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CEMATEX Sets the Stage for ITMA ASIA, Driving New Business Opportunities Across Asia Pacific, the Middle East and Africa

22 November 2026 — CEMATEX is pleased to announce that ITMA ASIA will return to Singapore in 2029, as part of a broader strategic realignment to better serve the evolving needs of the textile and garment industry.

ITMA ASIA, a wholly owned brand of CEMATEX, will be held from 23 – 26 October 2029, reflecting CEMATEX's strategy to expand its reach into Asia's growth markets and create new opportunities for the industry.

CEMATEX is adopting a more calibrated exhibition cycle, recognising that advancements in textile technology require time to develop and mature. A longer interval between major exhibitions allows companies to present more meaningful innovations, while also ensuring stronger value for both exhibitors and visitors.

Building on the success of the 2025 edition, Singapore is well connected to the major manufacturing hubs of Asia Pacific and has strong links to the Middle East and Africa. This makes it a good meeting point for the industry across the region.

"ITMA ASIA's return to Singapore in 2029 reaffirms our position as a Global-Asia node for business. Singapore's seamless connectivity to markets across Asia Pacific and beyond, coupled with our world-class MICE infrastructure and vibrant business ecosystem, makes us an ideal destination for international industry gatherings. We look forward to partnering with CEMATEX to deliver a successful edition that fosters industry collaboration and unlocks new business opportunities," said Ms Ong Huey Hong, Assistant Chief Executive, Industry Development Group, Singapore Tourism Board.

In the international exhibition landscape, *ITMA*, the only global platform for textile and garment technologies held once every four years in Europe, continues to serve as the industry's premier innovation showcase. Widely regarded as the "Olympics" of the sector, the exhibition provides a unique stage for manufacturers and technology leaders to unveil breakthrough products, services, and advancements to a global audience.

At the same time, CEMATEX and its long-standing strategic partner for ITMA ASIA, the Japan Textile Machinery Association (JTMA), will continue to explore emerging regions, support industry stakeholders in accessing new markets, and unlock further growth opportunities.

"As our members have established a strong presence through ITMA, it is timely for us to look ahead and identify new frontiers for growth," said Mr Daisuke Murata, President of JTMA.

Mr Alex Zucchi, President of CEMATEX, underscored the organisation's strategic direction: "CEMATEX remains committed to supporting the industry's long-term growth through a balanced, forward-looking exhibition strategy that aligns innovation cycles, market access, and cost efficiency."

About CEMATEX & ITMA

The European Committee of Textile Machinery Manufacturers (CEMATEX) comprises national textile machinery associations from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, 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.

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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