Press release

Guangzhou Electrical Building Technology 2022 to integrate smart technologies this summer

Guangzhou Electrical Building Technology (GEBT) is set to bring leading brands from a variety of different industries together as the fair adopts the theme "The integration of the smart building ecosystem". The show will be held alongside Guangzhou International Lighting Exhibition (GILE) once again at the China Import and Export Fair Complex. Returning this summer as a hub for smart building technologies, the exact show dates will be announced soon following close coordination with the fairground. In 2021, both shows featured 2,036 exhibitors and attracted 97,688 visitors.

The Chinese government's latest 14th Five-Year Plan (2021 – 2025) promotes the development of smart cities and digital villages, with an aim to make China the global leader in innovation by 2035. To this end, investment in R&D is increasing by 7% annually. The government is also prioritising the development of cloud computing, big data, IoT, industrial internet, AI, virtual reality and more¹, which it plans to integrate into its smart cities. Furthermore there is a goal to implement full 5G network coverage in urban and rural areas of the country² by building 3.64 million 5G base stations by 2025³. In Guangzhou, the local government has promised to accelerate the development of 5G, AI, big data and IoT in its efforts to build a smart city⁴.

In response, a wide range of different industries are engaging with one another to meet the demand created by these national policies. Working together, they can take advantage of the opportunities and overcome the challenges of cross-industry collaboration to further the development of smart technologies. As a leading platform for the entire smart building ecosystem, GEBT is well positioned to support these initiatives by

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gathering the leading players from across a range of smart technology areas including smart buildings, smart hotels, smart audio-visual technologies and more. In doing so, the fair will facilitate the promotion of the latest innovative technologies helping to spark the industry's development. This will in turn provide access to greater business opportunities for all participants.

Ms Lucia Wong, Deputy General Manager of Messe Frankfurt (HK) Ltd commented: "The positive feedback from last year's edition reflects the fact that participants are optimistic about the industry's future. Furthermore, the Chinese government has made commitments towards building smart cities and developing a digital economy in its 14th Five-Year Plan. There is thus, much anticipation around how the various smart industries can collaborate to help achieve these goals. As a platform that serves the entire smart building ecosystem, GEBT is committed to promoting new technologies to foster the development of the industry and create more business opportunities for all fairgoers."

Three product zones to represent the integration of smart technologies

This year's edition will feature three product zones covering the main areas of smart technology, integrated seamlessly into a single platform. The "Intelligent building and smart community zone" will cover intelligent building systems, building energy management systems, system integration, smart community, cloud platforms and more. The "Hotel engineering and building conservation zone" will focus on smart hotel management systems and products as well as energy saving systems among others. Finally the "Audio-visual integration zone" will highlight smart audio and audio-visual technology, products and control panels.

Renowned brands confirm their participation

The fair has once again attracted many notable brands, showcasing a wide variety of new technologies, products and solutions. Confirmed exhibitors include KNX, Tuya, Intretech, Konke, TNV, Evergrande, Ping Tou Xiong, Bofu, Boton, Aoogee, Hua Sheng, Jia De, Ezhome, Shunde Electrical Lighting Association, Jamo, Sail, GVS, Soundbox, United Audio, Beichang, Bird Speaker, Bei Yue, Ebelong, Jelon, Duomei, Baxtrand, Kenwell, Xiaoyan, Greencure, Acematic and more.

Concurrent fringe programme to facilitate cross-industry cooperation

As a key platform for cross-industry collaboration, GEBT will help to assemble leading brands from a variety of different sectors. Together they can seize the opportunities and explore solutions to overcome obstacles on the road towards smart technology integration. This year's show will gather major industry players from several industries including smart hotels, smart community, audio-visual technologies and home automation to discuss the latest trends and innovations. Highlighted events this year include:

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- Qianjia Smart Building Ecosystem Conference
- The Future and Development of KNX Green Energy Conservation Seminar
- Smart Audio Visual Cross Border Integration Summit
- Guangzhou Smart Real Estate Ecosystem Summit
- "The future is here" Smart Community Seminar
- Whole House PLC Technology Seminar
- Hotel Engineering and Green Buildings Development Summit
- Case Sharing: High-End Audio-Visual Space Customisation
- Immersive Theme Space Design
- Guangzhou Home Automation Integrator's Conference

Guangzhou Electrical Building Technology is part of Messe Frankfurt's Light + Building Technology fair portfolio headed by the biennial <u>Light +</u> <u>Building</u> event in Frankfurt, Germany. The next edition will be held from 2 – 6 October 2022.

Messe Frankfurt organises a number of trade fairs for the light and building technology sectors in Asia, including Shanghai Intelligent Building Technology, Shanghai Smart Home Technology, Parking China, Thailand Building Fair and Thailand Lighting Fair. The company's lighting and building technology trade fairs also cover the markets in Argentina, India and the UAE.

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* preliminary figures 2021

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