ANFA Nonwovens Conference 2014 organized by Asia Nonwoven Fabrics Association (ANFA) in cooperation with All Nippon Nonwovens Association (ANNA) was held on Nov. 26-27, at Taiko-en, Osaka, Japan. Also Welcome Reception Dinner was magnificently held on the previous day, Nov. 25, at Viale Osaka, with about 120 participants including 90 ones from foreign countries.

The conference was held in Japan for the first time, after being held in Taiwan twice 2005 and 2009. Although themes of the past two conferences were centered on the technical site, market trends and product development was taken up as themes this time. An Exhibition was held in the same location as well, of which themes were composed with one keynote, three market trends, 9 technical items and 8 product presentations.

Many questions and answers were enthusiastically exchanged among the speakers and participants during the conference.

The exhibition held total 33 exhibitors including 8 oversea exhibitors, and the numbers of planned booths are almost filled.

Active information exchanges were carried out among the exhibitors and the participants as well, and many exhibitors have highly evaluated that they could promote concrete networks with the customers or participants.

Anyway the ANFA Conference had 402 participants including 106 oversea ones and 43 visitors only to the Exhibition, beyond expectation, and it was supposed that the conference attracted many general participants besides of ANFA or ANNA members.

The report of the ANFA Conference is as follows.
1. **Outline of ANFA Nonwovens Conference 2014**

- **Date**: November 26—27, 2014 (Reception: November 26)
- **Venue**: Taiko-en (Osaka, Japan)
- **Organizer**: Asia Nonwoven Fabrics Association / All Nippon Nonwovens Association
- **Show management office**: EJK Japan, Ltd.
- **Contents**: Conference, Reception, Exhibition
- **Endorsed by**: Taiwan nonwoven Fabrics Association (TNFIA), Korea Nonwoven Industry Cooperative (KNIC), China Nonwovens Technical Association (CNTA), Hong Kong Nonwovens Association (HKNA), INDA (Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry), EDANA (European Disposable and Nonwovens Association)
- **Supported by**: The Society of Fiber Science and Technology Japan, Japan Apparel Fashion Industry Council, Japan Hygiene Products Industry Association, Japan Carpet Manufactures Association, Japan Chemical Fibers Association, the Textile Machinery Society of Japan
- **Cooperated by**: Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry
- **Participants**: Total (Nov. 26-27th) 402
  - Oversea: 106 (China: 66, Korea: 15, Taiwan 12, India: 9, Hong Kong: 3, Other: 1)
  - Japanese: 296 (ANNA members: 224, non-ANNA members: 72)
- **Participants to the Conference**: 368 (Oversea: 106, Japanese: 262)
- **Participants only to the Exhibition**: 43

2. **Conference Report**

   **November 26 (Wed)**

   - **09:00-18:30** Exhibition (Diamond Hall, Exhibition Area 3F)
   - **09:00-10:00** Visitor registration, Coffee break and Networking / Visiting exhibition
   - **10:00-10:30** Opening: Kazuhisa Inoue, Chairman, ANNA
     Yanxi Wang, Chairman, ANFA
     (Guest) Mr. Tsuyoshi Morishita, Director, METI, Kansai Bureau

   ANNA Chairman, Mr. Inoue  ANFA Chairman, Mr. Wang  METI, Kansai Bureau, Mr. Morishita
10:30-11:00   Keynote Speech  Mr. Toshio Takanashi, President, Asahi Fibers Corp. (Japan)  
“Global Development of Fibers and Nonwovens Business by Asahi Kasei Fibers”

Keynote: Mr. Toshio Takanashi (President, Asahi Fibers Corp.)

11:00-12:15   “Market Trend of World & Asia nonwovens”  
Mr. Hideo Tsuchiya, Secretary General, ANFA  
“The Present Trend of China Nonwovens Industry”  
Mr. Xiang Yang, Executive Officer, Working Committee, ANFA  
“Nonwovens Market Trend in India”  
Mr. Samir Gupta, Director, ANFA, Managing Director of Business Co-ordination House (India)

Secretary General, Mr. Tsuchiya  Executive Officer, WC, Mr. Yang  Director, Mr. Gupta

12:15-13:30   Lunch  Networking / Visiting Exhibition

13:30-15:30   “Innovation and Application of Calender Thermo-Finishing on Ultra Thin Non-woven”  
Mr. Alex Yu, General Manager, Chiefwell Engineering Co., Ltd. (Taiwan)
“The Study on the Flame-retardant Non-woven Material of CRH Train Interiors”  
Dr. Zhang Yu, Prof. Nantong University (China)

“Carbon Fiber Composite Materials - History and its Future -”
Mr. Nobuyuki Odagiri, General Manager, ACM Technology Department, Toray Industries, Inc. (Japan)

15:30-16:00 Coffee break and Networking / visiting Exhibition

16:00-17:20 “Nature-inspired Filter Media Design “
Dr. Kuo·Lun (Allan) Tung, Prof. National Taiwan University
“Steam-jet Technology and its Effect and Characteristics”
Mr. Sumito Kiyooka, Development Manager, Kuraray Kuraflex Co., Ltd. (Japan)

18:30-20:30 ANFA Reception (Garden Hall Annex)
Guest speech
Mr. Minoru Suyama, Director General, METI, Kansai Bureau

Toasts
ANFA Vice-chairman, Mr. Takenaka

“Kagamiwari”

Social gathering hall

Closing: ANFA Director, Mr. Miki
November 27 (Thu)

09:00-10:30  “The Present Situation of Battery Separator with Nonwovens”  
Dr. Masanao Tanaka, General Manager, Technical Development Dept.  
of Industrial Materials Div., Japan Vilene Company, Ltd. (Japan)  
"Development of Synthetic HEPA Filter on Using Electro Spinning and  
Melt-blown Processes."  
Mr. Kim Jung-kun, Vice president, Dongwha Vitex Co., Ltd. (Korea)

10:30-10:50  Coffee break and Networking / visiting Exhibition

10:50-12:10  “The Latest Trend of Hygiene Products and Nonwovens for them”  
Mr. Koudai Furuya, Group Manager, Strategic Purchasing Group,  
Procurement Department, Global R &D Div. Unicharm Corp. (Japan)  
“Development of Nonwovens Technology and Application”  
Dr. Osamu Yaida, Adviser, ANNA, Former Prof. Kyoto Women’s University  
(Japan)

12:10-13:00  Lunch  Networking / Visiting Exhibition
Product Presentations by Exhibitors  Room 1

13:00-13:05  “Opening”  Dr. Osamu Yaida, Adviser, ANNA
13:05-13:30  “ELMARCO / NANO SPIDER & NANOVAL / Split fiber Spunbond”  
Nikko Tecno Co., Inc./ELMARCO LTD.
13:40-13:55  “INTRODUCTION OF NIPPON NOZZLE CO., LTD & ON MELTBLOWN”  
NIPPON NOZZLE CO., LTD
14:05-14:20  “GLOBAL NONWOVENS LIMITED-QUALITY SPUNMELT NONWOVEN  
SUPPLIER FOR HYGIENE & MEDICAL APPLICATIONS”  
GLOBAL NONWOVENS LIMITED

Mr. Mizuma, Nikko Techno  Mr. Kitamura, Nippon Nozzle  Mr. MALLYAH, Global Nonwovens

Product presentation, Room 1

14:30-14:45  “New Nanofiber Production Method  “ForceSpinning Technology”  
YAMAGUCHI SANGYO CO., LTD./Fibrio Technology
14:55-15:10  “Ultrasonic Welder Technology”  
Branson Ultrasonics, Emerson JAPAN, Ltd.

Mr. Yamaguchi, Yamaguchi Sangyo  Mr. Furuya, Emerson Japan

Product Presentations by Exhibitors  Room 2

13:50-14:05  “Metallic wire for Nonwoven Roller Card”  
Kanai Juyo Kogyo Co., Ltd
14:15-14:45  “Calender-Finishing for Ultra-Thin Non-Woven”  
(Nomex / Ni-plated PET / Stainless steel fiber mash)  
CHIEFWELL ENGINEERING CO., LTD.
14:55-15:25  “Tencel to enhance products performance - in trend with flushable functions”
Lenzing Fibers / Fiber Coordinate Services Ltd.

Mr. Kaneshiku, Kanai Juyo Kogyo  Mr. Yu, CHIEFWELL  Ms. Nomura, Fiber Coordinate Services

Product presentation, Room 2

3. Exhibition Report

Total Exhibitors: 33 (Oversea 8, Japanese 23, Association 2)

Oversea Exhibitors: 7 companies (China 3, India 2, Korea 2, Taiwan 1)

- Birla Cellulose Grasim Industries Ltd (India)
- CHIEFWELL ENGINEERIG CO., LTD. (Taiwan)
- DALIAN HUAYANG CHEMICAL FIBER TECHNOLOGY CO., LTD (China)
- DONGWON ROLL Co., Ltd. (Korea)
- GLOBAL NONWOVENS LIMITED (India)
- J & Co., Ltd. (Korea)
- NANTONG XINLIVYE NONWOVENS CO., LTD (China)
- SHANTOU SANFAI NONWOVEN MACHINERY, LTD (China)
Japanese Exhibitors: 23 companies

AMBIC CO., LTD.
ASAHI KASEI FIBERS CORPORATION
Branson Ultrasonics, Emerson JAPAN, Ltd.
DAIWABO RAYON Co., Ltd.
DYNIC CORPORATION
Fiber Coordinate Services Limited/Lenzing Fibers
FREUDENBERG • SPUNWEB • JAPAN CO., LTD
Japan Vilene Co., Ltd.
JX Nippon Oil & Energy Corporation
Kanai Juyo Kogyo Co., Ltd
KASUGA ELECTRIC WORKS LTD
Kuraray Kuraflex Co., Ltd.
KURASHIKI TEXTILE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.
Mashintex, LTD.
MIKI TOKUSHU PAPER MFG. CO., LTD.
Nikko Tecno Co., Inc./ELMARCO LTD.
NIPPON NOZZLE CO., LTD
NIPPON PURETEC CO., LTD.
Nordson K.K.
Omikenshi Co., Ltd
Shinwa Corp.
TEIJIN LIMITED
YAMAGUCHI SANGYO CO., LTD./Fibrio Technology
Association Exhibitors: 2 organizations

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