

Fairs & Exhibitions

YIWU H&G 2009
国际针织及服装机械展

China (Yiwu) International Exhibition on Hosiery, Knitting, Dyeing & Finishing Machinery (Yiwu H&G) will be staged from November 18-20, 2009 at Yiwu International Expo Centre, Yiwu City, Zhejiang Province, PR China.

First launched in 2000, Yiwu H&G will come to its 10th edition this year. Being the recognized ideal platform for showcasing the world's best hosiery cum seamless underwear machineries, parts and accessories, Yiwu H&G 2009 will again gather 130 exhibitors at 9,000 sqm exhibition area. The 3rd China (Yiwu) International Exhibition on Narrow Fabric, Braiding & Garment Machinery will be concurrently held.

World-class exhibits under one roof

Yiwu H&G is the first UFI (The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry) approved exhibition in hosiery, knitting and braiding machinery in China, as well as one of the Top Ten Exhibitions in Zhejiang Province.

The show has been regarded as the most professional and international exhibition of its kind in China, with a niche in hosiery and seamless underwear machinery. Riding on the reputation of Yiwu City as the "China Hosiery City" and "China Seamless Underwear City", the show which based in Yiwu draws much attention from knitting industry around the world. Yiwu H&G serves as a professional platform to provide the latest market information and technologies to the industry.

The textile industry in China benefited from the Central Policy and stimulation plan and Yiwu City rates No. 8 according to the report on Top Ten Economic Competitive Provinces in 2009. Yiwu H&G is recognized as ideal sourcing platform for many enterprises, in particularly for those from knitting industry.

Currently, nearly 90% exhibiting area has been confirmed, among which, many renowned enterprises show support and have confirmed their presence. To name a

YIWU H&G: Hosiery, knitting and braiding machinery expo

few, key players from seamless underwear, hosiery and glove knitting machinery sector, such as Best Yield, Chemtax and Macpi Group from Hong Kong, Yamagen from Japan, Sangiacomo and LGL from Italy, Dakong and Wellknit from Taiwan, Aurora, Cixi, Runyuan, Huichen and Jinhao from China, and more. In the dyeing & finishing machineries sector, there are Cortese Eologna and Cubotex from Italy, Alome-Shen Yi from Korea, Xingya and Mingguang from China, etc.

Also, there are braiding and zipper making machinery experts, e.g. Jakob Mueller from Switzerland, Groz-Beckert and Sinotech from Germany, Huichen from China, and more. Yiwu H&G 2009 gains continued support from repeated exhibitors, and some will expand their booth area this year.

Staubli is a good example that they will double their booth area comparing with the last edition. On the other hand, the show has also attracted numerous first time exhibitors, including Macpi Group from Hong Kong, Heliot from Turkey, Comoli from Italy, Will Corporation from Japan, Samsung Knitting Needle from Korea, Bateng, Beita and Mingguang from China, etc, to display their latest products and technology.

One-stop Textile Sourcing Platform

Yiwu H&G's specialty in knitting machinery, parts and accessories will again be the show's spotlight. Following last edition's exhibit categorization, various theme zones will be setup accordingly to facilitate buyers' visit, namely seamless underwear machinery zone; knitting, hosiery and glove knitting machinery zone; braiding, zipper making machinery zone; dyeing & finishing machinery zone; logo printing machinery zone; sewing, yarn, fibre & spare parts zone.

Yiwu H&G has long been recognized for its professionalism and international level. Some associations have indicated their interest to organize buyer delegations to the show, including textile or garment associations from Shenzhen, Guangdong Lishui, Ningbo Xiangshan, Zhuji, etc.

Yiwu H&G is jointly organized by Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd., China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Zhejiang Sub-Council, China Commodities City Group Co. Ltd.

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48th DORNBIERN MAN-MADE FIBERS CONGRESS

The 48th International MAN-MADE FIBERS CONGRESS DORNBIERN (Dornbirn-MFC) from 16 -18 Sept. 2009 was again the platform for the international textile industry with over 600 participants from more than 30 countries.

Climate change and environmental protection represented in lectures

The actuality of the chosen topics can be found in many of the more than 100 lectures. The list of lecturers reads like a "Who is Who" in the world of man-made fibers and comprises presentations of the following main themes: New Developments in Fibers (represented with lectures throughout the whole 2 ½ days), Fibers for Medical- and Hygienic Textiles, Fibers for Composites, Transportation and Professional Wear, Fibers and Textiles in Connection with the Climate Change.

Stronger cooperation with organizations to exploit synergies

In addition to the traditional long-term cooperation with CIRFS, the organizers have also deepened the cooperation with CCFA (China Chemical Fibers Association) and welcomed at Dornbirn a high ranking delegation of politicians and lead companies lead by Mr. Zheng Zhiyi, the president of CCFA. The PR China disposes currently of more than 60% of the world's man-made fibers production capacities.

After successful negotiations with the president of the Austrian Association of the Textile-Industry Mr. Reinhard Backhausen, the decision has been taken to combine the both events (Annual Meeting of the Austrian Association of the Textile-Industry and DORNBIERN-MFC) from 2011 onwards. LENZING AG will present the topic "Sustainability in the Textile Chain – Ecological Finishing with Lenzing Fibers" at the press conference.

Preview 49th DORNBIERN-MFC 2010

The next year's DORNBIERN- MFC will take place from 15to 17 September and will present the following main themes:

- ❖ New developments in fibers.
- ❖ Fibers and textiles for transportation (air, ship, railway, bus) and automotive applications (car interior, safety, noise insulation, technical constructions).
- ❖ Nonwovens.
- ❖ New functionalities through spinfinishes and modifications.
- ❖ EU Research Projects.





100 German companies already registered for ITMA ASIA+CITME 2010

With 100 German companies already registered for ITMA ASIA + CITME 2010, "Made in Germany" is going to be very well represented at next year's major event of the textile machinery industry, taking place from June 22nd to 26th in Shanghai.

The timing of ITMA ASIA + CITME 2010 fits with improving business conditions in Asia. After the all time low in January and February this year, China's textile industry has recovered gradually. India's textile sector seems to be coming out of the crisis as well. Experts from India expect things to settle down by the next two quarters.

Although being back on track again, the cost pressure on textile producing enterprises will remain high and additional tasks are under way since governments in Asia are adopting stricter environmental standards. Sustainability has become an issue textile mills have to address for cost as well as for legal reasons. German textile

machinery manufacturers are offering solutions for higher energy and material efficiency that can help Asian textile producers to realize substantial cost savings thus giving them a competitive edge.

Industry professionals who are planning to visit ITMA ASIA or to exhibit at the fair are welcome to check the VDMA website to get an overview of the German companies that will participate.

Buyers reward N.O.W fashion exhibition format

N.O.W. is the first new exhibition concept created out of the co-operation between Fiera Milano Expects and M.seventy. Held during 25th to 28th September, 7700 visitors (22% from around the world) showed their appreciation of the organizers' decision to present a careful selection of 30 brands with their collections of quick response fashion and accessories for spring summer 2010, and restocking and capsules for autumn winter 2009-2010.

Massimiliano Bizzi, chairman of M.seventy, comments that on how necessary it was to organize the show, in Milan, a completely new kind of fair which gathers together companies from a sector that is starting to take new production and timing approaches. The show also presented a targeted overview of what the

market offers, making the best use of visitors' time with a choice of collections which combine fashionable looks, good value and excellent customer service.

"This positive combination with N.O.W. allowed us to diversify the product range of MI Milano prêt à porter, making buyers' visits even more worthwhile," states Corrado Peraboni, managing director of Fiera Milano Expects.

N.O.W fashion exhibition's very fresh approach was reflected in the show design which deliberately emphasized its difference compared to a classic trade fair, taking on the look of a showroom where buyers could move about quickly and enjoy an approachable, eye-catching presentation of the collections on show.

"M.seventy's show design," continues Massimiliano Bizzi, "was devised so as to recreate the ample spaces of a loft while, at the same time, eliminating the square-metre differences among the various stands, thus creating a uniform look. In our effort to differentiate N.O.W from a traditional trade fair, we used salvaged materials such as wood and we mixed it with other materials like concrete, steel and PVC. Then we used the lighting system in a way that showed off to best effect both the stands and the collections. The result- Totally innovative exhibition space."



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Australian International Sourcing Fair

Launching from 23rd to 26th March 2010 at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, the Australian International Sourcing Fair (AISF) is already attracting strong industry support as the Australian gateway for global business, linking overseas manufacturers in the fashion, accessories and homewares categories with key Australian buyers.

Visitors attending the Fair will include buyers dealing in bulk production in the Australian region, including brand owners, distributors, wholesalers, large department and chain stores, designers and specifiers.

Signalling the strength of demand for the Fair's offer, the fair generated interest from high profile industry groups located in countries including Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Sri Lanka and Pakistan to name but a few.

Marie Kinsella, Managing Director of Australian Exhibitions and Conferences Pty Ltd (AEC), confirms. "AISF is an exciting new exhibition for Australia, which will develop closer links with international organizations and Australian companies. It is a unique event in this region, hosting major foreign exhibitors serving the fashion, apparel and homewares sectors."

The Fair's timing in March 2010 is also designed to service industry buying schedules, allowing major buyers to start work on their new collections. And with the Fair offering a wide range of products and supplier countries under one roof, AISF offers invaluable time and money savings by cutting down on international travel.

Furthermore, as global industry restructuring continues following the worldwide economic downturn, the fair is an opportunity for overseas manufacturers looking to diversify their client base outside major markets such as the US and Europe. The benefits both for Australia and for overseas markets doing business with Australia are becoming increasingly evident.

One example of these benefits is the Indian market. With Australian consumers hungry for high quality, well crafted product in the fashion, lifestyle and homewares categories, much of this product is already available from Indian manufacturers. However, out of total textile and clothing imports to Australia worth US \$6,165 million during 2008, imports from India

accounted for only US \$201 million, meaning India's share in Australia's total T&C imports is only 3.26 %.

"Clearly there is a significant potential to grow India's market share and those of other overseas countries by undertaking targeted marketing initiatives around this exciting new fair," Marie Kinsella commented.

Courtesy: Australian Exhibitions & Conferences Pty Ltd

IFAI Expo 09 » San Diego

IFAI Expo 2009 gathers global specialty fabrics marketplace in San Diego

IFAI Expo 2009 was held during Sept. 22-25, 2009 at the San Diego Convention Center, USA. The Industrial Fabrics Association International (IFAI) is the only trade association in the world representing the entire technical textiles industry value chain. IFAI was founded in 1912 and is today comprised of 2,111 member companies in 58 countries.

According to IFAI President and CEO Stephen Warner, "Our main goal is to provide a compelling business experience for our attendees. As you can see by the activity around the exhibit hall, the speed of technology transfer and innovation is getting faster and faster. Serious industry players can't afford not to be here. Buyers are here planning for 2010."

Some 344 suppliers provided an impressive showcase for the increasing worldwide demand for high-performance textiles. While this industry might not be on everyone's radar, specialty fabrics (a.k.a technical textiles) happen to include mate-

rials that are leading the world into ever new products in such areas as--

- ❖ High-tech apparel/e-textiles (sports, medical, military, first-responder)
- ❖ Green building (green roofs, sustainable design, passive solar shading).
- ❖ Biomedical (surgical fabrics for tissue and bone).
- ❖ Aerospace applications for rockets and rovers used in space exploration, and even astronaut apparel.

Despite the economic downturn felt by manufacturers and suppliers worldwide, this year's IFAI Expo was a stirring testament to the business acumen and skill of both the exhibitors and attendees in fielding a tough year. Many of them have explored new markets to discover new customers and revenue streams.

Warner continued, "In times like this, success demands a shift in thinking that can only be realized with exposure to new thoughts and ideas that are showcased at IFAI Expo 2009. Companies today cannot afford just to stay the course if they are going to compete in the post-recession marketplace."

Based on the booths booked for next year's Expo, the turnaround really did start at IFAI Expo 2009.

Already 230 exhibitors have signed up for IFAI Expo Americas 2010, which takes place at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

A new addition to next year's show will be "Advanced Textiles" - an offshoot of the successful entrepreneur networking conferences IFAI began in Europe three years ago which unveiled market-ready innovations and new technologies.

Courtesy: www.ifaexpo.com.



HIGHTEX 2010
3rd Istanbul Technical Textiles & Nonwoven and Weaving Technologies Trade Fair

HIGHTEX 2010: 3rd Istanbul Technical Textiles and Nonwoven Trade Fair

The third edition of Hightex, Istanbul Technical Textiles & Nonwoven and Weaving Technologies Trade Fair will be held on 15-18 May 2010 at Tuyap Fair, Convention and Congress Center, Istanbul - Turkey. HIGHTEX 2010 will bring together the raw material, intermediate product, finished product and production technologies of technical textiles.

HIGHTEX exhibitions

The first edition in 2005, attracted a lot of interested visitors, with 318 participants out of which 162 of which were foreigners. HIGHTEX 2007 attracted 320 companies from Turkey and 20 from other countries. In total visitors from 35 other countries mainly from China, India, Pakistan, Iran, Syria, Uzbekistan, Korea, Taiwan, Greece, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, France and The Netherlands visited the exhibition.

The third edition will present weaving technologies, as new innovations for technical textiles and new technological investments, created the need to showcase weaving machines and technologies at Hightex 2010.

Product highlights

The product types to be displayed at Hightex 2010 are as follows:

- ❖ **Technology:**
Airlaid, Crosslapper, Drypad, Meltblown, Needle-punch, Spunbond, Spunlace, Stitchbond, Thermobond, Weblaid, Waterlaid.
- ❖ **Machines:**
Flame retardant technologies, waste packaging machines and recycling technologies, bonding and separation technologies, printing machines, dyeing- general finishing, narrow fabrics weaving, converting machines, fiber tearing machines, flocking-impregnation systems, embossing machines, needling machines, coating and lamination systems, cutting and separation systems, drying systems, laboratory measurement equipment, micro-organism protection technologies, multi-filament systems, nonwoven processing machines, plastics and other hardening materials, plasma application technologies, robot technologies, technical textile weaving machines, tufting machines, braiding machines, adhesive mixture and implementation systems.

- ❖ **Raw materials:**
Polymer chips and granules, bands and elastic, bind-latex and foams, fibers and filament, super absorbent, reinforcement textiles and fibers, tampons, structural composites and patterns, adhesives, hot melts, adhesive films and coating powders, adhesive and pattern materials, surface processing chemicals, acrylic fibers, biodegradable fiber materials, glass fibers, natural fibers, recycled fibers, flame retardant fiber, carbon fibers, metallic fibers, polyester fibers, melting yarns, filament yarns, high-tech yarns, polypropylene yarns, polyester fibers, polyamide yarns, cellulose and synthetic yarns, carded yarns and textile glass fibers.

- ❖ **Finished products:**
Agrotexiles, construction textiles, clothing textiles, road and ground textiles, decoration textiles, industrial textiles, food textiles, medical and hygiene textiles, cleaning and cosmetics textiles, transportation industry textiles, environment protection textiles, packaging textiles, protective textiles, sports textiles.

- ❖ **Smart textiles:**
The smart textiles, which aim to facilitate people's lives, are used in many fields.

Turkey's developing market: Technical textiles

Turkey is one of the most important centers of world textile industry, especially Meltblown, Spunbond, Spunlace, Thermobond, Waterlaid technologies which are preferred in Turkey. Technical textile sector produces raw material or intermediate products, mainly for construction industry, ready made clothing, geotextiles, home textiles, cleaning/cosmetics/hygiene applications, automotive, packaging and food industries.

The approximate production of intermediate and end products in Turkey, according to their sectors amounts to following:

- ❖ Annual production capacity of agrotexiles; 1 million tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of construction textiles, 1.3 million tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of ready



made clothing textiles, 900 thousand tones.

- ❖ Annual production capacity of geotextiles, 600 thousand tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of home textiles, 2.7 million tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of industrial textiles, 2.3 million tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of textiles used in cleaning/cosmetics/hygiene sectors, 1.6 million tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of automotive textiles, 2.4 million tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of packaging textiles, 650 thousand tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of protective textiles, 215 thousand tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of sports textiles, 400 thousand tones.
- ❖ Annual production capacity of food textiles, 670 thousand tones.

Applications of technical textiles

Agrotexiles: These days various kinds of technical textiles are required for protection, harvesting and storage in agriculture, forestation and fishing. In this category, the consumption of technical textiles, which are developed especially for fish farm equipment and agriculture applications, is increasing rapidly. Also carrying the plants together with the soil in erosion prevention and forestation studies are realized with technical textiles. In greenhouse coatings, climatizing textiles replace conventional plastic coatings rapidly.

Construction textiles: Today the prevalence of technical textiles in construction applications is not just limited to insulation; various applications have emerged thanks to their flexibility and elasticity. Technical textiles replaced classical filling materials with their stable position between two separate surfaces.

Much more composite materials are used in the recent years, in building applications is resistant to earthquake. Similarly, special fibers are added in to the mixture of ready-mixed concrete in order to increase its resistance.

Clothing textiles: Interlinings, paddings, which are commonly used in ready made clothing. In view of new technologies and changing costs, special clothes that can be worn daily. Another development is the increase of technical textiles use in shoes and leather wear sector with comfort and ventilation purposes.

Geotextiles: The fastest growing product range of the recent period among the others is geotextiles. Despite low product diversity, high consumption speeds up the pay back period of the initial investment. Geotextiles, which were only used in the developed regions of the world in the past, now finds their application almost in any part of the world with the profit and price ratio they offer. The infrastructure investments of developing countries bring higher amount of geotextiles than expected. Geotextiles are increasingly used in the building floors for the purpose of insulation and stability. The mandatory use of geotextiles in highway contracts in the recent years shows that the demand in this market will increase in future

Decoration textiles: The percentage of technical textiles at home also increased in the last 10 years. From carpet backing to furniture frames, from beds to kitchen and bathroom materials, the use of technical textiles and nonwovens is increasing. On the other hand, the use of synthetic fibers increases in home textiles and furnishings. The new trend in home textiles market is flame retardant fabrics, among the other new technological products

Industrial textiles: The most common application of technical textiles is industrial applications. Technical textiles with special

structures are required for the transportation of the material and also different filtering requirements. New environment regulations highlighted the filters made of technical textiles almost with limitless applications. Technical textiles provide solution not only for dust, but also for liquid, gas and oil filtration.

Food textiles: In the recent year, the use of technical textiles in food packages increased. Some of these products are also edible textiles. Now easy-clean technical textiles are preferred for the transportation of food in the production and transportation and while they are kept in shelves. Also the first examples of protective technical textiles received great attention during the heating, boiling and serving of the food. This is expected to be the fastest growing product group of food textiles since it is a very novel category and offer hygienic benefits.

Cleaning and cosmetics textiles: The use of disposable products in cleaning and cosmetic products sector bring the changes in consumer user habits. This is a rapidly growing sector parallel to increasing production capacities. Technical textiles completely replaced the textile products in home, factory, office and outdoor cleaning products.

Medical/hygienic Textiles: Generally the market of health and hygiene products grows parallel to world's increasing population. High standard and complex textiles are required in medical operations and hygienic textiles market shows development with the new products and applications.

Transportation textiles: Transportation sector constitutes the most important market for technical textiles in many fields from automobiles to trains, from boats to air crafts. While the usual applications are generally for insulation and coating, currently comfort and smartness also stand out in various new applications. Coatings of fabrics used for personal cars, trucks and sailing clothes in order to resist better against climate and other environment constraints is another sector which shows remarkable growth.

Ecological textiles: Although ecological textiles shows promise in terms of diversifi-

cation and development, it has the smallest market share. Ecological textiles also includes technical textiles used in environment protection studies, such as different products for dust and smoke filtration, prevention of erosion, covering the toxic garbage and the control of harmful liquids. Ecological textile products also offer high profitability due more stringent environment protection standards.

Packaging textiles: Sacks and bags made of natural fibers such as jute and cotton are being replaced by modern synthetic fibers. Technical textiles have begun to show up in low weight packaging processes, heavy load envelopes and food packaging markets. The spacer knitted textiles have shown an increasing in consumer packages.

Protective textiles: Industrial protective products are preferred increasingly. From heat resistant gloves to heat or cold resistant clothes, from protection bands to protective materials in the shoes.

Sports textiles: The comfortable, reliable and performance oriented garment for sportsmen and amateurs. The increase of interest in active sports over the world increases the use of technical textiles in sporting goods.

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MEGATECH Pakistan 2010

The international machinery exhibition of Garment and Textile Technology: MEGATECH Pakistan is scheduled from 4-6 March 2010 at the Karachi Expo Centre, in Karachi, the 'Commercial Capital' of Pakistan.

Participation from local and international textile and garment machinery manufacturers, distributors, and importers are expected. Leading textile and garment manufacturers, key decision makers of the industry, and senior Government officials are expected to participate at the event.

According to show organizers, the participation of more than 400 companies from 28 countries from all across the globe is anticipated from countries like China, Turkey, UK, Germany and India. More than 8,000 trade visitors from the textile and garment industry are expected to attend the event.

The 3rd International Technical Textiles Conference will also be held together with the show, which is expected to acquaint the local industry with the emerging developments in technical textiles. Local textile manufacturers, leading exporters, and key decision makers of the industry will be its key participants. ♦

