of all types.

Tai Sang provided a demo to the ITME visitors at the stall itself. Tai Sang did embroidery sampling for pure silk traders on their original hand-woven silk fabric of 25 GSM and on 15 GSM Pashmina. The icing on the cake was doing embroidery with pure gold zari on a pure gold lungi, used during pooja at the Tirupati Balaji temple.

Visitors could also witness embroidery done on denim jeans. They were also shown the latest fashion trend of using ethnic embroidered designs with cording on the belts portion & pockets of denim jeans. The Tai Sang team did embroidery on towel sets for one of the biggest towel exporter from India & now is in talks for an order. The Platinum model has 6 needles and 3 heads of 300 mm x 300 x 800 size. Other features include dual/sandwich sequin, easy cording and easy chenille and it has a stitching speed of 1200 RPM.

Tai Sang was able to bag an order from a silk weaver in Assam, order for six machines from Ichalkaranji in Maharashtra and an order was also placed by a Nepali Pashmina fabric producer. A garment exporter from Mumbai too placed an order for a machine and who was delivered the machine exhibited at ITME. He is now eager to place order for another one.

Explaining his opinion on ITME 2012, Mr Da Shan said, "India ITME as we all know is the platform to showcase your best products as the visitors here look for quality. After a two-year gap, ITME 2012 brought light for everyone - suppliers as well as buyers".

He added, "ITME 2012 was a successful story for everyone and has created hope for the Indian textile industryand machinery sector. We had many inquires & A.T.E Enterprises, who are our Indian agents are following them up, with good news coming almost every week, since ITME 2012 ended".

Pakistan-60 perecent export orders dropped during last year

The year 2013 is not off to a promising start for Pakistan's textile exports as volume of textile export

orders have dropped by 60 percent as compared to last year in world's renowned Heimtextil exhibition in Germany last week.

Pakistani Textile exporters attracted lukewarm response wherein foreign buyers were seen reluctant to place export orders because of delays on time materialisation of previous commitments, said Asghar Ali, Chairman and Muhammad Asif Vice Chairman Pakistan Textile Exporters Association in a joint statement.

Expressing disappointment, said that Heimtextil being the biggest international trade fair for home textiles and a global benchmark for quality design textiles have great importance for Pakistani textile exporters as retailers around the globe visit this fair for new fashion trends and to place their orders. Pakistani exporters were getting about 25 million dollars export orders every year in Heimtextil but this year got only 3 million dollars order due to severe energy shortage and non fulfilment of previous orders on time. Severe energy crisis hampered the production process creating drastic downfall in industrial output and Pakistani exporters were feared about timely honour these export commitments, he said. World's renowned departmental stores like Wal-Mart and JC Penney also stock their inventories through this exhibition. The traditional buyers, visiting our stalls at the exhibition, refused to place orders as they feared that drastic electricity and gas shortage would hamper production and Pakistani exporters would not be able to honour their export commitments on time, he added. Unfortunately severe energy crisis and constant load shedding of gas and electricity hampered the production process creating drastic down fall in industrial output and Pakistani exporters were not able to timely honour their export commitments. Taking advantage of this situation, china, India and Bangladesh exporters captured our traditional markets through deceptive propaganda that Pakistani exporters could not fulfil their export commitment on time even next year due to energy shortage. These factors were main cause of hesitation for placing export orders, he said.





Industry Division and vice president of the Federation of Investors, said that around 40 percent of Egyptian yarn and textile factories have shutdown due to the economic crisis and the ongoing decline in the value of Egyptian currency.

Blaming the Egyptian Government, he said the lack of an appropriate policy has made it difficult for the textile producers to compete with the global market.

Mr. Mohamed al-Qalyubi, president of the Investors Organization of Mahala, informed that around 40 factories, including large factories such as Abu al-Sabaa and Fajar Al-Mahala, in the region have closed down its operations and it is going to have a negative impact on the yarn and textile production in the country.

Mr. Fatahi al-Sayyed, president of the Investors Organization of Buhaira, said that almost 100 small and mid-scale manufacturing units including textiles have shutdown because of the inability to access adequate resources.

Italian textile machinery technology training center in India

The Association of Italian Textile Machinery Manufacturers (ACIMIT) and DKTE'S Textile and Engineering Institute Ichalkaranji (DKTE) have signed an agreement for the establishment of an Italian Training Center at Ichalkaranji M.S. India.

The project includes providing on free using basis of textile machinery by interested manufacturers for a maximum period of 3 years, training activities by Italian textile machinery companies adhering to the initiative, the distribution of ACIMIT's digital technology manual containing Italian state-of-the-art technology, and the awarding of scholarships to three students selected by a committee of the DKTE faculty to help them to pursue professional training.

The project will be coordinated by a working group representing ACIMIT, which agrees to participate in all engagements held both in Italy and India, and an Indian counterpart, Raretech, which will be responsible for coordinating all onsite activities.

The technology training center is a part of a larger initiative called Machines Italia, financed by the Ministry for Economic Development (MiSE), which has entrusted its organization to Federmacchine (the Federation of Italian Manufacturers of Capital Equipment). Machines Italia in India aims to lend its support to the internationalization efforts of companies in the sector, in one of the world's most intensely developed industrial areas.

ACIMIT President Sandro Salmoiraghi summarized by saying, "Through this technology training center, ACIMIT intends to strengthen the profitable relationship which already exists with India's textile industry."

Machine which embroiders 15 to 50 GSM fabric shown at ITME

"For the first time since our inception eight years back, we came across real and meaning-full Indian buyers for our computerized embroidery machines at the ITME 2012 machinery trade fair", said a very ecstatic CEO of Tai Sang Enterprise Limited.

China based - Tai Sang Enterprise Limited, a producer of various varieties of computerised embroidery machines participated in the recently concluded ITME-2012 in Mumbai – India and received a massive and overwhelming response from the Indian visitors.

Continuing further, Mr Da Shan said, "Though we have had a good response from the Indian market in the past, we have always been on the lookout for customers who believe in quality and want to enhance technology and thereby give creative meaning to their embroidery production activity".

Among other embroidery machines, Tai Sang for the very first time in India introduced – 'Platinum' model embroidery machine'. It has the capability to embroider on even a 15 GSM Pashmina as well as very high GSM fabrics like denim jeans and towels

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World Textile News

Turkmenistan boosts investment in textile industry

Turkmenistan has considerably raised its investment in textile industry since it became an independent country in 1991.

According to official reports, the country spent over US\$ 1.65 billion for reforming and upgrading the existing textile units during the years since independence. Of which, about 18 percent or US\$ 300 million came as foreign investment.

As per the reports of the state information service Turkmen Dovlet Khabarlary, setting up of the 'raw material-finished products' chain in a number of huge industrial premises of emerging textile clusters helped the domestic sector earn a competitive edge over world markets.

The report also notes that several large-scale firms were instituted in the country's textile sector during 2012, according to Trend.

Ruhabat textile complex, a first of its kind enterprise in CIS region, with a production capacity of 20.3 million sq m of gray fabric and 40 million sq m of premium dyed fabric, became operational this month.

The state information service noted that the second part of the Abadan cotton mill, one of the biggest pneumo-spinning technology based high-tech textile industries in Central Asia, was also commissioned in 2012.

The US\$ 22.7 million facility with European equipment has a capacity to produce 4,872 tons of combed and 275 tons of ring-spun yarn, over 50 percent of which is meant for exports.

Meanwhile, construction of a new cotton mill in Sadie city in Lebap started in summer this year. The facility would have a capacity to produce 6,000 tons of cotton yarn annually.

Plans are also there to revamp and upgrade the defunct Turkmenabat cotton mill to enable production of 4,000 tons of yarn per annum.

Economic crisis affects Egyptian textile industry

Rattled with economic woes, several Egyptian textile producers are being forced to close down their manufacturing units or operate at reduced capacities due to high cost of imported raw materials and a decline in demand for garments in domestic market. According to a report released by the Investors Union of Egypt, about 1500 production units in the country have either shutdown or suffer from a decrease in production, mainly due to the ongoing economic crisis in the country.

Mr. Mohamed al-Murshedi, president of Textile





activities in the area of oil, gas and petrochemical sector.

Located in the Persian Gulf, South Pars gas field is the world's biggest natural gas condensate field and is shared by Iran and Qatar.

The field has around 1,800 trillion cubic feet or 51 trillion cubic metres of in-situ natural gas and about 50 billion barrels or 7.9 billion cubic metres of natural gas condensate, according to the International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates.

Iran's handwoven carpet exports may miss target

Exports of handwoven carpets from Iran are unlikely to meet the target of US\$ 1 billion set for the current Iranian calendar year that ends on March 19, 2013.

During the first three quarters of ongoing Iranian calendar year that started on March 20, 2012, Iran's carpet exports have registered US\$ 330 million, according to Iran's National Carpet Centre.

Iran exports its handwoven carpets to over 50 countries, including Japan, Germany and Italy.

Hand-woven rugs constitute a key non-oil product of Iran. Russia, China, Indonesia, Brazil and South Africa are some of the emerging markets for Iranian rugs.

According to experts, quality of the Iranian rugs, coupled with their luring colours and designs, are the main reasons for the Persian carpets being in demand all over the world. More than 1.2 million people are employed in Iranian carpet sector.

Ability to produce astronautic cloths in Iran

According to, Mr.Ebrahimi, head of Institute for Astronautical systems of Iranian Space Agency, said that there are all potentials in Iran textile industry to make astronautic clothing.

This kind of clothing will be applied for the second phase of human sending to space. He added that technical knowledge and technologies for manufacturing such clothing currently exist in Iran. Producing has not been considered the priority for Iranian astronautic organization and the project is already in research stage. He said that:" As there is no exigency for production in near future so we are not suppose to go beyond the research stage in this field". He also mentioned that these apparels prices are around 250 million dollars for each western specimen and 150 million dollars for eastern specimen but due to sanctions, buying is impossible. In this regard, Iranian scientists should engage in designing and manufacturing the clothing.

Second phase of West Ethylene Pipeline to start in 2013

The second phase of Iran's West Ethylene Pipeline would be operational by early summer, as 70 percent of the work for the same has already been completed, FARS News Agency reported.

The work on two branches of the trunk line towards Miandoab and Saghez cities has been completed 75 percent and 55 percent, respectively, while part of the pipeline between Kermanchah and Sanandaj cities is over and under final trials are currently being conducted.

Divided into 16 offshoots, the West Ethylene pipeline is 2,504 km long, including the Dena region, which caters to the feedstock requirements of Mamasani, Borojen, Kazeron and Dehdasht petrochemical plants.

The 16th part of the pipeline transmits ethylene through a 10-inch pipeline from Miandoab to 150,000 tons Tabriz petrochemical plant, he added.

While, catering to the requirements of Maha, Kurdistan and Lorestan petrochemical plants is one of the main reasons for expediting work on construction of the pipeline. The first phase of the West Ethylene Pipeline stretching 1,200 km—the world's longest ethylene pipeline—was unveiled by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in the latter half of 2012. The pipeline transfers ethylene produced by Kavian Petrochemical Plant, based in southern part of the country, to petrochemical plants in the western region.



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Iran Textile News

First Iranian National Brands exhibition carried out in Tehran

Trade Development Organization had arranged a four day exhibition for Iran local apparel in order to introduce different manufacturers active in clothing industry together with innovative designers.

Four halls from Tehran international exhibition center allocated to this event, while numerous visitors consisting of experts, producers, designers, traders and university students welcomed the significant fair.

Besides, a conference on brands had been prepared to offer experiments of successful and popular brands, scientific achievements, branding process, etc to whom interested in this fields.

PX & benzene exports from Iran's PSEEZ rise sharply

Over the past few months, there has been a considerable rise in exports of petrochemical products, including paraxylene and benzne, from Pars Special Economic Energy Zone (PSEEZ) based in Assaluyeh in southern province of Bushehr, according to PSEEZ Director General Ahmad Pourheidar, FARS News Agency reported.

The rise in exports of petrochemicals from PSEEZ has been both in terms of value as well as volume, Mr. Pourheidar said.

During the period from mid-March 2012 to mid-January 2013, Iran exported around 14.531 million tons of propane gases, heavy and light polyethylene, butane, gas condensate, benzene and paraxylene, PSEEZ official said.

The products were mainly shipped to countries like the UAE, Indonesia, China, India, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain, Belgium, Romania, Thailand, Turkey, Taiwan, Malaysia, Afghanistan and Vietnam.

The exports of gas condensate and petrochemical products from the PSEEZ during the ten-month period stood at US\$ 11.804 billion, Mr. Pourheidar said. He added that around 7.561 million tons of gas condensate worth US\$ 6.732 billion was exported during the period.

Last month, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad unveiled two major projects in PSEEZ. He inaugurated a 1200 km long 8-24 inch pipeline for transfer of ethylene produced in Kavian petrochemical complex in the PSEEZ to other petrochemical complexes in Kermanshah, Mahabad, Miyandoab, Lorestan and Andimeshk.

The premier also launched the second phase of Kavian petrochemical complex, which would boost the ethylene capacity of the PSEEZ-based complex to two million tons per annum.

PSEEZ was set up in 1988 to facilitate utilization of oil and gas resources of South Pars and to promote commercial







UAE TEXTILE MARKET GROWS AT CAGR OF 9.9%

The report titled "The UAE Apparel and Textile Industry Outlook 2016 – Focus on Re-Exports and Emerging High-End Retail Sector" provides a comprehensive analysis of the various aspects such as market size of the UAE apparel and textile industry on the basis of gross output along with the overview of imports, exports and re-exports of textiles and textile articles. The report also covers the competitive landscape of the leading players of the Outerwear market in UAE. The textile industry in UAE encompasses several categories such as woven, knitted and non-woven fabrics. The UAE textile market in 2011 was valued at USD 13 billion which has grown at CAGR of 9.9% during the period 2006-2011. UAE is one of the major textile markets of the world which includes fibers, fabrics, cloth, apparels, outerwear and several others.

The output of the textile market in UAE has increased from USD 778.1 million in 2007 to USD million in 2011, at a CAGR of 4.7%. In wake of favorable economic and business conditions in the country, the textile manufacturing market in UAE has been experiencing intense competition from the textile manufacturing countries in South East Asia such as China, India and Thailand.

In 2010, there were signs of recovery and the revenue increased by 6.2%. This upward shift can be attributed to demand for textile and textile articles from countries like Iran, Russia, China, India and the other GCC states.

The UAE textile industry is diverse in its products. In 2011, the knitted fabric was the most demanded textile material in UAE which accounted for around 49.7% followed by Woven fabrics with about % of the overall market demand in the country.

UAE brought in maximum of its textile and textile articles imports from China valued at USD 2,152.0 million in 2011. It has been witnessed that China and India constituted a major segment of the textile and textile articles imports in the UAE since the cost of manufacturing apparel and other such articles is very low-priced in these countries due to the availability of low cost labor and low input costs. Iran was the biggest recipient of UAE's textile and textile articles and re-exports at USD 922.9 million, of which Man-Made Filaments again had the highest share of 59.2%. Among the main consumer trends, online

shopping has become more popular and is well received among UAE population. The current size of UAE's online retail market was recorded at USD 227 million.

Men's outerwear volumes grew at CAGR of 0.9% from 16,250.3 thousand units in 2006 from that in 2011. Apparel specialist retailers led the sales of men's outerwear and continued to steadily gain share till the end of the review period, rising to % value share.

Traditional retailers like baby care specialists struggled to compete with leading brands in children's wear because of strong branding and their presence in shopping mall locations. Hosiery sales were hit by a % decline in 2010 but recovered by % in 2011. The Nightwear segment greatly supported by the women's category grew by % in volume terms The apparel industry in UAE has converted from conventional markets to large shopping malls and organized retail chains. UAE's retail industry is expected to grow at a CAGR of 7.6% to a market value of USD million in 2016. The Emiratis are brand conscious people and will continue to spend on luxury brands.

The UAE textile industry is likely to exhibit an encouraging growth with textile trade poised as its main driver. It is expected that the revenue of the industry will grow at a CAGR of 13.3% to USD million in 2016. The industry foresees good profitability in import of textiles and textile articles and then re-exporting them.

Key Topics Covered in the Report

- The market size of the UAE textile industry by output and revenue.
- Segmentation of UAE textile industry by fabric, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.
- The overview of UAE textile trade on the basis of imports exports and re-exports by major countries and products.
- Trends and Development of the UAE apparel and textile industry.
- Overview of outerwear market by categories such as men, women and children.
- Competitive landscape of leading players in the outerwear market of UAE.
- Future outlook and projections of apparel and textile on the basis of revenue and output.

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PRESS RELEASE



HIGHTEX 2013 Istanbul Technical Textiles & Nonwoven Trade Fair





29 MAY - 01 JUNE

INTENSE INTEREST FOR ITM TEXPO 2013 - HIGHTEX 2013 - ISTANBUL YARN FAIR

ITM Texpo Eurasia 2013 which will be held in Istanbul, between **May 29-June 1, 2013** was met with the great interest of participants. While all the stands of the fairs were occupied, new technologies to be showcased began to count the days.







ITM Texpo Eurasia 2013, the only meeting of the world's textile industry fair this year, got full due to heavy requests to participate. With the synergy arising from simultaneously held; ITM Texpo Eurasia 2012 Fair, HIGHTEX 2012 and Istanbul Yarn Fairs, more than 1,000 participants from 40 countries were implemented and more than 40,000 local and foreign visitors were hosted. Due to this intense interest and ongoing investment in the Turkish textile sector, the world's most important technology manufacturer brands and companies are participating to the fair that will be held in 2013 again. The next exhibition due to be held in 2016, many companies who want to take part in Turkish market and want to maintain its place in the market, already took their places in the fair to exhibit their latest technologies and began preparing for the best presentations.

Technological innovations gets a makeover

All brands of the world's leading manufacturer of weaving machines and technologies will promote their new models at **ITM Texpo Eurasia 2013 Fair**. Weaving machines, weaving preparatory machines, all kinds of textile technology, sub-industry products and accessories, will be situated in 8th and 9th halls. Due to the fact that Turkey being the world's leading country in the production of knitting and hosiery, technology producing companies also took their places in the fair. Knitting and hosiery manufacturer companies who received extensive attention and orders in **ITM Texpo Eurasia 2012** preserved their same places in 2013 fair and even have decided to display more machines with larger exhibition booths. In this respect, 12th saloon where knitting and hosiery technologies will be exhibited is fully occupied.

Presentation excitement swept through the Companies

Dyeing-Printing-Finishing technologies, as before, will take place at two seperate halls in **ITM Texpo Eurasia 2013 Fair**. Due to the rapid development of printing industry, involvement of printing machines will heavily be actualized in the hall 7. Dyeing and Finishing technologies, weighted participation will be performed in the lounge 3. The 3rd and 7th halls where Dyeing-Printing-Finishing technologies will be exhibited will host new participants in addition to last year's participants and they are almost in full occupied condition. In lounge 2 where yarn technologies take place, as well as technologies intended for Nonwovens and Technical Textiles will take place. HIGHTEX 2013 Technical Textiles and Nonwovens Fair and Istanbul Yarn Fair where final products will take place will be held simultaneously with ITM Texpo Eurosia Fair, will be a very important factor supporting the technology manufacturer participants. HIGHTEX participants, will be situated in Lounge 2 with technology manufacturers, and in Lounge 10 with manufacturer companies. The lounge-tech manufacturers and 10 Manufacturing companies are situated in the living room. Yarn manufacturers will also be in Hall 5 and Hall 6. World's largest and single meeting of the textile sector in Turkey and in the region; **ITM Texpo Eurasia 2013, HIGHTEX 2013 and Istanbul Yarn Fair**; is held with Technical Fairs and Tuyap partnership, with the support of TEMSAD. This year, compared to 2012 is estimated to be more intense participation in the fair, more than 50,000 local and foreign visitors is predicted.





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EURATEX STRESSES ON IMPORTANCE OF TEXPROCESS & TECHTEXTIL

Mr Francesco Marchi, Director General of EURATEX, was invited as guest speaker on 11th January 2013 to attend the International Press Conference on Texprocess and Techtextil fairs held in Frankfurt.

In his presentation Mr Marchi reviewed the importance of the Textile and Clothing industry, its challenges to come and the role of the Technical textiles & new processes in this industry. In his conclusions he stressed the importance of world-class fairs like Techtexil and Texprocess Fairs for this sector. While reviewing the 2011-2012 economic situation he specified that "During the first ten months of 2012, despite a decrease in physical production, the EU industry registered good results in its exports outside the EU (+7% in €), thanks to very active clothing deliveries and very positive developments in textiles in markets like China, Russia or the United States of America" (with two-digit growth rates in value. He continued highlighting that "Those developments, in so difficult times, are the result of European textile and fashion SME's that constantly invest in innovative products, processes, services and business models to always stay one step ahead of competition."

He continued emphasizing that the key engine of the success is the ability of European textiles companies to propose consumer goods that are fashionable while offering additional functions and or providing flexible solutions to face our society challenges.

Mr Marchi continued underlying that: "Europe leadership across the wide range of applications in

fashion and industrial applications should be nurtured in order to remain reactive and innovative in a world dominated by fast changes and multi-dimensional developments." Interestingly the role and dynamism of Europe in the 2011 world technical textiles market of worth EURO 190 billion allowed EU companies to control and preserve a leading position in a myriad of micro niches and this across the entire spectrum of markets and applications.

In his closing remarks Mr. Francesco Marchi said: "I truly believe that the combination of Texprocess and Techtextil will generate synergies for the visitors providing them a unique spectrum of products covering the entire textile value chain."

He continued underlying that both Fairs not only support the international transfer of knowledge and the exchange of information between colleagues from all over the world but also promote the interests of young people in the sector. He concluded: "Attending in June both Fairs is a must for everyone in the textile & clothing sector who wants to be fully equipped to meet the challenges of the future."

EURATEX is one of the main supporters of the TEXPROCESS Fair - the Leading International Fair for Processing Textile and Flexible Materials which will be organised by Messe Frankfurt between the 10th and 13th June 2013 at the same time of the TECHTEXTIL, the International Trade Fair for Technical Textiles and Nonwovens.



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