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Ho Chi Minh City to host manufacturing expo

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The third International Machine Tools and Metalworking Technology Exhibition will be held in Ho Chi Minh City from October 8 to 10, with some 500 global manufacturing brands on display.

The exhibition, known as Metalex Vietnam 2009, follows a similar exhibition of the same name in Hanoi in May, according to event organizer Reed Tradex.

Thailand-based Reed Tradex told *The Saigon Times Daily* on Wednesday the exhibition will give Vietnamese industrialists an opportunity to learn more about the latest equipment and technology developed by companies from 25 countries and territories, including Japan, Sweden, Germany, China, Thailand, Italy, Singapore and Taiwan.

The exhibition at the Saigon Exhibition and Convention Center in District 7 will also have a "high-tech zone" to display the latest machinery and technology.

"At least 20 machines with the latest technology from leading brands, such as Yaskawa, Samsung, Haco and E-Yuan, will be on show in the zone," said Nichapa Yosvir, Reed Tradex managing director.

The three-day event also features a seminar on the cooperation between Vietnam, Japan and Thailand and 20 conferences and technology presentations.

Visitors can also watch demonstrations of new-generation robots which can imitate human movements and play musical instruments.

Metalex Vietnam 2009, part of the "Metalex" series, the largest event of its kind in Southeast Asia, is expected to attract 7,000 visitors this year.

More information about the exhibition is available at <http://www.metalexvietnam.com/>