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Translator Koshi Mutoh (left), on behalf of the Japan Machine Tool Builders Association delegation, asks a question about machining tech-

niques at H.R. Krueger. Representing Krueger are president Bruce Moore (second from right) and marketing vice president David Williams.

## Local tool builder hosts Japanese builders group

Executives of H.R. Krueger Machine Tool Inc., a Farmington-based builder of special machine tools for the automotive and related industries, hosted a delegation of seven members of the Japan Machine Tool Builders Association.

The tour of their facilities was sponsored by the National Machine Tool Builders Association.

Krueger president Bruce Moore said the purpose of the visit was to "explore areas of common interest and help lay the foundation for increased mutual understanding and eventual cooperation between special machine tool builders in the U.S. and Japan."

While at H.R. Krueger, the visitors received hands-on demonstrations of the firm's advanced Computer Assisted Design and Computer Assisted Manufacturing capabilities. Krueger is a pioneer in the special machine tool industry in the effective integration of these two technologies into a

comprehensive Computer Integrated Manufacturing system. This permits parts designed on a computer terminal to be produced on a computer-controlled machine with little or no intermediate human intervention.

"This system," Moore said, "is among the most advanced and comprehensive to be found in our industry anywhere in the world, including Japan. It's one of the things U.S. manufacturers are going to have to do on a massive scale if we're going to remain globally competitive."

"I think the interest shown by today's delegation is ample proof that our competitors aren't going to be standing still in the future."

TAKING PART in the Krueger visit were JMTBA chairman Shigemitsu Asai, executive director

Shinichi Abe and vice chairman Koshi Mutoh, Tomotaka Umino, Masao Morisawa, Teruyuki Yamazaki and Masanori Matsura. The group has also spent time in Washington as guests of the JMTBA. After leaving Detroit, they will visit facilities in Rhode Island, Kentucky and Cincinnati before their departure for Japan June 16.

H.R. Krueger Machine Tool is a U.S. supplier of special metalcutting machine tools used to produce a variety of components for automobiles, farm and industrial equipment, and off-road vehicles. Their Elcon Systems Division is one of the world's largest suppliers of test and calibration systems for automotive gasoline fuel injectors, with 100 systems in operation in North America and Europe.

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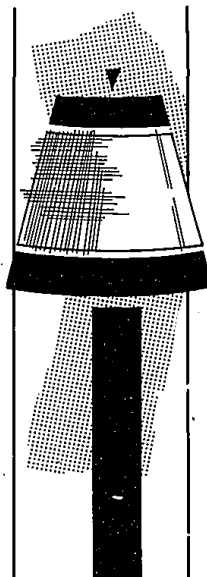
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