### Chapter 5: Trade Shows/Trade Fairs

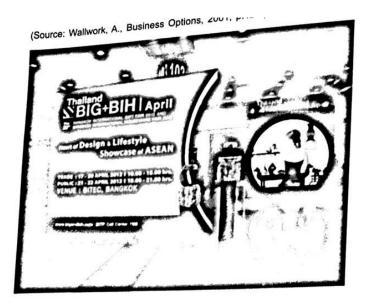
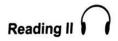


Figure 5-3 Bangkok International Gift Fair and Bangkok International Houseware Fair



### Trade Fairs and Exhibitions

Trade fairs and exhibitions are another medium that is extremely important for some industries and some countries. Often a trade fair is the first communicative step in the process of export development of the small and medium-sized company. A trade fair is a concentrated exhibition of the products of many manufacturers/exporters. They are of two general types: (1) the broad, general-type, well-established annual affairs, and (2) the specialized type, for products in specialized groups or industries. An example of the general fair, the largest of its kind, is the annual Hannover Fair in Germany, which attracts thousands of exhibitors in 20 major industry categories. An illustration of the more specialized fair is the annual Paris Air

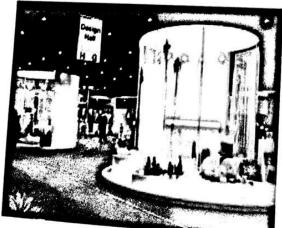


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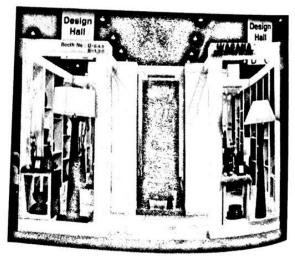


Figure 5-5 Product Display

\*In Thailand, there are a number of both general and specialized exhibitions organized by Department of International Trade Promotion or DITP, Ministry of Commerce, and private sectors. The Bangkok International Gift Fair and International Houseware Fair are held twice a year in April and October to promote export activities and development. The Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair is another Thailand's world renowned show for the jewelry business.\*

Trade fairs have become a big part of the selling process for many companies and industries. Although selling at a trade fair requires the same skills and knowledge as other selling, there are some elements of the process that are unique: (1) gathering names; (2) demonstrations; (3) prizes; and (4) client promotions. Gathering names of a trade fair's attendees make up a list of potential buyers. A product demonstration not only involves a prospect with the product but also gives the exporting firm the opportunity to engage the potential buyer in a conversation about his or her needs and objectives. Prizes and client promotions are means that might generate a tremendous amount of traffic, but at the same time could make it almost impossible for the booth, or the one next to it, to conduct any business.

Trade fairs are used to buy and sell products, sign contracts, and arrange for international distributorships and agent relationships. Trade fairs can be valuable not only to well-established firms – for purposes of prestige, public image, introducing new products – but also to new firms that might have no other readily available way of getting their products displayed before the right audience, at low cost. For example, a US jewelry and accessories designer, Patricia Von Muselin, participated in trade shows in 1992 at the Kobe Fashion Mart and Nagoya Import Fair in Japan. One of the objectives of such participation was to identify a high-end Japanese department store that would be interested in carrying her line of designer products.

Sometimes trade fair participation is by invitation only. Such is the case for the semi-annual Guangzhou Fair held in China. When participating in such a fair, advance preparation is crucial, including contact initiation and translation of materials into the language of the host country.

(Adapted from Albaum, G., Strandskov, J., and Duerr, E., International Marketing and Export Management, pp. 528-529.)

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Figure 5-6 International Trade Show

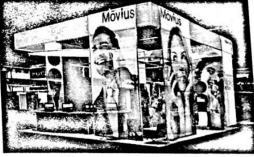


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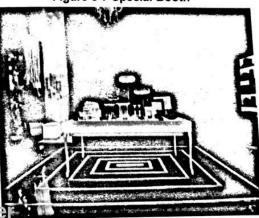


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## Questions

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3.	Name the four basic elements of the selling process.	-			
4.	What are the common procedures of business transactions in a trade fair?	***************************************			
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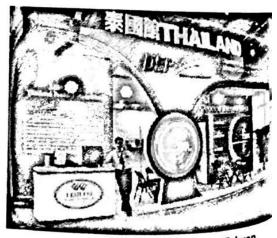


Figure 5-11 Taipei AMPA, Taiwan



## ThaiTradeFair

### Fair Calendar

### January



## Thalland Health and Beauty Show (Thai HBS 2011)

Trade: 25-27 January 2012 (10:00-18:00

Public: 28-29 January 2012 (10:00-20:00 hrs.)

Location: BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand Website: www.hbsfair.com

#### March



### Thailand International Furniture Fair (TIFF 2012)

Trade: 14-16 March 2012 (10:00-18:00 hrs.)
Public: 17-18 March 2012 (10:00-21:00 hrs.)
Location: BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.thailandfurniturefair.com



## Thailand International Education Expo (TIEE 2011)

Trade: 30 March - 1 April 2012

Public: -Location: Royal Paragon Hall, Siam Para-

gon, Bangkok, Thailand Website: www.thailandeducationfair.com

#### April



#### Bangkok International Gift Fair, Bangkok International Houseware Fair (April) (BIG & BIH (Apr) 2012)

Trade: 17-20 April 2012 (10:00-18:00 hrs.)
Public: 21-22 April 2012 (10:00-21:00 hrs.)
Location: BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.bigandbih.com



## Thailand Auto Parts & Accessories Fair (TAPA 2012)

Trade: 26-28 April 2012 (10:00-18:00 hrs.)
Public: 29 April 2012 (10:00 - 18:00 hrs.)
Location: BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.thailandautopartsfair.com

#### May



## THAIFEX-World of Food Asia 2012 (THAIFEX 2012)

Trade: 23-25 May 2012 (10:00-18:00 hrs.)
Public: 26-27 May 2012 (10:00-20:00 hrs.)
Location: IMPACT, Bangkok, Thailand
Website: www.thailandfoodfair.com

#### June



#### Bangkok International Fashion Fair and Bangkok International Leather Fair (BIFF & BIL 2012)

Trade: 27-29 June 2012 (10:00-18:00 hrs.) Public: 30 June - 1 July 2012 (10:00-21:00

Location: IMPACT, Bangkok, Thailand Website: www.biffandbil.com

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#### Made in Thailand (MIT 2012)

Trade: 15-17 Aug 2012 (10:00-18:00 hrs.) Public: 18-19 Aug 2012 (10:00-21:00 hrs.) Location: Hall 5-8, IMPACT, Bangkok, Thai-

Website: www.madeinthailandfair.com

#### September



### Bangkok Gems & Jewelry Fair (GEMS 2012)

Trade: 13-15 September 2012

Public: 16-17 September 2012 Location: IMPACT, Bangkok, Thailand Website: www.bangkokgemsfair.com

## Thailand International Logistics Fair (TILOG 2012)

Trade: 19-22 September 2012 (10:00-18:00

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Location: BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand Website: www.logisticsfair.com

#### October



#### Bangkok International Gift Fair, Bangkok International Houseware Fair (October) (BIG & BIH (Oct) 2012)

Trade: 16-19 October 2012 (10:00-18:00

hrs.)

Public: 20-21 October 2012 (10:00-21:00

hrs.)

Location: BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand Website: www.bigandbih.com

#### November



### Thailand Health and Beauty Show (Thai

HBS 2012)

Trade: 7-9 November 2012 (10:00-18:00

hrs.)

Public: 10-11 November 2012 (10:00-21:00

hrs.

Location: BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand

Website: www.hbsfair.com

#### 2013



# Bangkok Refrigeration, Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning (Bangkok RHVAC 2013)

Trade: 9-11 October 2013 (10:00-18:00 hrs.)
Public: 12-13 October 2013 (10:00-18:00 hrs.)

Location: IMPACT, Bangkok, Thailand Website: www.bangkok-rhvac.com



## Bangkok Electric & Electronics (BKK E&E 2013)

Trade: 9-11 October 2013 (10:00-18:00 hrs.) Public: 12-13 October 2013 (10:00-18:00 hrs.)

Location: IMPACT, Bangkok, Thailand Website: www.bangkok-electricfair.com

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Figure 5-12 Thailand Trade Fairs Organized by the Department of International Trade Promotion



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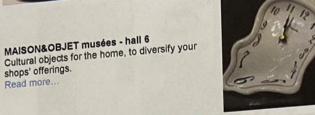




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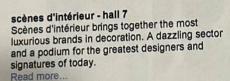
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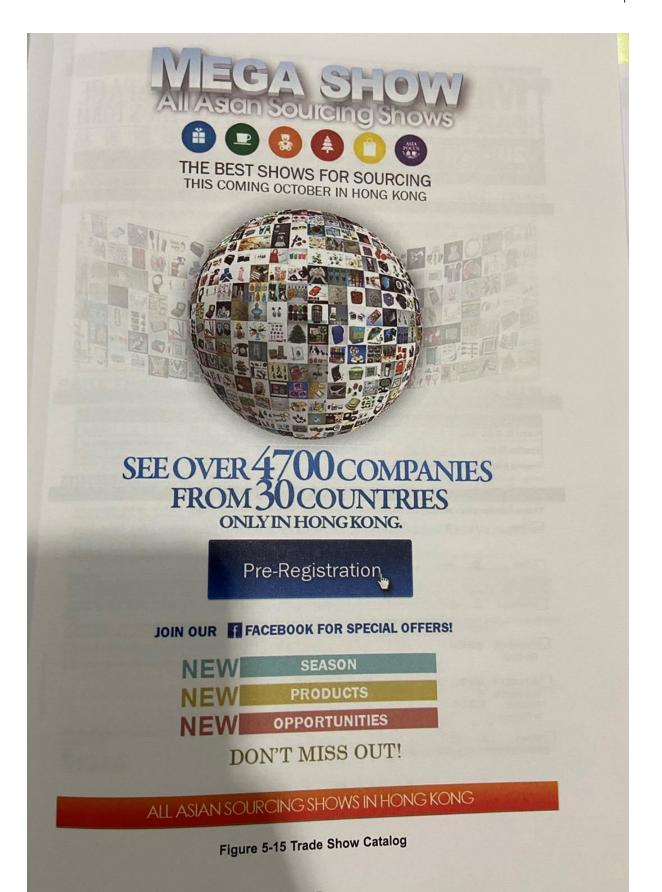


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