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Toy & Edu China, Baby & Stroller China and Licensing China: strong visitor traffic expected at next week's trio of fairs

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As the first series of fairs held in mainland China for the toy, maternity & baby, and licensing industries after the reopening of borders in the country, organisers are expecting an increase in visitors returning to the fairground. Buyers will be able to source the latest products across 130,000 sqm of exhibition space at the Shenzhen World Exhibition and Convention Center from over 1,400 exhibitors representing six countries and regions. Toy & Edu China, Baby & Stroller China and Licensing China will be opening their doors from 7 to 9 April 2023.

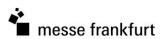
Ms Wilmet Shea, General Manager of Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd, shared her thoughts on the returning shows: "We are thrilled to have these fairs opening during this peak sourcing season, and even more so in the wake of China recently scrapping a host of domestic and international travel restrictions. This means global fair participants will be able to expand their business reach in-person in one of the world's fastest-growing manufacturing hubs and consumer markets, and we are expecting to see an increase in visitor numbers and international participation as a result."

Who's participating this year?

Bringing buyers an increased level in quality exhibitors and product variety has been a priority for the concurrent shows in recent years. For Toy & Edu China, Colorato, Everite and MIC-O-MIC will be staged at the special Hong Kong Pavilion located at the International Zone in Hall 15. Other globally-recognised overseas brands Hape, Theo Klein and TY will also join the line-up. IP brands including L.O.L. SURPRISE!, Milo, Pororo the Little Penguin and Sesame Streets will make an appearance at Licensing China in Hall 16. And in Hall 17, Baby & Stroller China will showcase the latest baby and maternity products for buyers to source, from well-known brands such as Babybean, BAOBAOHAO, Road Mate and more.

Strong international buyer participation has already been confirmed before the shows in the shape of three delegations from Korea and Indonesia. Led by the Korean Content Licensing Association (KOCLA), the Korea Toy Industry Cooperative and Asosiasi Mainan Indonesia respectively, over 30 overseas delegates will hit the fairgrounds during the three-day fairs. Domestic buyer groups also cannot be ignored, with at least 45 companies in different fields and regions grouped into three

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delegations.

Extensive industry insights

A range of trending and cross-sector topics related to the toy, baby and licensing industries will be discussed at the fairs. Guest speakers will be covering livestreaming e-commerce, STEAM products and education innovations, licensing industry development, opportunities brought by the Metaverse and more. Here is a sneak peek of the fringe programme:

Event: Greater Bay Area Brand Licensing Industry Development Forum 2023

- Talks: Sharing and Analysing the Global Licensing Industry
- Round table discussions: How to create more attractive content for the Animation IP in Post-Pandemic; How to do Marketing in Fashion Industry

<u>Event: Perceiving the Metaverse & Empowering the New Forms of Consumption</u>

- Talks: Create a Boundless Community; The New Opportunities of AIGC Digital Content; Creating an IP Image in the Metaverse Era; The New Channels of Web3 and Metaverse; Futuristic AR Innovation and Design
- Round table discussions surrounding IP industry topics.

'E-connect 360' will again be available this year to help exhibitors extend their reach online. Buyers will be able to use the digital platform to schedule onsite meetings with exhibitors or look for quality products if they cannot visit the fairs in person.

Toy & Edu China, Baby & Stroller China and Licensing China are organised by the Guangdong Toy Association, Guangzhou Li Tong Messe Frankfurt Co Ltd and Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd. For more information, please visit:

- Toy & Edu China
- Baby & Stroller China
- Licensing China

Notes to editors:

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