

TRUMPF establishes first production facility in Japan

Europe's largest machine tool manufacturer develops and produces automation concepts in Fukushima

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Ditzingen/Fukushima, April 23, 2008 – TRUMPF is the first German machine tool manufacturer to launch production on Japanese soil. "We are crowning 30 successful years with our Japanese sales and service company by setting a further milestone. Our new subsidiary TRUMPF Manufacturing Japan produces and also develops automation and warehousing concepts", Dr. Mathias Kammüller, Head of the TRUMPF Machine Tool and Power Tool Division, explained. The new production site is located in Fukushima, 250 kilometers north of Tokyo. Before the opening on April 22, 2008, six months of extensive reconstruction and renovation work had to be accomplished on the former site of an automotive industry supplier. The excellent infrastructure with access to train and highways played an important role in the location selection.

During the first investment phase, 35 employees will work in the new 4,500 sq. meter production plant. It is located on a 31.000 sq. meter area that allows a further extension. So far TRUMPF has invested more than 14 million US Dollar.

The products manufactured in Fukushima are primarily aimed at application in Japan. In combination with the compact and automated TRUMPF sheet metal processing machines these comply especially well with the requirements of the Japanese market due to their comparatively small foot print. The new production site will work closely with local suppliers to increase competitive advantage.

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For TRUMPF, Japan is among the top five markets worldwide. The company's involvement in the "land of the rising sun" has a long tradition. In 1977, TRUMPF started off with sales and services of machine tools for the local market. Today, the company offers its complete range of products and reached sales of 100 million Euro (1.55 billion Yen) in fiscal year 2006/07.

Around 180 employees work for TRUMPF in Japan including those of the new production site in Fukushima. "The country represents a vital building block in our growth strategy for Asia", Dr. Mathias Kammüller explains. "Localizing production is another well thought-out step within this long-term expansion strategy."

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Located 250 kilometers north of Tokyo, TRUMPF is the first German machine tool manufacturer to produce on Japanese soil.



TRUMPF Manufacturing Japan develops and produces automation and warehousing concepts.



The production hall of TRUMPF Manufacturing Japan is 100m long and 42 m wide.



At the opening ceremony, Rikyo Watanuki (Plant Manager TRUMPF Manufacturing Japan), Yoshikazu Hamakawa (Vice President TRUMPF Japan), Harald Dickertmann (Managing Director TRUMPF Japan) and Dr Mathias Kammüller (Head of the TRUMPF Machine Tool and Power Tool Division) planted a typical German fir tree.

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