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CEMATEX Charts New Chapter for ITMA ASIA with Singapore 2029 Launch and Reinforces ITMA 2027 as the Definitive Global Platform for Textile Innovation

24 November 2026 — At the ITMA NEXT | Industry Networking event on 22 November in Shanghai, CEMATEX unveiled its plan for ITMA ASIA Singapore 2029, marking a new chapter under its sole organisation and management. CEMATEX also highlighted exciting initiatives for ITMA 2027, inviting the global textile and garment technology community to convene in Hanover to discover breakthrough innovations, exchange insights and forge partnerships that will shape the future of textiles.

Hosted by CEMATEX, the owner of ITMA, the reception welcomed Ms Laura Engel, Deputy Consul General and Head of the Economic Affairs Division, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Shanghai, as guest of honour. She was joined by Dr Jorg Weberndorfer, Minister Counsellor, Industrial and SME Policies, Trade & Investment Section, Delegation of the European Union to the People's Republic of China; Mr Charles Beauduin, Chairman of ITMA Services; Mr Daisuke Murata, President of the Japan Textile Machinery Association; and Ms Jo Yee, Deputy Director, Exhibitions and Conferences, Singapore Tourism Board, together with CEMATEX member associations, industry and media partners, and members of the international textile and machinery community.

Opening the event, CEMATEX President, Mr Alex Zucchi reaffirmed ITMA's pivotal role in advancing the global textile and garment technology industry. For 75 years, ITMA has been recognised as the industry's Olympics, bringing together the world's leading innovators and shaping technological progress. He emphasised CEMATEX's continued commitment to leveraging the ITMA platform to foster industry development by supporting start-ups, research and innovation institutions, as well as meaningful new initiatives led by industry associations and organisations. ITMA 2027 is expected to attract 1,500 exhibitors and a total visitorship of 100,000, further reinforcing its standing as the industry's definitive global marketplace.

Organised by ITMA Services, ITMA ASIA is set to return to Singapore from 23 to 26 October 2029 as an international exhibition built for manufacturers across the region, with Singapore's connectivity offering global exhibitors an ideal gateway to the region's buyers, particularly from Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Africa.

With ITMA 2027 in Hanover and ITMA ASIA Singapore 2029 ahead, CEMATEX, as the owner of ITMA and ITMA ASIA, continues to open new opportunities for business growth for the global textile and garment technology industry.

Delivering the welcome address, guest of honour Ms Engel, as Deputy Consul General of the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Shanghai, highlighted the value of ITMA as an international platform that brings the industry together, creates opportunities to exchange expertise and opens doors to new business partnerships. She also noted that Germany looks forward to welcoming the global textile community, especially participants from China, to Hanover next year.

The programme then turned to expert perspectives on the forces shaping the industry's future.

Dr Jorg Weberndorfer of the EU Delegation to China outlined evolving EU sustainability regulations affecting textile exporters, highlighting new ecodesign requirements, the Digital Product Passport

(DPP), Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and restrictions on the destruction of unsold apparel.

Professor Jiang Gaoming of Jiangnan University highlighted China's evolution from cost-driven manufacturing to leadership in intelligent manufacturing, advanced materials and sustainability, creating new opportunities for Chinese textile technology globally.

The reception followed the joint announcement on the same day by CEMATEX and the Chinese Consortium (CTMA, CCPIT TEX and CIEC) on the conclusion of their collaboration, after 20 years as co-owners and co-organisers of the combined exhibition in China.

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About CEMATEX & ITMA

The European Committee of Textile Machinery Manufacturers (CEMATEX) comprises national textile machinery associations from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. It is the owner of ITMA and ITMA ASIA. Considered the 'Olympics' of textile machinery exhibitions, ITMA has a 75-year history of displaying the latest technology for the complete textile and garment manufacturing value chain. It is held every four years in Europe, while ITMA ASIA is held every four years in Asia. The two exhibitions alternate, offering the industry an ITMA-branded exhibition every two years.

About ITMA Services

Headquartered in Brussels with a subsidiary in Singapore, ITMA Services is the appointed organiser of ITMA 2027, ITMA ASIA Singapore 2029, and future ITMA-branded exhibitions. It is managed by professionals with extensive experience in organising ITMA and other major trade exhibitions around the world. It aims to maintain and expand ITMA's unique selling proposition and relevance to a global audience.

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