

## ■ MMC Activities

# The 12<sup>th</sup> Micromachine Exhibition "Micromachine 2001"

The 12th Micromachine Exhibition "Micromachine 2001" was held in conjunction with The 7th International Micromachine Symposium at the Science Museum in Kitanomaru Park, Tokyo, for 3 days from October 31 to November 2, 2001. The exhibition was received enthusiastically.

Exhibitors included the Micromachine Center and 10 of the center's supporting member companies. Altogether, a record number of 111 companies, organizations, universities, and research institutes from Japan and overseas joined the exhibition program. With a total of 164 booths, this year's event occupied 5 exhibition halls - one hall more than last year. The exhibition covered such topics as state-of-the-art micromachine technology and the latest research results. Because of its size and contents, this exhibition is highly regarded year after year as an exhibition specializing in micromachine technology.

The 10-year "Micromachine Technology" project - part of the Industrial Science and Technology Frontier Program promoted by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) - was completed last year and achieved tremendous results. Because of the growing interest in micromachines, a particular feature of this exhibition was the large number of newly exhibiting companies (nearly half) representing micromachine-related industries, such as production equipment manufacturers, measuring instrument manufacturers, and semiconductor production equipment manufacturers.

The exhibition welcomed a record number of approximately 7,460 visitors (including 359 elementary school children). Exhibition

floors were crowded with the enthusiastic visitors, who spent a long time looking at the exhibited items and asking questions to booth attendants.

The schedule for the next exhibition, "Micromachine 2002," is shown below.

**Period:** November 13 (Wed.) to November 15 (Fri.), 2002

**Place:** The Science Museum, Kitanomaru Park, Tokyo

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## Preliminary Announcement

### The 8th International Micromachine Symposium

November 14, 2002

at Science Hall, Science Museum, Tokyo, JAPAN

Exhibition

### MICROMACHINE 2002

November 13-15, 2002

at Science Museum, Tokyo, JAPAN

*The Detail will be announced later.*

**Pictures on the cover :** *Winning artworks in the Micromachine Drawing Contests : Micro-Volcanic-Eruption-Predictor, Walking Flowers, Shizu: The Rainbow-Making Machine, Repair/Rescue Robot Centipede*

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