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Formnext Forum Tokyo 2023 concludes with strong exhibitor-visitor engagement

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Attracting the national Additive Manufacturing (AM) community and global participants including the intelligent industrial production sector, Formnext Forum Tokyo 2023 closed doors on another successful edition. Held from 28 – 29 September at the Tokyo Metropolitan Industrial Trade Center HAMAMATSUCHO-KAN, this year’s show saw a steady increase in participation, with 67 exhibitors showcasing their innovations to 1,185 visitors. In a constantly evolving industry, the annual event provides key players with a platform to explore the most up-to-date information and technology in Japan.



Strong visitor flow at Formnext Forum Tokyo 2023. Source: Messe Frankfurt Japan

Including several suppliers from France, India, Korea and Sweden, a range of international and domestic exhibitors showcased the latest products and services in AM and intelligent industrial production, such as materials, powder metallurgy, design, software, and post-processing technologies.

Providing participants with cutting-edge insights, the show’s fringe events included presentations on topics such as micro 3D printing, AM/3D printing industry trends, AM technologies, construction sector, and quality assurance. The diverse subject matter attracted attendees from a wide variety of industries. Among talks delivered by other prominent academic experts, Dr Markus Heering of VDMA Additive Manufacturing Working Group discussed global market trends and the relevance of AM in the European mechanical engineering market and overseas exports.

Meanwhile, Ms Saki Hagimori of DMG MORI CO., LTD. commented on the importance of exhibiting at the event: “In past years, we needed to

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raise our brand awareness in the Japanese AM industry. After participating at Formnext in Germany, we were sure that attending Formnext Forum Tokyo was the best choice to solve our problems. Here, we are able to promote our technologies and products, while also engaging in face-to-face interactions with new customers and establish business relationships.”

CT CoreTechnologie Asia Co., Ltd. made their Formnext Forum Tokyo debut this year. Company representative Mr Robin Vermet explained his company’s participation: “The good point is the event exclusively focuses on AM; therefore, most visitors come from related industries including 3D printing companies, allowing us to have meaningful in-person interactions. We are glad to introduce our software and products into the Japanese market, and we are planning to showcase again next year.”

With a range of AM exhibitors on show, buyers were pleased with this year’s offering. Mr Masarou Ishii of Realize Inc. commented: “I come to this event for information of 3D printing technology, and have been impressed to see more foreign exhibitors than expected. I have connected with several companies and collected useful information.”

With Japanese AM technology on the rise, Formnext Forum Tokyo covers a wide spectrum of upstream and downstream industrial AM processes and equipment. As a sister show of Formnext in Frankfurt, Formnext Forum Tokyo is part of a series of international events, including:

- Formnext: 7 – 10 November 2023, Frankfurt, Germany
- Asiamold: 4 – 6 March 2024, Guangzhou, China
- IMTS 2024 Additive Manufacturing Sector – Accelerated by Formnext: 9 – 14 September 2024, Chicago, USA
- Formnext + PM South China: 11 – 13 September 2024, Shenzhen, China

The next edition of Formnext Forum Tokyo will be held from 26 – 27 September 2024.

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