More Belt and Road countries participate in China Hi-Tech Fair 2017 in Shenzhen

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More than 3,000 exhibitors from over 30 countries will present more than 1,000 new products and technologies at the China Hi-Tech Fair 2017 in the southern city of Shenzhen, Guangdong province, according to the organizers.

The six-day fair, with the theme of “innovation-driven development and supply quality upgrade,” will kick off on Thursday.

CHTF is an annual event that first took place in 1999 and has become the largest State-level international high-tech fair in China, said Su Yanwei, deputy director of the fair’s organizing committee.

This year’s fair will display more than 10,000 products, with about 30 percent staging their global debut at the event, according to the committee.

These new products will include a 3-D robotic sorting system developed by local, an infrared cloak by Shenzhen Kang-Chi and flexible rechargeable batteries by the Shenzhen Institute of Advanced Technology at the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

China Mobile, China Telecom, China Unicom and China Electronics Technology Group Corp will jointly display 5G products and solutions. Telecom giants Huawei and ZTE will showcase their smart-city technologies.

Su estimates about 500,000 people will attend the fair from 80 countries and regions.

The fair, covering a total exhibition area of 120,000 square meters, will gather delegates from ministries and State commissions, provinces and municipalities, universities and colleges, companies and startups.

Gao Yuyue, deputy secretary-general of the Shenzhen government, said the fair will set up an exhibition area particularly for early-stage startups for the first time.

Nearly 100 exhibitors, including 50 startup-stage startups and other startup companies, will present their inventions at the zone. Meanwhile, international and local incubators and investors will also participate in the activities.

The fair’s organizers began selecting candidates for the CHTF Top 10 Products Awards in late October, attracting more than 300 competitors, such as ZTE, China’s electronics giant BGI and personal computer-maker Tonghua Tongfang. The winners were announced on Friday.

Among the winners are a 4-inch flexible full-screen cover matrix organic LED display and a machine that transforms air into drinking water. Visitors will have the chance to experience the advanced gadgets at the fair.

In addition, as connectivity fueled by the Belt and Road Initiative between China and other countries is increasing, CHTF sees a rise in its exchanges with international partners in line with the expansion of China’s economic cooperation.

Since CHTF launched the Belt and Road Pavilion, which attracted 20 delegations from 21 countries in 2015, this themed pavilion has been on stage for three years in a row. This year, 27 countries will send their delegations to display their products at the pavilion.

In addition, exhibition groups from Argentina and Papua New Guinea will make their debut at the China Hi-Tech Fair this year.

Among these delegations that have registered with the organizers is one from Bavaria, Germany: an air and fun of the fair. CHTF 2017 will mark the delegations’ 19th attendance since the first fair.

This year’s event will also witness the unprecedented large-scale presence of the Czech Delegation, jointly sponsored by the Czech Embassy and the Czech Trade Office at CHTF.

Forums and lectures will be another eye-catching feature of the fair, covering the topics of artificial intelligence, new energy, robotics, aviation, aerospace, the internet of things, smart cities and new materials.

The main forum will focus on innovation and future technology. It aims to provoke people’s thoughts about the future by displaying and sharing future-oriented, disruptive technologies.

Renowned experts and industry leaders will give their insights in the fields of gene science, graphene materials, the internet of things and startups.

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