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DR. IOAN D. MARINESCU, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PRECISION MICRO-MACHINING CENTER VISITED JAPAN

Toledo, OH, Sept. 7, 2001 - For the third year in a row Dr. Ioan Marinescu, Professor and Director of Precision Micro-Machining Center, was invited, as Eminent Scientist, to visit Japan by the Government. His host was Institute of Physical and Chemical Research of Japan in Tokyo.

Dr. Marinescu visited and gave lectures and seminars at Tohoku University, Utsunomiya University, Ibaraki University and RIKEN Institute.

He also visited several Japanese Companies including: Nanotech Machines Co., Nexys Co., NKG Co., Fuji Die Co., and Noritake Co.



Dr. Ioan Marinescu together with Dr. S. Kobayashi,
The President of the Japan Institute of Physical and
Chemical Research



Dr. Ioan Marinescu together with Mr. Kozo Saki, The
President of Nanotech Machines Company. Nanotech
is a member of the Abrasive Micro-Machining
Consortium at The University of Toledo

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PMMC is an integrated industry-academia research center. Its aim is to conduct research and development of micro-machining processes and technologies in order to facilitate their use in industry. Currently, it is attached to College of Engineering, University of Toledo in Ohio. The Precision Micro-Machining Center is in direct response to the increasing need of the industry for improving machining technology for difficult-to-machine materials. This center is mainly focussed on processing components requiring surfaces with roughness and tolerances at sub-micron and nano-meter levels. PMMC combines the resources and capabilities of industry, universities, and government agencies in a partnership to develop enabling technologies for efficient use of micro-machining. Industry co-operation helps to direct research programs and to address critical technological problems while university expertise is applied to micro-machining research for the benefit of all participating companies.



Dr. Ioan Marinescu together with Dr. S. Shimura, The Vice-President of Utsunomiya University and Director of Magnetic Abrasive Finishing Laboratory



Dr. Ioan Marinescu met with Professor H. Eda, The Vice-President of Ibaraki University and Director of Micro-Machining Laboratory. A frame of cooperation was established and as a result Dr. Shimizu, Senior Researcher visited for a one-month period the Precision Micro-Machining Center in Toledo



Dr. Ioan Marinescu visited Tohoku University in Sendai, Japan. He met Professor Koji Kato, Dean of Engineering and Professor Kuriagawa, The Director of Grinding Laboratory and a group of Graduate Students who participated at Dr. Marinescu's Seminar.



Dr. Ioan Marinescu gave a Seminar in Tokyo, at RIKEN regarding Nanotechnology/ Nanomachining and Precision Micro-Machining Center from the University of Toledo, Ohio



Dr. Ioan Marinescu gave a Seminar about Nanotribology and Nano grinding at Tohoku University



Dr. Ioan Marinescu together with Dr. Ohmori and his ELID Research Team enjoying the Japanese cuisine. Most of the Japanese researchers in this photo visited University of Toledo and participated at the first US-Japan Joint Seminar on ELID Technologies in May 2000.