

The second day of the 20th anniversary EXPO KATOWICE 2024 International Trade Fair at the MCK in Katowice and Slawik and Antall Square has passed.

The highlights of the second day of the Fair on the stages and in the auditoriums of the ICC were the following thematic conferences within the series “Industry 5.0 - transformational challenges of the industrial sector”, presentations by Cities and panel discussions about the future and innovative solutions in local governments as part of the “New Horizons of Cities” conference, further conferences as part of the “Where Industry Meets the Future” event, and the ZETOM Conference.

The second part of the day was dominated by topics related to the “Modern Woman - Transformation and Strength” conference. The various thematic panels were met with considerable interest, with participants including: Iwona Gramatyka - President of the Board of Directors of EXPO Katowice S.A., Urszula Koszutska and Monika Rosa - MPs to the Polish Parliament, Agnieszka Rupniewska - President of the City of Zabrze, or Marta Zawadzka - Board Member of the International Ice Hockey Federation (FIH), Vice President of the Polish Ice Hockey Association (PZHL). Of interest, it is worth mentioning that at the 2M Promotion booth appeared... Olympic champion in sport walking from Tokyo (2021) - Dawid Tomala, who, among other things, presented his Olympic gold medal.

A special event on the second day of the Fair was the strengthening of Polish-Indian relations - it was during EXPO KATOWICE that representatives of eleven entities, mining companies and research institutes signed a letter of intent under which the “Polish Manufacturing and Engineering Consortium” will be established.

The main objective of this initiative, implemented with the support and coordination of the Upper Silesia Fund, is to facilitate the entry of Silesian companies into the Indian mining market. The consortium will include, among others: Węglokoks, the Central Mining Institute, the Polish Mining Group, the KOMAG Institute of Mining Technology and the Fasing Group.

The meeting, during which a letter of intent was signed, was attended by, among others: Kinga Okrzesik - Faruga - Director General of the Ministry of Industry, Urszula Koszutska - Member of Parliament of the Republic of Poland, Mohan Lal - Commercial Counselor of the Indian Embassy in Warsaw, Bartłomiej Babuska - President of the Management Board of the Upper Silesian Fund, JJ Singh - President of the Polish-Indian Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, and Joydeep Roy - Representative of the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Kolkata (India).

The agreement between the members of the Polish Manufacturing and Engineering Consortium is expected to be negotiated by a year after the signing of the letter of intent. Among its signatories were:

- Bartłomiej Babuska, president of the Upper Silesian Fund,
- Adrian Sienicki, vice president of Węglkokoks S.A.,
- Jarosław Zagórowski, director of the Central Mining Institute,
- Leszek Pietraszek, president of the Polish Mining Group,
- Zdzisław Bik, president of the Fasing S.A. group,
- Dariusz Prostański, director of the KOMAG Institute of Mining Technology,
- Mariusz Widzisz, vice chairman of the Silesia Financial Society,
- Sławomir Obidziński, vice president of the Mining Chamber of Industry and Commerce,
- Marcin Mistrz, owner of Martech-Plus,
- Asteniusz Mysliwiec, president of Asten Group,
- Jozef Duda, president of the Patentus company.