



IKEA Test Lab and Training Centre opened in Shanghai

On 15 March the grand opening of ITTC2 was held at the IKEA Test Lab and Training Centre (ITTC) which is located in Shanghai, China. Friends and colleagues from IKEA 11 business units and top 20 customers of ITTC joined this event.



Weng Leigang, Catarina Löwenadler, Sebastian Magnusson, David Hallgren and Per Lundmark.

Besides, we are honoured to have three external important guests with us this day, Mr. Sebastian Magnusson, Deputy Consul General of Sweden in Shanghai; Mr. David Hallgren, Trade Commissioner & Country Manager (China) of Business Sweden; Mr. Weng Leigang, the GM of Shanghai Industrial Comprehensive Development Zone Co., Ltd.

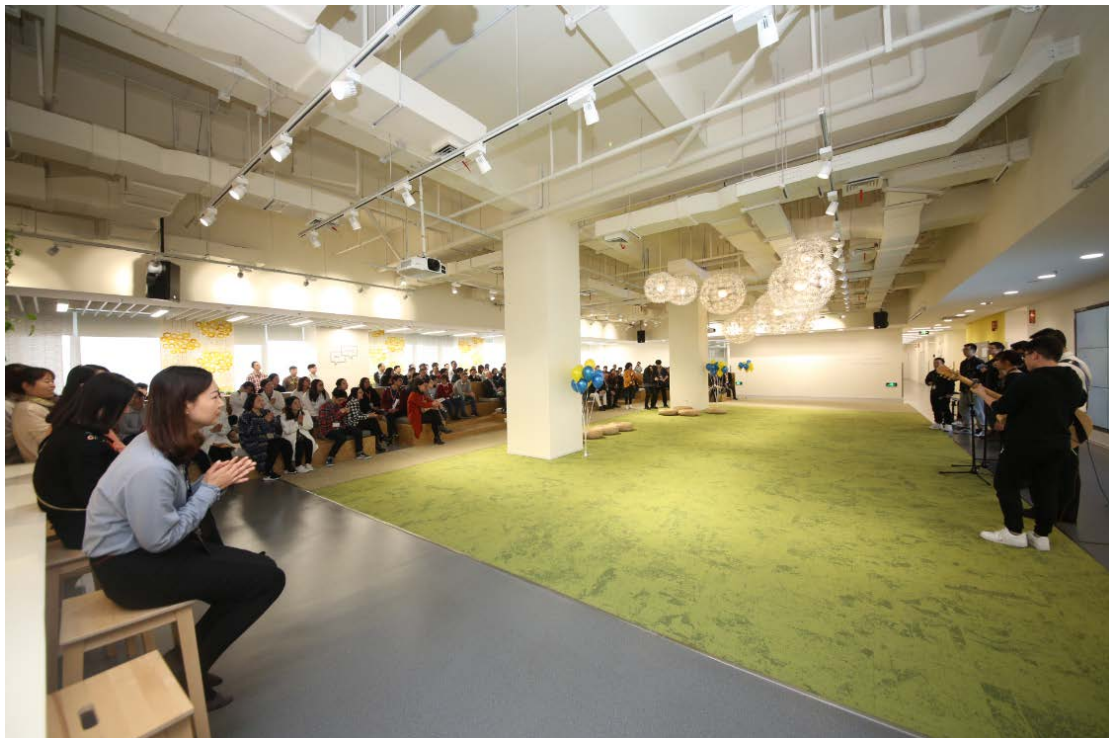


"Today it is exactly 3,350 days since I stood in DC1 and held my opening speech for ITTC1. That day we were 48 co-workers – 10 are still here in ITTC. And my repeating statement these days was ITTC won't be a show room lab. So far, the amount of ITTC co-workers has gone from 1 to 210 and we made over one million tests in total. Thanks to all of you that helped make this happen. We appreciate and encourage your continuous promotion of ITTC, using and challenging us," says Per Lundmark, General Manager of ITTC.





"We want to create a better everyday life for the many people. Healthy and safety are the most important for our customers same as to me and my family. In Range & Supply, we focus on designing better products and make our customers have better homes. ITTC takes a critical role by having precision in testing and always looking for new ways of working, more efficient and cost conscious, which contribute a lot in quality improvement and lower prices. Make products more affordable for the many people," says Catarina Löwenadler, Deputy Managing Director, IKEA of Sweden.



ITTC is the first IKEA owned test lab outside Sweden. It is combined with a training centre for IKEA suppliers as well as our own co-workers.

Since its formal operation on 4 January 2010, ITTC has been accredited by the National Accreditation Committee for conformity assessment (CNAS) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Current testing capabilities include packaging materials, furniture, textiles, toys, curtains, leather, food contact materials, components and chemical tests, etc.



The total area of the new ITTC reached 15,000 m². It is expected that the test report volume will reach 60,000 including 210,000 test methods in 2018. In the future, ITTC will continue to develop new test methods to support IKEA business expansion plan.



ITTC strive to be the IKEA Centre of Excellence offering the best quality and value for testing, technical training and technical support.