

ALUCAST[®] BANGALORE 2016

EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE – ALUMINIUM DIE CASTING
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ALUCAST 2016 - the biennial International Conference and Exhibition on Die Casting Technology – concluded its proceedings on 3rd December, 2016.

Organized by Aluminium Casters' Association of India (Alucast), and produced by NürnbergMesse India, the three day event held at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre attracted a record number of Exhibitors, Visitors and Delegates, surpassing the figures of 2014 event by over 40%.

Out of the 150 brands on display, 30% of the participation was international from countries including Japan, Switzerland, Germany, Taiwan, Italy and China. A notable feature was the "CHINA PAVILION" under which companies dealing in design and manufacture of Dies, Die Casting machines, Machine accessories and PDC Castings for auto parts displayed their products.

The Theme for the Event was: "Challenges Ahead for Aluminium Die Casters". In his Presidential address, Mr. Prasan Firodia, Managing Director- Force Motors & JayaHind Industries remarked that keeping in mind the challenges posed by emission, especially by the automobile industry, the Theme is most appropriate and timely. He further added that "ALUCAST 2016 would not only present knowledge and information about the core industry, but also explore and analyze the threats and challenges faced and try to find feasible solutions to overcome them. In the process, it will help unleash the true potential of the die casting industry and make India the ideal destination for aluminium die casting. It would also help the Association to move closer to its stated Objectives".

Mr. Parabrahman, Trustee, Alucast, welcomed the gathering of Exhibitors, Authors, Delegates and visitors at the start of the event. He introduced the Chief Guest for the Inaugural Session, Mr. Milind Doiphode, Head IPO India, Mercedes Benz Cars, Procurement & Supplier's Quality and other dignitaries on the dais. Emphasizing that the Secretariat is embarking on member centric, result oriented activities, Mr. Parabrahman appealed for continued support from the members.

A special feature of the Inaugural Session was the presentation on "The State of Indian Economy and the Automobile Industry" by Mr. Ajay Nair, Partner- Advisory Services, Ernst & Young.

Quoting liberally from statistics, Mr. Nair termed the state of Indian Economy as one with promise, expected to maintain a GDP growth rate of 6.8 to 7.8% over the next decade. “Auto Sector will grow at 10%, helped by increased demands for mobility pushing up volumes in the smaller passenger vehicles and last mile delivery vans. Demand growth for die castings is projected to be around 10%”, he concluded.

This was followed by release of Alucast publications, namely, the 8th Edition of the popular Directory of Aluminium Casting Industry, the December issue of Alucast bi-monthly Journal, The Technical Volume containing the 17 Technical Papers to be presented during the Conference and the ALUCAST 2016 Exhibitor Directory.

ALUCAST 2016 awards for best foundry were announced next, the winners for the same were:

- Jaya Hind Industries, Pune , Best Foundry (Large Scale)
- Castall Technologies, Hyderabad, Best Foundry (Medium Scale)
- Alubee Die casters, Hosur, Best Foundry (Small Scale)
- Award of Appreciation was given to Aakar Foundry, Pune , for special efforts by Small Scale unit.

Mr. Milind Doiphode, Chief Guest at ALUCAST 2016 shared his experiences in sourcing critical castings in his role as Head IPO India, Mercedes Benz Cars. He lauded the efforts of Alucast in bringing to its members opportunities to interact and learn from experts from abroad.

Mr. RAR Prasad, Technical Advisor, Alucast who has been associated with the association and event from the start was honored for his contribution and commitment and was presented with a Memento by Mr. Prasan Firodia. The inaugural session concluded with the presentation of Vote of Thanks by Mr. Zubin Kabraji, Secretary, Alucast.

The three day exhibition cum conference attracted over 3000 visitors. The 17 papers presented during the conference were attended by 200+ delegates.

On the last day of the event the Best Die Casting awards were announced; a new feature which drew an overwhelming response from the visitors. IBEX Industries, Bangalore won the award for the best casting and JayaHind Industries, Pune won the award for second best casting.

ALUCAST 2018 will take place from the 6th-8th December, 2018 at IEML, Noida, NCR.

About ALUCAST

The Aluminium Casters' Association of India (ALUCAST) is a registered body, with Head Office at Pune, Maharashtra. It is managed by a Board of Trustees. Its list of members includes manufacturers of aluminium castings, users of castings, manufacturers and suppliers of die casting machines and peripherals for die casting machines, foundry chemicals and consumables, design software, casting process simulation software, dies, and others connected with casting manufacture and post casting processes. www.alucast.co.in

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