



ACIMIT: Weaving together Italian pride and the Japanese work ethic

For more than 70 years, ACIMIT (The Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers) has promoted Italy's textile machinery industry, showcasing the latest homegrown innovations through exhibitions, seminars, and road shows around the world, often in collaboration with the ICE (Italian Trade Commission).

ACIMIT President Alessandro Zucchi

"A small country as we are, we remain to be the third-largest manufacturer of textile machinery in the world, after China and Germany. The structure of our industry is little bit different because of the size. In fact, around 80 percent of our companies are small, but altogether, we are able to generate 2.4 billion euros in total revenue in this field," ACIMIT President Alessandro "Alex" Zucchi told GMI POST.

According to Zucchi, while many of ACIMIT's 300 members do not operate in big industries, they manufacture high quality parts and machinery for textile producers and can service the entire supply chain, from raw materials up to finished garments.

"There is no other manufacturer country that has this capability. Any kind of machinery suitable or requested for a specific process involving textile, you can find here. This does not happen everywhere and this is a big deal," said Zucchi, who added that 90 percent of its members' goods are exported all over the world.

Zucchi believes that Italian creativity can go very far and wants to establish close partnerships with Japanese, which he admires for their work practices.

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