11th INTERNATIONAL CARBON FESTIVAL

A delegation from the leading edge cluster MAI Carbon were guests in Jeonju, South Korea

A 22-man delegation made up of members of the leading edge cluster MAI Carbon, an initiative of the Carbon Composites e.V., travelled to South Korea to participate in the 11th International Carbon Festival in the provincial capital Jeonju, 230 km south of Seoul.

The invitation came from the South Korean Carbon Cluster, in cooperation with KOTRA, the Korean Trade Agency, Hamburg.

Alongside the opportunity for the MAI Carbon partners to present itself as an exhibitor and to establish Korean business contacts, there was also the parallel opportunity to hold presentations as part of the 2nd Global Carbon Cluster Forums. Among other things, presentations were on offer giving the newest results from the companies BMW Korea and ARRK P+Z Engineering, as well as SGL Carbon Meitingen, the University of Augsburg, ELG UK, TUM, Fraunhofer IWU, ILK of TU Dresden, DLR, Premium Aerotec, Voith Composites, Quickstep, BA Composites, Saertex, Krauss Maffei and the leading edge cluster MAI Carbon. As a finale, the research centre KCTECH was visited.

The Korean government sees lightweight construction as an important future branch and has set up corresponding funding opportunities. KCTECH, which is mainly

The delegation in front of a temple of the traditional Hanok houses in Jeonju.

focussed on the topics of Composite Materials and lightweight construction has profited from these measures and has equipped itself with cutting edge technology for research purposes. Afterwards there was an opportunity to get an introduction to the cities history before travelling to Seoul to begin the journey back to Germany.

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In conclusion it can be said that the trip served the purposes of mutual exchange and deepening of contacts for further co-operation. The excellent organisation made it easy for the participants to get to know this distant country and to return with a positive impression.