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1] What are your expectations from ITMA ASIA + CITME 2018?

The fair will be an indicator with regard to the upgrading efforts especially of the Chinese but also of the Indian textile industries and the relocation trends within Asia.

2] How do you see importance of ITMA ASIA + CITME 2018 in Asian Market?

ITMA ASIA + CITME is a good complement to ITMA in Europe. While ITMA in Europe is the innovation hub of the textile machinery world, ITMA ASIA + CITME is proving itself through the close proximity to major markets, attracting visitors from various Asian countries.

### 3] TEXTILE MACHINERY at ITMA ASIA + CITME 2018?

Visitors to this year's ITMA ASIA + CITME can expect from exhibiting VDMA member companies: Technology for highest productivity and flexibility as well as constantly high quality of textiles! Furthermore, focus will be on low set-up times, few maintenance requirements and high degree of automation. Other topics are resource and energy efficient technologies to meet sustainability requirements. And of course, intelligent manufacturing: Industrie 4.0! Customers at the cutting edge are interested in condition monitoring and predictive maintenance, including remote services. Virtual machines, traceability, remote control data exchange, intelligent and self-optimising user interfaces or individualisation are other hot topics.

### 4] Your message for Asian Market?

Copycat machines may look very similar to the systems they are designed to emulate, and they are a price class cheaper. But all too often they merely prove the truth of the German proverb "Buy cheap, buy twice". Asian textile manufacturers already relying on German technology are aware of the long-term advantages: Due to low maintenance charges and reliability in production, the initial investment in a German textile machine pays definitely off.