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Who are we?

TECHTERA is the innovation 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 centres, universities – in the emergence, structuration and implementation of their **collaborative R&D projects**. Since its creation in 2005, **TECHTERA** has 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, finalised with an innovation already available on the application markets of the technical textiles field: furnishing, clothing, buildings, industry, health, individual protection, transport, etc.



France Japan Innovation Year

In order to promote the skills of France and Japan and to support partnerships between the two countries, the French and Japanese Prime Ministers launched the **France Japan Innovation Year on October 5th, 2015**.

This initiative targeted three main areas:

- **Sciences**: space studies, nuclear technologies, materials sciences, oceanography, biology, medicine and digital studies.
- **Economics and business**: companies built partnerships in various sectors, focusing on innovation and R&D (energy, automotive, health, sustainable development, etc.).
- **Cultural and creative industries**: design, cinema, visual arts, architecture, etc.

The goals of the mission

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**. They will take part in the **Great France-Japan Innovation Forum** held by the Embassy of France in Japan.

Six innovative SMEs will visit industrialists, universities, R&D centres from the textiles and flexible materials sector to develop ties with Japanese partners.

TECHTERA will join the mission to advise its members and share information with them. The General Manager of TECHTERA **Corinne FARACE** will present the cluster in detail, and will share knowledge on **2 important themes: factories for the future and the silk sector**.

During this week, the **French-Japanese working group on textiles** will gather for the fourth time as part of the France-Japan industrial cooperation committee. This meeting will not only be the occasion for summing up action undertaken during the few last years and analysing their results, but will also **be an impetus for action in the coming years**.

Le planning

5 décembre 2016 :

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

6 décembre 2016 :

- French-Japan innovation forum (Osaka)
- "Technical Textiles" seminar (Osaka)
- Gala evening (Osaka)

7 décembre 2016 :

- Meeting with the ASICS R&D teams (Kobe)
- Meeting with the ASAHI KASEI teams (Osaka)

8 décembre 2016 :

- Visit to the BUNKA FASHION COLLEGE (Tokyo)
- Visit to the NITTO Innovation Center (Tokyo)

Our members

SFATE & COMBIER

MAISON FRANÇAISE FONDÉE EN 1850

With more than 160 years of experience and **2000 new fabrics** created every year, SFATE & COMBIER is an expert in the creation of fabrics, especially **lightweight and silk muslin fabrics**.

SFATE & COMBIER masters the whole production chain on a local scale, and offers a 100% French creation.

SIGVARIS
LIFE FOR LEGS

SIGVARIS is a family company founded in 1864, world leader in the **manufacturing of medical compressive stockings**. For an entire century, SIGVARIS manufactured elastic textiles with rubber to be sold in Switzerland and abroad. Since 2009, the **WELLNESS and SPORT** ranges of products have joined the **MEDICAL** category.



TENTHOREY
PRODUITS TEXTILES DEPUIS 1906

TENTHOREY is one of the leaders of the textile industry, and one of the **initiators of the sector's renewal**.

The company has more than 100 years of experience and a **high tech production unit**, and offers a large collection of cotton based bags, shopping carriers and holdalls to be used as communication supports for diverse companies and institutions.