

Taiwan - Illinois Business Forum
 Innovation and High-Tech Global Supply Chain
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Date: April 27 (Monday), 2026

Time: 2:30pm

Place: Barnes & Thornburg LLP (1 N Wacker Drive, 45th Floor, Chicago)

2:00-2:30	Registration
2:30-3:00	<p>Emcee Welcoming Remarks Laura Ortega, Executive Director, International Business Council, Illinois Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timo Rehbock, Partner, Barners & Thornburg LLP • Jimmy Clayton, President and CEO, Illinois Chamber of Commerce • Dennis Yen-Feng Lei, Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago <p>Special Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susana A. Mendoza, Illinois Comptroller • Kristin Richards, Director, Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity • Christy George, President & CEO, Illinois Economic Development Corporation • William Davis, State Representative & Co-Chair of the Taiwan Friendship Caucus
3:00-3:10	Signing Ceremony for the MOU Between Illinois Chamber and CIECA, Taiwan
3:10-3:30	<p>Keynote Address: The Critical Technology of the Critical Island at the Critical Moment</p> <p>Speaker: Joseph Jye-Cherng Lyu, Chairman, CIECA, Taiwan</p>
3:30-4:00	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Moderator: Robert W. Karr Jr., Partner, Barners & Thornburg LLP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ming-Che Wang, CEO, ITRI International Inc. • Wan-Thai Hsu, Chief Technology Officer, Soundskrit • Hon Hai USA (tbc) • Quantum Expert, Illinois EDC (tbc) • Norseman – (speaker tbc)
4:00-6:00	Networking reception presented by ILLINOIS EDC