

Career Profile - Ernest Vincent

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Ernest Vincent has been employed in the meeting, exhibition and hospitality industry for some twenty years. He is a specialist in both the management and operation of exhibition and convention centres and the creation of new exhibitions and trade shows.

Ernest commenced his career in organizing professional and technical trade exhibitions and conferences in Europe and the United Kingdom, working mainly in the large exhibition halls of Germany, Switzerland and France.

In 1980, he joined the executive management team of Britain's largest trade exhibition complex, The National Exhibition Center, to create a new department specializing in the creation of new trade exhibitions.

In 1986, having successfully accomplished this task, Ernest was recruited by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council to establish the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. He lived and worked in Hong Kong for over six years and managed the team that successfully launched this center to achieve record occupancy of over 80%.

In 1991, Ernest was invited to Thailand to manage the opening of The Queen Circuit Convention Center for the highly successful annual meetings of the World Bank / International Monetary Fund. These meetings were officially acclaimed the best on record.

In 1994 he spent two years in Taipei, Taiwan developing international business opportunities for a trade mart, exhibition and display center owned by a major Taiwanese development company. In 1996 Ernest became the Director of the new Thailand Trade and Convention Centre, a project for the Royal Thai Government's Department of Export Promotion. This multi-purpose exhibition and conference center is being developed close to Bangkok's International Airport.