

**TECHTERA – Textiles and Flexible Materials Cluster
International Collective Mission – Japan 2016**

TECHTERA will be in Japan for an International Collective mission, **from 5 to 8 December** 2016.



With the **FRANCE JAPAN INNOVATION YEAR** coming to an end, a delegation of French companies from the **textile** sector will be in Japan from 5 to 8 December 2016.

6 innovative SMEs will visit industrials, universities, R&D centers from the textiles and flexible materials sector to develop ties with Japanese partners. They will also attend the **Great France-Japan Innovation Forum** at the French embassy in Osaka. This mission is carried out by **BUSINESS FRANCE**, the **DIRECTION GENERALE DES ENTREPRISES** and 2 French clusters: **TECHTERA** and **UP-TEX**.

Schedule**5 December:**

- Working group at the METI (*Tokyo*)
- B2B meeting in the METI (*Tokyo*)
- Networking dinner (*Osaka*)

6 December:

- French-Japanese innovation forum (*Osaka*)
- « Technical Textiles » seminar (*Osaka*)
- Gala evening (*Osaka*)

7 December:

- Meeting with ASICS' teams (*Kobe*)
- Meeting with Asahi Kasei's teams (*Osaka*)

8 December:

- Visit of the Bunka Fashion College (*Tokyo*)
- Visit of the Nitto Innovation Center (*Tokyo*)

TECHTERA is the cluster dedicated to textiles and flexible materials of the AUVERGNE-RHÔNE-ALPES Region, French leader in the technical textiles field. The cluster supports its 125 members – companies, research laboratories, technical centers, universities – in the emergence, structuration and implementation of their collaborative R&D projects. Since its creation in 2005, Techtera approved 182 innovative R&D projects that received funding. They represent a global R&D budget of 495 million euros. These projects are under development or, for some of them, closed with an innovation already available on the application markets of the technical textiles field: furnishing, clothing, buildings, industry, health, individual protection, transports...

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