



ProPak Asia 2017 Impresses Yet Again

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The 25th edition of ProPak Asia recently took place from 14 – 17 June 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. Occupying an exhibition area spanning 55,000 sqm across seven halls in BITEC, the exhibition was even bigger than before with the participation of 17 international pavilions from 13 countries. Over the four days, the show garnered a massive turnout of 44,690 trade visitors from 74 countries, up from 40,893 from the previous year.



(From L-R) Mr. Vorathep Vongthapap, Business Development Manager of Tomco Automatic Machinery and Mr. Josselin Prats, General Manager SEA/ANZ at Videojet Technologies present the revolutionary new Videojet 1860 continuous inkjet (CIJ) printer.

As ProPak Asia continues to grow, the quality and variety of products demonstrated and showcased by exhibitors also increase and expand. The productivity of operations and manufacturing standards are also driven higher by consumer demands and new automation and technological advances. This year, over 5,000 machines from renowned companies across the world were showcased at ProPak Asia.

Showcasing the Latest Technologies

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Videojet, world leader in the product identification market, together with its partner Tomco Automatic Machinery Co., Ltd, introduced three smart printing innovations at ProPak Asia which are designed to deliver maximum uptime, unprecedented reliability and attractive total cost of ownership figures. These include the revolutionary new Videojet 1860 continuous inkjet (CIJ) printer, the Videojet 7610 Fiber Laser and Videojet DataFlex® 6530 thermal transfer overprinter. The new systems take advanced technologies further than ever before, simplifying processes to allow operators to dedicate more focus to production-related activities.

"2017 has been the biggest year so far for Videojet with the many new products we have launched into the market. We have invested a lot in the area of innovation and are committed to bringing these improved solutions to our customers," said Mr. Josselin Prats, General Manager SEA/ANZ at Videojet Technologies.

Opportunities for Learning

Global manufacturer of energy chain systems and polymer bearings, igus was one of the exhibitors that organised a seminar at ProPak Asia. Led by Mr. Jan Michels, Industry Manager Packaging Industry, participants were treated to a detailed talk on how igus solutions are able to meet the specific needs of the food & packaging industry. Mr. Michels explained that igus is facing two major demands from customers:

FDA and EU compliant materials for contact with food & automated solutions for size and format adjustments.

"In our product range we have several FDA and EU compliant materials that are designed to have direct contact with food, such as iglidur A160, A350 and A500. Automated linear solutions are usually used for format adjustments. The requirements for such systems vary from country to country. In Asia, the companies look for a more cost-effective manual adjustment. Here our drylin slide tables could be combined with a handwheel & a position indicator, which allows an easy and repeatable solution for format adjustments," shared Mr. Michels.

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The dates for next year's edition of ProPak Asia have been set. From 13 – 16 June 2018, the annually held exhibition will take place at BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand. **F&B**



Mr. Jan Michels, Industry Manager Packaging Industry, igus details how the company's solutions are able to meet customer expectations, such as the demand for FDA and EU compliant materials for example.