

## What is JIMTOF2024?

JIMTOF2024 (The 32<sup>nd</sup> Japan International Machine Tool Fair), one of the largest machine tool exhibitions in the world that is organized by the Japan Machine Builders' Association and Tokyo Big Sight, Inc., will be held at Tokyo Big Sight (Tokyo International Exhibition Center) for six days from November 5 (Tue.) to 10 (Sun.), 2024. The theme of the six-day fair is "Technologies passed down to the future offers unlimited possibilities".

JIMTOF2024, which will be held for the 32<sup>nd</sup> time, will be the largest ever in terms of both the number of exhibitors and booths. 1,262 companies from 19 countries and regions around the world will exhibit at 5,610 event booths (as of October 3, 2024). The number of visitors is expected to be approximately 130,000 visitors more than the number of visitors in JIMTOF 2022. In addition to these exhibits, JIMTOF2024 will also feature lectures, seminars, and special exhibits on various themes throughout the exhibition period so as to respond to the high level of interest in machine tools among visitors.

JIMTOF2024 will introduce the latest products and technologies of participating companies from a wide range of products, including Metal Cutting Machine Tools, Metal Forming Machine Tools, Machine Tool Accessories, Tools for Machines (cutting tools & wear-resistant tools), Diamond and CBN Tools, Grinding Wheels and Abrasives, Gears and Gear Devices, Oil Hydraulic, Pneumatic and Water Hydraulic Machinery, Precision Measuring Machines and Instruments, Optical Measuring Instruments, Testing Machinery and Control Equipment and related software (CAD, CAM, etc.).

Following on from JIMTOF2022, JIMTOF2024 will set up the special exhibition "Additive Manufacturing Area in JIMTOF 2024" in the South Exhibition Hall area, where innovative products and technologies related to Additive Manufacturing (AM) and 3D printer-related products and technologies, which are attracting attention as innovative technologies in the manufacturing industry. A special seminar venue will be set up in the area where 53 exhibitors will introduce their latest products, cutting-edge technologies and solutions every day.

In addition to a variety of lectures, JIMTOF2024 will feature a new "Academic Area" as a parallel event. In the Academic Area, there will be a "Career Matching Square" where students can directly interact with the general managers and human resources staff of exhibiting companies. The "Academic Area" will feature a "Career Matching Square" where students can interact directly with general managers and personnel from exhibiting companies, IMEC (International Machine Tool Engineers Conference), and a "Special Exhibit" where university and technical college students, who will lead the next generation, can deepen their knowledge of

the machine tool industry. In addition, information dissemination services on the official website, such as the YouTube channel "JIMTOF INSIGHTS" and the online catalog function, will be expanded to attract visitors and activate business negotiations.

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