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Strong Italian turnout in Shanghai: ACIMIT celebrates ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026 success and looks ahead to Hannover 2027 & Singapore 2029

Following the conclusion of ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026, held in Shanghai from 20 to 24 November, ACIMIT, the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers, highlights the strong participation of the Italian textile machinery industry at the exhibition.

With an exhibition area of around 1,750 square meters, Italy ranked among the top exhibiting countries, as in previous editions. More than 60 Italian companies took part in the exhibition, presenting advanced technologies and innovative solutions covering the different stages of textile production. Among them, 27 companies participated in the two National Sector Groups, dedicated to textile finishing and spinning, organized by ACIMIT with the strong support of the Italian Trade Agency (ITA).

“Italian textile machinery manufacturers continue to demonstrate their ability to respond to the evolving needs of the global textile industry,” comments Marco Salvadé, President of ACIMIT. “Our strong participation in Shanghai reflects the importance of the Asian market and our commitment to long-term partnerships. Italian technologies offer innovative, efficient and customized solutions that help textile manufacturers improve their competitiveness.”

Fabio De Cillis, Director of the ITA Shanghai Office, stated: “Through our collaboration with the Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers (ACIMIT) in organizing Italian participation in ITMA ASIA + CITME 2026, we aim to further strengthen this longstanding relationship, connecting Italy’s industrial strengths with the evolving needs of the market. There is considerable potential for cooperation between Italy and China across a wide range of sectors. With ITA’s support, Italian companies can provide Chinese manufacturers with tailor-made solutions that combine advanced machinery, specialized expertise and high-end technologies to help optimize production performance and achieve superior results.”

Looking ahead, ACIMIT invites the international textile community to ITMA 2027, to be held in Messegelände Hannover, Germany, from 16 to 22 September 2027. Particular attention is also being given to the next major industry gathering in Asia: ITMA ASIA will return to Singapore in 2029, taking place from 23 to 26 October at Singapore EXPO.

The decision to hold the next ITMA ASIA in Singapore in 2029 is particularly significant for ACIMIT, which has actively worked within CEMATEX, the European Committee of Textile Machinery Manufacturers, to promote a more balanced and sustainable international exhibition calendar.

This approach reflects the need to rationalize the number and frequency of trade fairs, taking into account the increasing financial and organizational commitments required of exhibitors and the expectations expressed by ACIMIT member companies.

“ACIMIT has consistently advocated within CEMATEX for a more sustainable exhibition calendar,” concludes Salvadé. “The decision to hold the next ITMA ASIA in Singapore in 2029 represents an important step in this direction. Our objective is to preserve the international relevance and quality of these exhibitions, while reducing the burden on participating companies. Following Shanghai, we now look forward to ITMA 2027 in Hannover and ITMA ASIA 2029 in Singapore, two key opportunities to showcase the excellence of Italian textile machinery technology.”