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Saturday, 12 October was the closing day of 34.BI-MU, the international biennial exhibition dedicated to the industry of machine tools, robots, automation, digital and additive manufacturing, and subcontracting, was held at Fieramilano Rho on Wednesday, 9 October.

Organized by EFIM-ENTE FIERE ITALIANE MACCHINE and promoted by UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE, the Italian machine tools, robots, automation systems, and auxiliary products manufacturers' association, 34.BI-MU featured the best of the international sector production, an expression of the product offerings of over 750 companies, 8.5% more than those registered for the 2022 edition, on a total area of 65,000 square meters.

A percentage of 37% of the exhibiting companies were from abroad: Germany, Japan, Taiwan, Switzerland, USA, Spain, France, China, South Korea, Austria, UK, Turkey, Czech Republic, Denmark, Poland, Netherlands, San Marino, Ireland, Hong Kong, Belgium were the represented countries.

About 33,000 trade operators were present over the four days of the exhibition. Of these, 5% came from 62 foreign countries. The most represented countries were: Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, and Slovenia for Europe; the USA and Brazil for the Americas; China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Turkey for Asia.

Among the foreign visitors were also 80 operators - mostly users and including some journalists, coming from 15 countries (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, China, Croatia, Egypt, France, India, Morocco, Mexico, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, USA, Uzbekistan, Vietnam) - invited within the mission organized by UCIMU-SISTEMI PER PRODURRE, in cooperation with ICE-Italian Trade Agency and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

A total of 4,000 students took part in BI-MU through free and guided tours organized to 35 young tutors from Higher Technological Institutes, in addition to students from high schools, for the first time, the exhibition opened its doors to students from lower secondary schools, a crucial turning point in deciding which educational path to take after "compulsory schooling". All students were welcomed in the ROBOTGAMES area, where the initiatives of the Special Education & Job project took place, conceived to encourage