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## Formnext Forum Tokyo 2022 closes after a successful event, driving the next generation of manufacturing

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**After a two year break caused by the pandemic, strong results were recorded as 1,175 visitors turned out at this year's Formnext Forum Tokyo. For comparison, that's a 40% increase over the previous event, signaling renewed impetus for the additive manufacturing (AM) industry in Japan. The two-day event was held from 27 – 28 September at the Tokyo Metropolitan Industrial Trade Center HAMAMATSUCHO-KAN.**



Formnext Forum Tokyo 2022 with many visitors. Source: Messe Frankfurt Japan

A total of 65 exhibitors, more than double the number of the previous edition, presented the latest trends in manufacturing and services across the entire AM process chain. Highlights included presentations by academic experts on topics such as 3D food printing, construction and quality assurance. This diverse topic coverage attracted trade visitors from a wide variety of industries.

Mr Takafumi Hieda of Mitsubishi Corporation Technos, an exhibitor at the Forum commented favorably on his participation, explaining: “The visitor numbers are extremely high. Compared with other events we have participated in, the buyers here are clearly focused on additive manufacturing. The more that exhibitors showcase their new products and success stories here at Formnext Forum Tokyo, the more the AM industry will develop through this event.”

A number of overseas suppliers also utilised this year's Forum to engage in business discussions with Japanese visitors. Reflecting on his experience, Mr Masao Koriyama of Conflux Technology Pty Ltd, said: “We are an Australian based company exhibiting to approach Japanese

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clients directly and in-person. We are definitely satisfied with the new connections we have made.”

Although still modest in size, Formnext Forum Tokyo has established its position as the only trade show in Japan dedicated exclusively to AM technology. Mr Shuhei Chida of Isuzu Motors Limited commented: “I come to the show looking for technology to make aluminum molds and I have been impressed to see that a good number of exhibitors could accommodate our needs. I have spoken to several companies to request quotations.”

With the development of AM technology in Japan on an upward trajectory, Formnext Forum Tokyo continues to support business networking, new product launches and information exchange. As a sister event of Formnext, the annual international trade fair for additive manufacturing and industrial 3D printing held in Frankfurt, the Forum is part of a series of international events including:

- Formnext: 15 – 18 November 2022, Frankfurt, Germany
- Formnext + PM South China: 2022, Shenzhen, China
- Asiamold: 1– 3 March 2023, Guangzhou, China
- Formnext Forum Austin :28–30 August 2023, Austin, Texas, United States

The next edition of Formnext Forum Tokyo will be held from 28 – 29 September 2023.

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