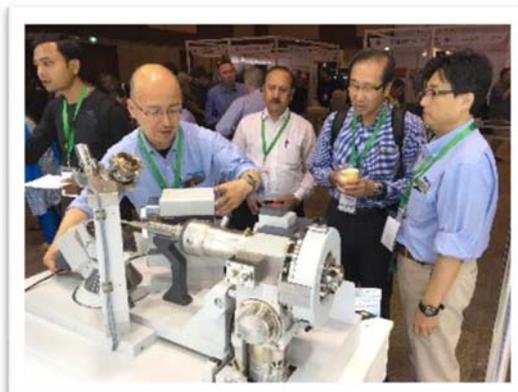




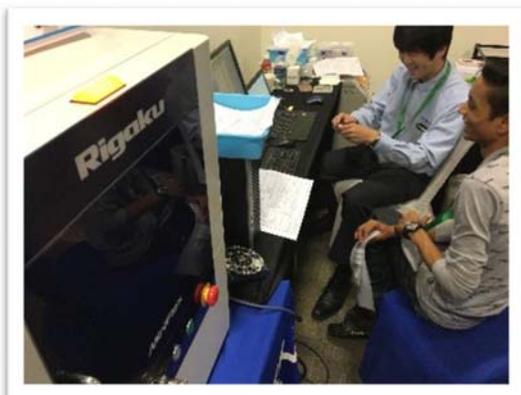
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Finally, the long awaited visit to India to attend the IUCr was upon us. The conference had a record number of local Indian scientists in attendance, and it was great to be able to meet these colleagues in person. Rigaku, being in the fortunate position to be the Diamond Sponsor, was able to showcase a number of our diffraction systems at the meeting. The XtaLAB Synergy-DW, a multi-functional, high-flux single crystal X-ray diffractometer, was a popular attraction alongside the newly launched SmartLab SE powder XRD.



There was huge interest in the Rigaku LiveLab, which housed the MiniFlex and the XtaLAB mini II benchtop diffractometers, with a great number of samples submitted and data collected during the meeting with help from the IUCr Journals team. The application scientists showed that these small but powerful systems deliver an average of seven publishable single crystal structures—and even more powder diffractograms—per day! We hope to see many of your publications in Acta journals very soon.



Over one hundred people turned up to the Rigaku CrysAlis<sup>Pro</sup> and Olex<sup>2</sup> workshop, where students were led stepwise through both straightforward and more difficult data collection and structure solution routines. Drs. Joseph Ferrara, Mathias Meyer, Eric Reinheimer and Takashi Sato from Rigaku and Dr. Horst Puschmann from OlexSys were all on hand to help explain the finer details of the software packages.



Finally the meeting ended with a spectacular closing ceremony, where Rigaku's Dr. Paul Swepston gave a speech to thank both the organisers and the delegates for contributing to a wonderful IUCr. On the back of a fantastic event, we look forward to attending the next IUCr in Prague, 2020.