

11 Japanese auto suppliers expanding here

Gov. James J. Blanchard announced that 11 Japanese automotive suppliers have decided to locate or expand manufacturing facilities in Michigan.

Among their sites are plants in Rochester Hills and Plymouth Township.

They will invest at least \$116 million and create 1,650 jobs here, Blanchard said in ceremonies Tuesday at Greenfield Village's Henry Ford Museum with representatives of the 11 manufacturing firms.

"We discuss the Henry Ford Museum to emphasize Michigan's historic role as the center of the auto industry," the governor said.

Because some companies are still finalizing business plans, they declined to release individual investment and new job figures.

IN SOUTHEASTERN Michigan, these firms will create new facilities:

- Sanyo Machine America Corp., Rochester Hills, will supply turn key automatic welding assembly lines to U.S. and Canadian manufacturers.
- Oiles America Corp., Plymouth Township, is planning to supply self-lubricating bearings to Ford Motor Co. and General Motors.
- Delta Kogyo Co., Ltd., Monroe, will produce seats for Mazda Manufacturing U.S.A.
- Ishizaki Honten, in the downriver area, will produce auto glass assemblies for Mazda.

"EVER SINCE the first car rolled off Henry Ford's assembly line more than a half century ago, Michigan has been the automotive capital of America and one of the great automotive building centers in the world," Blanchard said.

"Because of investments such as the ones we are announcing today, Michigan is in a position to retain and strengthen its world leadership into the 21st century."

Obviously, Michigan is the place where the automotive action is.

Of the 11 firms, eight will be newly locating in Michigan. The other three — already in operation — will expand.

More than 90 Japanese companies now have offices or manufacturing facilities in Michigan.

IN BATTLE Creek, the following

companies will locate new facilities in the Fort Custer Industrial Park:

- Tokai Rika U.S.A. will produce switches for Nippondenso Manufacturing U.S.A. Inc.
- ASMO Co. Ltd. will produce plastic components for Nippondenso.

• Koyo Metal will supply components for use in radiator manufacturing by Nippondenso.

- Hi-Lex Corp. is expanding current facilities, and Nippondenso has contracted a major manufacturing facility that is just coming on line.

144 Japanese from sister state tour Michigan

Michigan this week will host 144 visitors from Shiga Prefecture, its sister state in Japan.

Today, 56 members of this party will spend the day in Detroit as guests of the Detroit Public Schools. In this party are teachers, businessmen, local and state officials and students.

Members of the full delegation will visit several Michigan cities, including Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Marshall, Marquette, Petoskey, Pontiac, Sault Ste. Marie, Sturgis, Saranac and Traverse City.

The major component of the sister state program is the exchange of goodwill missions in alternate years.

TODAY'S ITINERARY in Detroit is:

9 a.m. — Breakfast at the Brehlaupt Vocational Center, 9300

Hubbell at Chicago. Greetings will be given by Dr. Melvin Chapman, executive deputy superintendent, Detroit Public Schools.

10-10:25 a.m. — Tour Brehlaupt Center.

10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. — Tour of the Detroit Children's Museum, 67 E. Kirby, and other cultural center institutions.

12:30-2 p.m. — Luncheon, Riverfront Ballroom, Westin Hotel. Special presentation by the Michigan Opera Theatre.

2:15-3:45 p.m. — Visit Benjamin Davis Vocational Technical Center, 10200 Irwin.

3:45-4:50 p.m. — Riding tour of Chene Park and Belle Isle.

5-7 p.m. — Reception at the Lansdowne Restaurant. Greetings by Detroit schools Superintendent Arthur Jefferson.



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