

Technical textiles and production technologies met at Hightex 2010

HIGHTEX 2010 held during 16-18 May 2010 at Istanbul in Turkey brought together the most important brands of technical textiles and nonwovens from Turkey and the world. PTJ as a supporting publication, also exhibited at Hightex 2010 and bring to its readers the post show coverage of the exhibition.

The first and only fair in its field in Turkey, **HIGHTEX 2010** (3rd Istanbul Technical Textiles and Nonwoven Trade Fair), organized by Teknik Fuarçılık was held at 15-18 May 2010 in Tüyap Exhibition and Congress Center. The technical textiles and nonwoven manufacturers from 19 countries including Turkey exhibited their latest products and technologies in the field of technical textiles.

The show was attended by 4500 foreign visitors from 35 countries including Iran, Syria, Pakistan, Egypt, Taiwan, Korea, Greece, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Russia, Czech Republic, Germany, Belgium, Italy, France, Spain, The Netherlands, Switzerland and England, and 8,500 professional visitors from Turkey.

4th International Technical Textile Congress

Organized concurrently with HIGHTEX 2010 by Textile Engineering Department of Faculty of Engineering of Dokuz Eylül

Visitors by Sectors			
Fiber-Yarn	3.1%	Dyeing Finishing Printing	9.8%
Services	1.9%	Garment Industry	1.2%
Machinery	3%	Labels	0.8%
Chemicals	4.9%	New Investment	1.5%
Home Textile	2.9%	Tricot	0.9%
Knitting	4.1%	Nonwoven & Technical Textiles	58.7%
Weaving	6.2%	Others	1%

Visitors by Countries			
Switzerland	0.8%	Israel	1%
Spain	1%	Germany	3.5%
Saudi Arabia	0.7%	China	1%
Russia	0.7%	England	1%
Lebanon	0.4%	Belgium	0.5%
Korea	0.7%	Bulgaria	3.5%
The Netherlands	0.4%	Czech Republic	0.3%
Pakistan	2%	Egypt	1%
Italy	1.7%	France	1.1%
Iran	3.8%	Turkey	65%
Taiwan	0.4%	Other	3.2%
India	0.8%	Syria	4%
Greece	1.5%	Ukraine	0.5%



Necip Güney made a speech at the International Textile Congress.

University, 4th International Technical Textile Congress was held on 16-18 May 2010 in Tüyap Exhibition and Congress Center.

Becoming more and more important every day, technical textiles, which are high-performance products with special production technologies, are used intensively in construction, electrical fields, agriculture, medical areas and in defense industry.

In this context, developed countries are experts in this sector and mostly focus on technical textiles to preserve and increase their market share. Even though many investments have been in technical textiles in Turkey, the promotion activities still somewhat lag behind, therefore, aiming to bring together researchers and companies operating in the country and abroad and provide new opportunities to textile industrialists, International Technical Textile Congress was first held in 2002 in Sabancı Kültür Merkezi by the Department of Engineering of Dokuz Eylül University.

Later on, the congress started to be organized concurrently with HIGHTEX Istanbul Technical Textiles and Nonwoven Fair. The 4th International Technical Textile Congress was attended by more than 300 participants. With 48 speakers and 34 poster presentations, the congress brought

together domestic and foreign participants and visitors, national and international experts and researchers in the field of technical textiles.

After the inauguration of the congress, a plaque was awarded to Co-Founder of Teknik Fuarçılık Ltd. Şti, the organizer of HIGHTEX 2010, Necip Güney for his contributions to the sector and the congress. Necip Güney made a speech at the inauguration day and said that the future of Turkish Textile Market would be better and International Textile Congress, organized by the Department of Textile Engineering of Dokuz Eylül University had an active role in eliminating the problems of the sector and that they would continue to support the congress in the future.

Subjects of the congress were:

- ❖ Functional fibers.
- ❖ Nano-technical textiles.
- ❖ Medical textiles.
- ❖ Protective textiles.
- ❖ Defense-based textiles.
- ❖ Filtration textiles.
- ❖ Composite structures.
- ❖ Smart and interactive textiles.
- ❖ Packaging textiles.
- ❖ Automotive textiles.
- ❖ Sport textiles.
- ❖ Agricultural textiles.
- ❖ Construction textiles, geotextiles.
- ❖ Technical designs.

Next edition of Hightex is planned in 2012. ♦