



MFG.com invites you to a Shanghai Sourcing Tour!



Learn best practices of selecting, auditing, and managing Precision Machining, Casting, Fabrication, and Molding suppliers while you tour factories in the Shanghai region with sourcing experts.

MFG.com is the largest Global Sourcing Marketplace for the Manufacturing industry. The MFG.com sourcing platform enables companies to intelligently connect, source, collaborate and perform due diligence with transparency and intellectual property protection.

Join us in Shanghai on July 18-22 (at no cost to you, other than airfare)!

That's right, you pay for the airfare, and we'll pay for the rest!



REGISTER NOW

Space is limited to the first qualified 30 sourcing professionals, so sign up today!

If you make **sourcing decisions** for your company and are interested in **enhancing your supply chain capabilities in Asia**, then this invitation is for you. However, if this **does not apply to you**, register for a [free sourcing account now](#) and start connecting with qualified and rated suppliers throughout North America and across the globe (you will also be taking advantage of our state of the art sourcing platform!).

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More information about the Shanghai Sourcing Tour: This event has been created by actual sourcing professionals like you. Whether you are just starting out in exploring manufacturing in Asia, or whether you already source in the region - we all know the best way to learn is by practice and doing. Most sourcing professionals loathe conferences where they sit in dark hotel rooms for days, overcoming jetlag while listening to salesmen pitch their services mixed with useless generic sourcing theory. **Been there, done that. Boring!**

MFG.com has asked **Kevin Castle**, a former CPO with **over 20 years of experience in Asia**, and current supply chain professor to help design and host a sourcing tour [that he and other sourcing professionals like you would like to attend](#).

Bring a current precision machining, casting or fabrication part or assembly process you need help with. This event is all about **helping you find solutions** to your specific problem, **no strings attached**.

After receiving relevant case studies on how to effectively source, audit and manage suppliers in China, you will have the opportunity to **meet with precision machining, casting and fabrication suppliers** that have the capabilities you are looking for. But that is just the first day!

The rest of the event will be spent touring supplier factories with sourcing experts, providing you the opportunity to ask specific questions while benchmarking suppliers with relevant capabilities in your target categories. **Beats sitting in a hotel room!**

€– What to look for in a precision machining supplier audit?

- How to avoid common misunderstandings when requesting quotes and defining specifications?
- How to measure total cost of doing business with suppliers and manage expectations and internal stakeholders back at headquarters?
- How to ensure the supplier has the capability I need to meet quality requirements?
- What are some common logistic errors that others have made?
- What engineering capabilities do most suppliers have?
- How to mitigate risk from the sample process to ramping up for production?
- What support on the ground will I need to be successful?
- What don't I know about sourcing and suppliers in China that I should know?

If you have **thought about sourcing in China**, or **already have begun**, this is an invaluable way to find out more about relevant suppliers in China in your categories and determine next steps in your own supply chain strategy.

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Kevin Castle will be your host for this event. Kevin is the current Professor of Supply Chain and Operations at BYU, Hawaii. He was recently the CPO of Varian, Inc, based in Shanghai, before it was acquired by rival Agilent. Before Varian, Kevin worked with Intel, based in Asia and the US. Kevin has worked 20 years in Asia and has direct experience sourcing, auditing, and managing suppliers and sourcing staff in several countries.

Date: July 18-22 (Start July 18 Evening Social)

Location: Shanghai, China.

July 18th: Dinner Reception, Shanghai

July 19th: Morning Introduction to sourcing in China. Afternoon sourcing fair (bring your drawings and specification)

July 20th: Factory Tours in Jiangsu and Suzhou (Precision Machining and Casting)

July 21st: Factory Tours in Wuxi and Changzhou (Fabrication and Molding)

July 22nd: Morning in Wuxi and Changzhou and afternoon in Shanghai

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