# The Competitive Advantages and Management Strategies of Taiwan's Building Hardware Exporting on Mid-East Main Markets

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Taiwan is an island country surrounded by sea. Deficient natural resources, limited resources of population and land, result in the confinements to develop building material hardware industry which is one of the traditional industry. However, in the past 50 years (A.D.1950~2000), people on this island contributed a lot to the economic growth of Taiwan by working hard and diligently. The building material hardware industry, which is one of the leading industries, particularly played an unrivaled role in Taiwan's economic development history. From 1980's, most industries have moved abroad due to the substantial increases of wage, land, and management cost. However, hardware industry also faced this circumstance. Therefore, how to adapt the changing competition circumstances and handle the advantage factors have become the major priority for every business category to create the second success of business. This study analyzes the overall business environment of the major building hardware exporters in Middle East countries, including Saudi Arabia (The Red Sea Area); Jordan(The Mediterranean Sea Area); U.A.E (The Golf Area). It also probes into the traits of Middle East market by surveys which were fulfilled by the Dubai' fair 2003, as well as telephone interview and personal visit. The surveys result: 1. Taiwan building hardware exporting to Mid-East still have spaces of chance. 2. Mid East is a price directional market while also very care about the quality. 3. Buyers prefer to choose supplier through fair or visit face to face. This study offers a general and objective analysis to those who want to know the business characteristics and management strategies of the Middle East market.

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