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Final Report: LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA 2017 Intelligent Light, the future of the manufacturing industry

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- **929 exhibitors, 16 percent more than 2016**
- **53,723 visitors, up 18 percent**
- **The biggest exhibition area ever: 49,360 square meters**
- ***Intelligent Light* – a combination of laser, automation and machine vision**

At LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA 2017, Asia's leading trade show for the laser, optics and photonics industry, 929 exhibitors from 25 countries showcased their products and solutions. This is an increase of 16 percent compared with 2016. The exhibition area was a record-breaking 49,360 square meters (plus 20 percent). As the laser market expands at lightning speed, laser applications have also grown rapidly in all industries. As a result, the LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA 2017 has seen unprecedented visitor numbers of 53,723, up 18 percent from the last session, and the largest in history.

Exhibitors from the entire spectrum of photonics enter the Age of “Smart Manufacturing”

Leading manufacturers and distributors showcased the latest advances for smart manufacturing, which combines the laser, automation and machine vision technologies that are widely applied in the automobile, semiconductor, material, aerospace, rail transport, home appliance and other industries. Modern smart manufacturing technologies also provide increased performance, efficiency, precision and cost-effectiveness. The combination of multiple technologies based on light as a source gives “Intelligent Light” a new, unprecedented power to break through the bottleneck in traditional manufacturing industries.

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According to Dr. Reinhard Pfeiffer, Deputy CEO of Messe München, in 2017, demand for laser will continue to grow: “The world laser market is estimated to be worth 615 billion dollars by 2020. Here at LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA you can see the huge potential of the market.”

Thus, the LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA 2017 included not only international key players but also leading Chinese players in the field.

John Ambroseo, President and CEO of Coherent, Inc. said: “We’ve come to the show since the show first began. In terms of this year’s show, we see how much it has grown, how many new exhibitors there are, and how many Chinese advanced technologies in laser and optoelectronics are present. It is unique in enabling us to meet customers with a wide range of applications.

Yukihiro Sakata, Director General Manager of Mitutoyo Measuring Instruments (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. commented: “This is our first exhibition at LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA. The visitor numbers and overall business environment are both very impressive. We have encountered laser users from the electronics, electronic devices, and nano and micro component fields. It is also an opportunity to find out about the latest market information and industry needs.”

Leading laser and photonics exhibition in Asia promotes evolution in smart manufacturing

The combination of smart robots and advanced laser technology creates smart factories that bring new opportunities for automation. High-precision industrial robots make laser processing more flexible and have a promising future in high-end manufacturing. Leading robot manufacturers such as FANUC, KUKA, Stäubli and Yaskawa have proven the high capabilities and “smartness” of laser processing robots at LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA 2017.

LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA offers enormous market opportunities for the integration of laser and robots. With nearly all the leading robot enterprises present, the trade show has been an exhibition of the latest automatic laser processing technology since 2011 already. This was when Stäubli and REIS first showcased their technologies in this field.

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Wencai Pan, Sales Support Engineer of KUKA Industries said: "LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA is the most influential laser exhibition in Asia. We have exhibited here for 3 years. The exhibition has attracted all the most important figures in the industry, from the upstream service suppliers and component manufacturers to the downstream users. We have had many customers at our booth."

The development of machine vision technology is also bringing new possibilities for "Modern Smart Manufacturing", especially by the collaboration of machine vision and robots. Vision China, the biggest, most important and authoritative event for machine vision technology in China, was held by LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA together with China Society of Image and Graphics. This year over 170 companies from the machine vision sector have exhibited, occupying an exhibition space of 10,000 square meters.

Joss Zou, China Region Director of FLIR Systems, Inc. said: "It is the biggest machine vision show we have ever attended in China. The show enables us to meet quality customers, learn from our peers in the same industry, exchange information, and sell more products in the Chinese market."

Accompanying programs address training, cutting-edge technologies and important topics

The PHOTONICS CONGRESS CHINA, held along with the exhibition, focused on the latest progress in wide-ranging areas in the industry, including laser processing, advanced lasers, optics, IR imaging, laser safety and beam analysis. As an example, Professor Lin Li from the Academy of Engineering at the University of Manchester, UK and Professor Reinhart Poprawe from RWTH Aachen University, Germany, gave insights into the latest research findings and market environment of laser and photonics technology. The conferences attracted a grand total of 2,771 attendees.

Youliang Wang, Director Laser Processing Committee of the Chinese Optical Society pointed out: "LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA 2017 was very successful! Against the economic slowdown, the vitality of LASER

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World of PHOTONICS CHINA clearly demonstrates the strong demand in the Chinese market. The supporting program was well attended, showing the great need for high technology throughout industry. We will continue to use this show as the platform for accelerating our industrial transformation and development.”

Barometer of the Industry

LASER World of PHOTONICS has seen steady growth over the past 12 years. For the future, LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA will continue to act as a barometer for the industry and a platform for collaboration between complementary technology fields.

The next edition of LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA will be held on March 14 – 16, 2018, the exhibition area will expand to occupy 5 halls at Shanghai New International Expo Center.

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LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA

LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA is the leading regional trade fair for laser and photonics in Asia. It takes place in Shanghai each March and is collocated with electronica China & productronica China. In 2017 the trade fair recorded 53,723 visitors and 929 exhibitors. The next LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA will take place from March 14 to 16, 2018. www.world-of-photonics-china.com

The LASER World of PHOTONICS global network

LASER World of PHOTONICS has developed an international trade fair network. LASER World of PHOTONICS in Munich is the world's leading trade fair of the laser and photonics industry. World of Photonics Congress is Europe's largest photonics congress. LASER World of PHOTONICS CHINA and LASER World of PHOTONICS INDIA are leading regional trade fairs for laser and optical technologies, and are staged annually in China (Shanghai) and India (alternating between Bangalore and New Delhi). With a total of 2,168 exhibitors and more than 83,000 visitors in Munich, China and India, Messe München is the world's leading trade fair organizer for lasers and photonics.

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