain geopolitical context.

In addition to spontaneous visits, and thanks to the **Italian Trade Agency (ITA)** incoming program, business opportunities were boosted by **605 hosted buyers from 63 countries**, led by the United States, the UAE and France.

Close collaboration with IEG's Vicenza venue management

ensured smooth visitor flow and logistics, even as expansion work on the fair district continued on schedule. Professionals were offered direct access to cutting-edge insight, trends and forecasts through a rich and authoritative program of **events, panels and workshops**.

The show was preceded by the successful **Vicenza Symposium**, a three-day international event held in the *Basilica Palladiana* in the city centre, attended by the global scientific community in the field of **precious metal processing technologies** from 15 countries.

Beyond business, Vicenzaoro fostered meaningful connections through a unique mix of culture and hospitality. **The VIOff program** – organized in partnership with the *Municipality of Vicenza* – enriched the visitor experience with a series of cultural and entertainment events, allowing international guests to enjoy the city's architectural and artistic heritage.

Making its September debut, **VO Vintage** doubled its success, offering four days immersed in the world of **vintage jewellery and watches**. Collectors and enthusiasts flocked to discover rare pieces, take part in exclusive talks and meet industry experts. The event's success confirmed the strength of IEG's strategic vision for this format.

Strategic partners of Vicenzaoro include the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)** and the **Italian Trade Agency (ITA)** for international buyer programs.

International collaborations include **CIBJO – World Jewellery Confederation**, **GJEPC India**, **HKJJA – Hong Kong Jewellery & Jade Manufacturers Association**, and **Francéclat**.

National partners include: **Confindustria Federorafi**, **Confartigianato Orafi**, **Confcommercio Federpreziosi**, **CNA Orafi**, **Club degli Orafi Italia**, **Confimi Industria Categoria Orafa ed Argentiera**, **Assogemme**, **Assocoral**, and **AFEMO**.

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Chef Alessio's passion for food began in his aunt's restaurant kitchen and in the harbor of **Genoa**, where he observed fishermen and their fresh catches. These early experiences shaped his love for authentic, ingredient-driven cuisine. A graduate of the **Culinary Institute Nino Bergese**, he has honed his craft in Italy, the U.S., Thailand, India, and Mauritius.

His signature dishes include **Spaghetti alle vongole e bottarga**, **Casoncelli di gamberi e salsa alle zucchini**, and **Tagliatelle al ragù di costine**, each reflecting his refined technique and deep appreciation for Italian culinary heritage.

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