

Press release

Meat Pro Asia debuts this week with sustainability, future food headlining conference programme

A new chapter for the meat processing and packaging industry begins in South East Asia this week as the first edition of Meat Pro Asia gets underway from 8 – 10 March. Using the fair as a launching pad to a wide range of relevant food producers, manufacturers and retailers from the region, over 100 exhibitors from 20 plus countries and regions are taking part, while 20 plus seminar and forum sessions are scheduled, headlined by future food, sustainability and food safety.

"We're delighted to bring the curtains up, and above all to welcome trade visitors from across South East Asia to explore this first edition," says Mr Jack Wong, Deputy General Manager, Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd. "There's always a lot of anticipation when a new trade fair opens, and this project is something that we are especially excited about because of its links to IFFA in Germany, the world's leading trade fair for Technology for Meat Processing and Alternative Proteins. This connection has helped us attract a quality line-up of international exhibitors including many European brands, putting visitors in touch with the latest technologies: from testing, processing and sanitation, to packaging and preservation solutions."

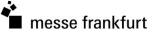
The European contingent includes leading suppliers such as Adifo, AVITEC, Baader Food Systems Denmark, Bayle, Bizerba, Bolidt, Brødrene Hartmann, Colubris Cleantech, Europack, GMMI, Hiperscan, Marelec Food Technologies, Marel, Multivac, Munkfors, NECTRA, Nuovo BV, Ovotherm International, Rational Labelling and many more. Influential brands from Asia and the United States are also well represented.

As one of South East Asia's only net food exporters, exhibitors have identified Thailand and Meat Pro Asia as the ideal destination to connect with relevant food producers and manufacturers. Ms Panadda Kongma, Director of Agribusiness and Operations, VNU Asia Pacific further explains: "The co-location and visitor synergies with VIV Asia, hosting more than 1,200 exhibitors from the protein production supply chain, further cements the opportunities available to participants. While VIV

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Asia covers feed to food, Meat Pro Asia presents the final steps in processing and packaging: a crucial step in delivering meat from farm to table. These synergies, together with a quality exhibitor line-up and conference programme means the full range of industry topics are available for exploration and partnership."

Sustainability and future foods in focus

With ethical eating as a growing concern for consumers in South East Asia, the Meat Pro Asia conference programme echoes the major trends in this area that are taking hold around the world. Some highlights include:

- How Meat Producers Can Benefit from the Alternative Protein Boom: Good Food Institute Asia Pacific (GFI APAC)
- <u>Alternative Protein Solutions for Meat Producers:</u> Bühler Southeast Asia & Oceania
- <u>Cultured Meat: Trends of Technology and Future:</u> Department of Pharmacology, Faculty of Veterinary Science, Chulalongkorn University
- How North America/Europe is Overcoming the Alternative Meat
 Processing Challenges and How Asia Can Benefit from It
 Schellhas Food Technology Consultants
- Delighting Customers and Consumers with Alternative Proteins
 through Application Development: Thai Union Group PLC

Reducing food wastage and streamlining manufacturing is another important topic that will be covered in depth on day two of the conference programme:

- <u>A Look Into The Future: The Smart Factory:</u> Multivac Group
- Natural Five: The Power of Natural Refrigerants: Mayekawa
- Food and Material Wastage At the End of Production Line: Bizerba Southeast Asia
- How to Reduce Manufacturing Costs while Maintaining Quality Standards: HiperScan GmBH
- Driving Food Safety and Productivity with Innovations: Ecolab
- <u>Fail-Safe System</u> by Mettler Toledo
- <u>Food Safety in the Egg Business:</u> MOBA
- Automating Traceability to Maximize Food Safety: Marel

Day three is tailored for manufacturers and suppliers targeting the Halal market:

- <u>Halal Certification:</u> More Than Just a Religion: LLPOM MUI
- Halal Food Industry: The Halal Science Center, Chulalongkorn University
- What to consider when designing a Food safety program for the Halal community: Vikan A/S
- <u>Future Food Trend in Meat Industry Sector:</u> Thai Automation and Robotics Association at VIV Square

Meat Pro Asia Bangkok, 8-10 March 2023 www.meatpro-asia.com Held together with VIV Asia – the largest fair in Asia for livestock production and animal husbandry, Meat Pro Asia focuses exclusively on solutions that deliver meat from farm to table. This includes slaughtering, the full processing chain, packaging, labelling, cold chain logistics, quality control, hygiene, IoT and automation, waste water treatment and more.

The inaugural edition, organised by Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd and VNU Group, will take place from 8 – 10 March 2023 in Challenger 1, IMPACT, Bangkok. For more information, please e-mail <u>meatproasia@china.messefrankfurt.com</u> and/or <u>meatproasia@vnuasiapacific.com</u>

Register now at https://www.databadge.net/viva2023/reg/mpa/

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Background information on Messe Frankfurt

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