

## Thailand Lab International stimulating big investments

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Thailand Lab 2019, 9<sup>th</sup> international trade exhibition and conference on analytical laboratory equipment and technology, began on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept at the Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Center (BITEC) with over 260 exhibitors from 30 countries participating in it. From this year, one more arm 'Bio Investment Asia 2019' has also been added to the show.

The three day show was inaugurated by Dr Pathom Sawanpanyalert, Thailand's Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Science & Technology, Higher Education, Science, Research & Innovation. Also present for the inaugural ceremony were Suwan Pongsuck, President, Science & Technology Trade Association; Dr Sirasak Tepakum, Deputy CEO, Thailand Center of Excellence for Life Sciences (TCELS); Puripan Bunnag, Director of TCEB's President office department, Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB); Heiko Stutzinger, MD, VNU Exhibition Asia pacific Co Ltd, and Anucha Parnpichate, Head of Science and Technology and Project Manager of Thailand Lab International, VNU Exhibition Asia pacific Co Ltd.

Dr Sawanpanyalert said that Thailand Lab International which was being organized for last several years has become one of the biggest science & technology platforms for the country. He said he believed that it will become one of the key accelerators to move the country forward to become a value based and innovation driven economy. Pongsunk said Thailand Lab International has successfully stimulated investment in lab equipment and technology. It has covered biotechnology and medical platform synchronized with Thailand's development, said Bunnag. Thailand is a true market place for analytical equipment and Thailand can become medical hub for Southeast region, said Stutzinger.

Besides the well-known giants in the field like Shimadzu, PerkinElmer, Agilent, Merc, Thermo Fisher Scientific, there are several big, medium and small companies including CPT, Buchi, DKSH, Analytikjena etc present in the expo. Over 255 companies and organisations from 30 countries are present. China, India, Italy and Korea have country pavilions. Besides, there is a lab service section and start up section.

Akshat Rastogi, Director, Thomas Baker (Chemicals), from India, has been participating in this exhibition for the last six

years. He said the market in the entire South east region is growing. Chintan Parikh, CEO, EIE instruments, from India said he learnt about Thailand Lab from an e mail and has participated in it for the first time.

Anshul Goel, Director Export, Goel Scientific Glass Work, said market was surely growing but the companies need to keep on innovating to exploit the situation of the growing market. Clients keep wanting something new regularly, he added. Sureert Sangwujti, molecular specialist, Perkin Elmer, said “normally in Thailand customers know us. But we are here so they know about us more and see our products, including newly launched.”

PerkinElmer has displayed for the first time in Thailand Lab its new model of Lambda UV which has been launched last year. Shimadzu has displayed its new instrument Nexis SCD 2030 and Nexera UHPLC series. The expo accompanied by conferences will continue till September 27.