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“Local Innovations for Global Prosperity”**



Mr Peter Wakefield

Peter Wakefield was born just outside of Liverpool — the home of cotton for England. At the age of 3 months, he and his parents moved to Japan. In his teenage years he completed his education in Singapore and the UK, with plenty of visits to cotton warehouses with his father. Peter joined the company, 'Associated Surveyors and Test Laboratories Co., Ltd in Thailand, and after three years, was invited to take up the position of Manager in the Taiwan office of Edward T. Robertson & Son. In 1990, Peter returned to Liverpool to take up the position of European Manager for Edward T Robertson & Son. After a significant event in 1993, the purchase of parts of Edward T Robertson & Son resulted in the formation of a new company — Wakefield Inspections Services — and Peter assumed the position of Group Managing Director. On completion of his term as President of the International Cotton Association in 2006, Peter was invited to become the Chairman of the Committee for International Cooperation between Cotton Associations (CICCA) for two years.

The following year, Peter decided to relocate to Shanghai, where he also looks after the company's interests in China. However, with travel being restricted from early 2020, Peter moved to Taipei, from where he currently resides.