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German Foreign Minister visits the NanoTech 2006 trade fair in Tokyo

Minister Steinmeier visits the German nanotechnology pavilion



Foreign Minister Steinmeier showed considerable interest in a presentation given by smaller and medium-sized German companies on 21st February 2006 at the Nano Tech trade fair in Tokyo. This fair represents the biggest exhibition in the field of nanotechnology in the world. Sponsored by the German Ministries of Economics and Labour and Education and Research, Germany was represented for the first time with a pavilion at the NanoTech 2006. The presentation won praise for its high technical quality and was awarded a special prize. The NanoTech Award for 2006 went to the German pavilion.

The presentation by German smaller and medium-sized companies is part of the German Year 2006 in Japan, which is intended to give the Japanese public an idea of modern life in Germany and of its diversity. This also includes the presentation of Germany as a leading European country in the field of science and technology and as an economy with considerable potential.

On behalf of the German Ministry of Education and Research the VDI Technologiezentrum GmbH together with approximately thirty German companies showed during the period from 21st to 23rd February a range of achievements in the field of nanotechnology. Participation at industrial fairs sponsored by the German federal government give small and medium-sized companies the opportunity to make their products known in Japan and to initiate new business contacts. There will be a further display of the achievements of smaller and medium-sized German companies in Asia in the field of nanotechnology in Shanghai in November 2006.

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