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T-PLAS 2023: Successful conclusion at BITEC

- **Event highlights: Recycling Solutions Zone and Circular Economy Conference**
- **Preparations underway for next edition in 2024 – introducing ‘Plastics and Rubber Thailand’**

Singapore, 10 October 2023 - After a four-year pause, T-PLAS, International Trade Fair for the Plastics and Rubber Industries, made a successful return to Bangkok from 20-23 September 2023. The exhibition featured 220 exhibitors from 19 countries and regions, and firmly positioned its role as a comprehensive business and sourcing platform, showcasing the latest in machinery, equipment, raw materials, and services for the sectors. The event saw a global assembly of manufacturers, producers, and leading industry brands, with notable participation from national pavilions and country groups coming from Austria, China, Germany, India, Italy, Singapore, and Taiwan.

Bringing together over 6,400 trade visitors with close to 25 percent coming from outside Thailand, as well as visiting delegations and group visits from Amarin Corporations Public, Inter Eastern Container, Maepim Co, Sunshine Press and UL Printing and Packaging among others, the overall sentiment on the show floor was optimistic and positive with exhibitors commenting on the quality engagements and high-quality trade visitors. Leading manufacturer and distributor of research, analytical and process analysis instruments Bruker Optics, **Dr. Sirinapa (Mui) Saranwong, Business Development and Key Account Manager for SEA**, said: “We did get exposure to new customers in several industries, so it has been worthwhile for us especially considering the high-quality visitors. The visitors are really looking for solutions.”

For German manufacturer of premium magnetic, contaminant detection, sorting and material analysis systems, Sesotec, according to **Villy Boriraj, Managing Director, Sesotec (Thailand)**, they saw some very solid leads and “therefore we are very happy with our participation. Attendees have shown interest in our AI (Artificial Intelligence) technology and our products - metal detectors and being able to demonstrate how it works on the T-Plas show floor has been very good.”

Gernot Ringling, Managing Director, Messe Düsseldorf Asia, said: "It was good to be back in Thailand with T-PLAS this year and to see the healthy and optimistic networking, business engagements and sharing of best practices on the show floor. As Thailand continues to strengthen its position as a leading plastics and rubber hub for the region, T-PLAS 2023 was well timed. The Southeast Asian market holds immense relevance in the world of plastics, with its vibrant and diverse economy driving demand and innovation.”

A Nod to Sustainability

As the call for sustainable plastics continues to echo globally, Thailand's distinction in bioplastics production — second only to the US — fortifies Thailand's commitment to a bio-circular-green (BCG) economy. Thailand's



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standing as a leading regional hub for plastics manufacturing, coupled with its potential to become a bio-plastics hub in the next decade, positions the country as an attractive market for international businesses. **Suteera Leangjan, Area Sales Manager, Specialty Engineered Materials, Avient Specialty Engineered Materials**, whose company was presenting at the Recycling Solutions Zone, was impressed with the quality of the exhibition and buzz on the show floor particularly at the presentation sessions with its sustainability focus. “We had many potential customers come by for our presentation and our booth across many industries so the crossover with the co-located exhibitions was very positive for us.”

This year, T-PLAS took place alongside PACK PRINT INTERNATIONAL, CorruTec ASIA, wire and Tube Southeast Asia, GIFA, and METEC Southeast Asia, creating a one-top platform offering unparalleled opportunities for industry players across multiple sectors.

Highlights at T-PLAS 2023:

- Recycling Solutions Zone: Over 15 companies exhibited innovations in plastic recycling, from Zerma (Thailand)'s energy-efficient granulators to Mitr Pohl Biotech's compostable solutions.
- Forum on Recycling & Sustainability: Attendees delved into the latest recycling advancements, engaging with industry leaders that also included the likes of Erema Engineering Recycling, Lindner Recyclingtech, NGR – Next Generation Recyclingmaschinen, Starlinger Recycling Technology, Riekermann (Thailand), Britas Recycling-Anlagen, and Pack All Plastic-NGR among others.
- The seminar on Circular Economy Challenges for Southeast Asia offered a comprehensive exploration of sustainable strategies, hosting discussions on circularity, ESG compliance, and Southeast Asia's progress towards a green future.

Next edition in 2024 – introducing Plastics and Rubber Thailand

Preparations are already in full swing for 2024 as the stage has been set for Plastics and Rubber Thailand which is scheduled to take place from 15 to 18 May 2024 at BITEC, Bangkok. Jointly organised by Messe Düsseldorf Asia and Informa Markets, this landmark partnership will see the consolidation of their plastics and rubber trade exhibitions portfolio in Southeast Asia.

Starting in 2024, the partners will jointly organise Plastics and Rubber Thailand, and Plastics and Rubber Indonesia, in addition to Plastics and Rubber Vietnam which has been a long-established collaboration since 2008.

For exhibitor **David Cheng Wenbin, Business Director, Polymers - Planet Asia** the collaboration and consolidation of the exhibitions was a positive move and “definitely good news for the industry”.

For insights and a recap of T-PLAS 2023, please visit www.tplas.com

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