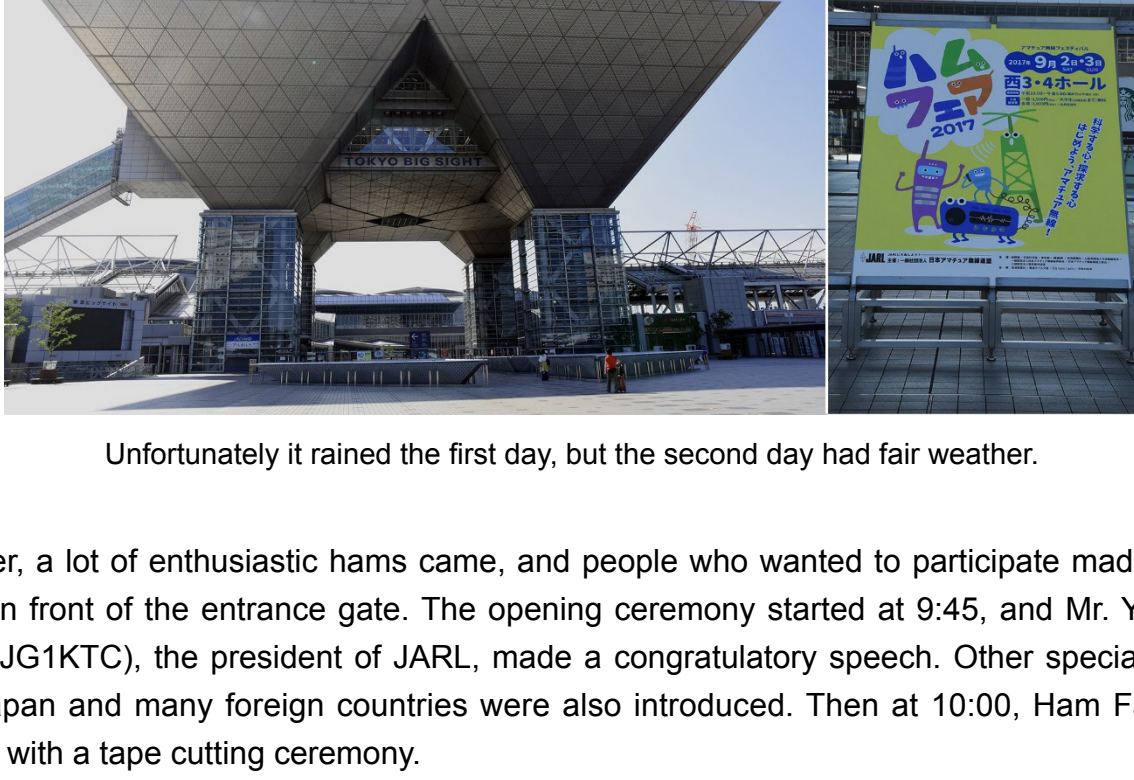


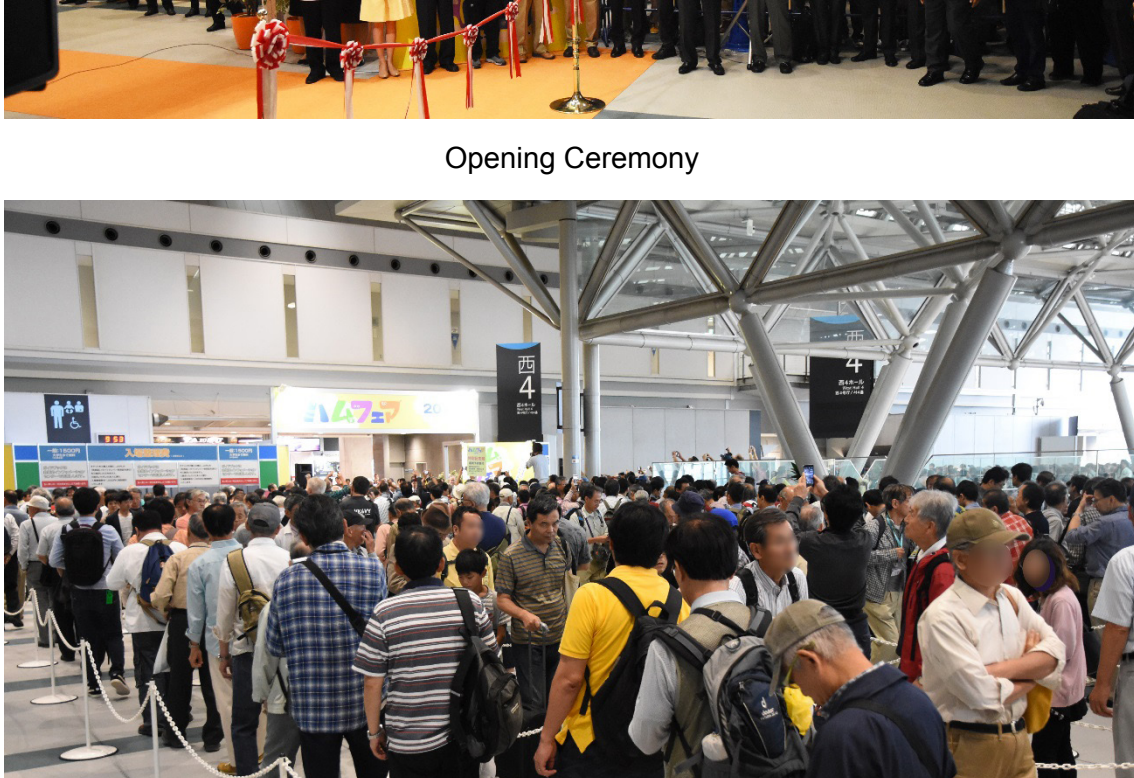
39,000 attendants over two days

The 41st "Ham Fair Tokyo 2017", Japan's largest amateur radio event, was held at the Tokyo Big Sight on September 2nd (Sat) and 3rd (Sun). Approximately 39,000 visitors attended the two day event, which was a record for the event, and was an increase of 2,000 visitors over last year.

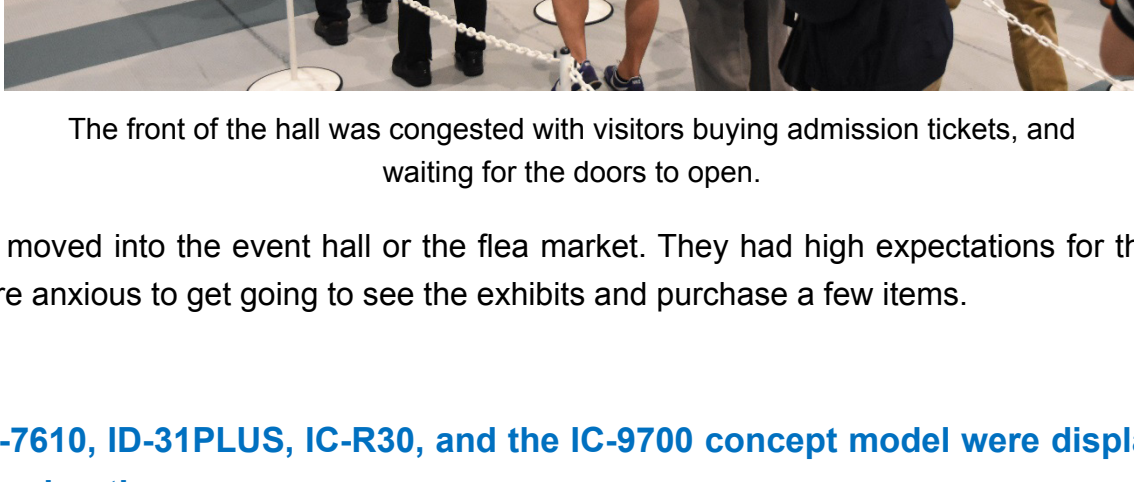


Unfortunately it rained the first day, but the second day had fair weather.

However, a lot of enthusiastic hams came, and people who wanted to participate made a long queue in front of the entrance gate. The opening ceremony started at 9:45, and Mr. Yoshinori Takao (JG1KTC), the president of JARL, made a congratulatory speech. Other special guests from Japan and many foreign countries were also introduced. Then at 10:00, Ham Fair 2017 opened with a tape cutting ceremony.



Opening Ceremony



The front of the hall was congested with visitors buying admission tickets, and waiting for the doors to open.

The IC-7610, ID-31PLUS, IC-R30, and the IC-9700 concept model were displayed at the Icom booth

Icom displayed products that responded to this year's hams expectations. The ID-31PLUS released in Japan last month was also displayed. The IC-7610, which has high anticipation from users, was also displayed. They displayed the IC-R30 wideband all mode receiver, as well as the IC-9700, which is a VHF/UHF fixed station concept model, that was displayed as a surprise.



The concept model IC-9700 is the same size as the popular IC-7300, but covers the 144, 430, and 1200MHz bands. The transceiver operates on all the standard modes, as well as the DD mode on D-STAR. It has simultaneous two band reception, with some limitations, a touch-panel screen, satellite mode, and so on. It should be a very popular model if it is released.

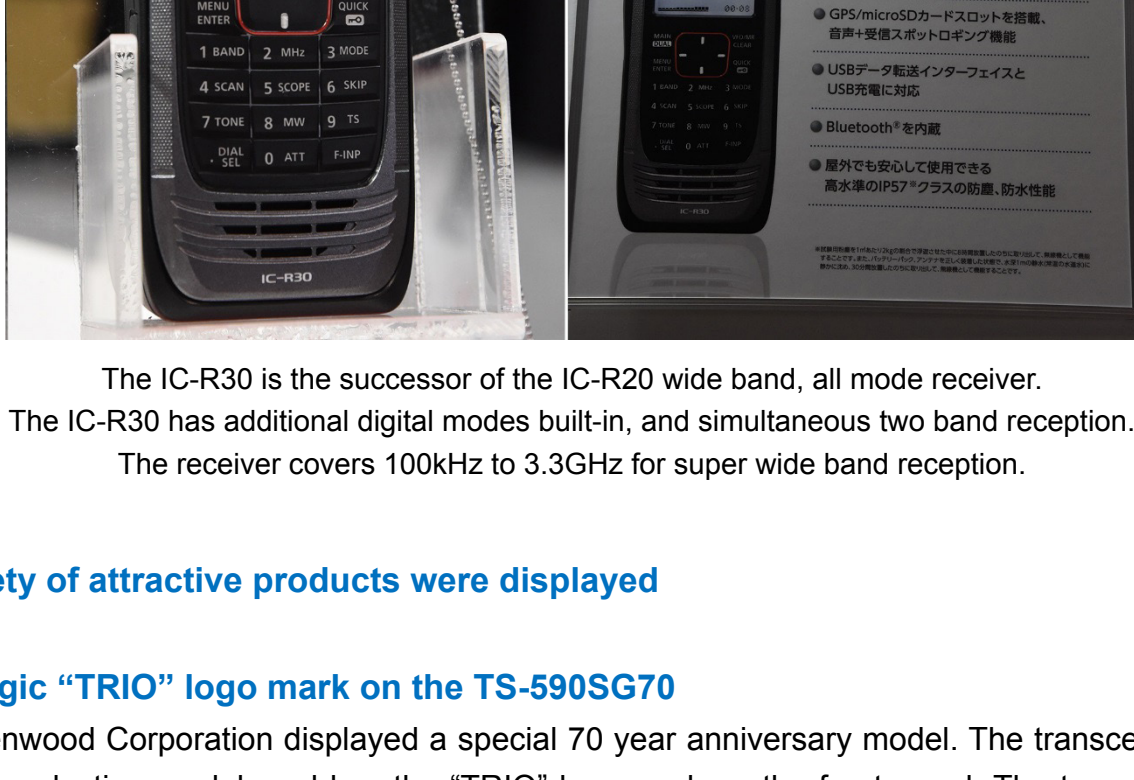


You can see connectors on the rear panel through the display back mirror.

There are several connectors for LAN, DATA, USB and REMOTE.



Icom displayed all 3 colors of the new ID-31PLUS, which was released in Japan last month. They demonstrated the additional "Terminal mode" and "Access point mode" functions in their booth.



The IC-R30 is the additional successor of the IC-R20, wide band, all mode receiver.

The IC-R30 has additional digital modes built-in, and simultaneous two band reception.

The receiver covers 100kHz to 3.3GHz for super wide band reception.

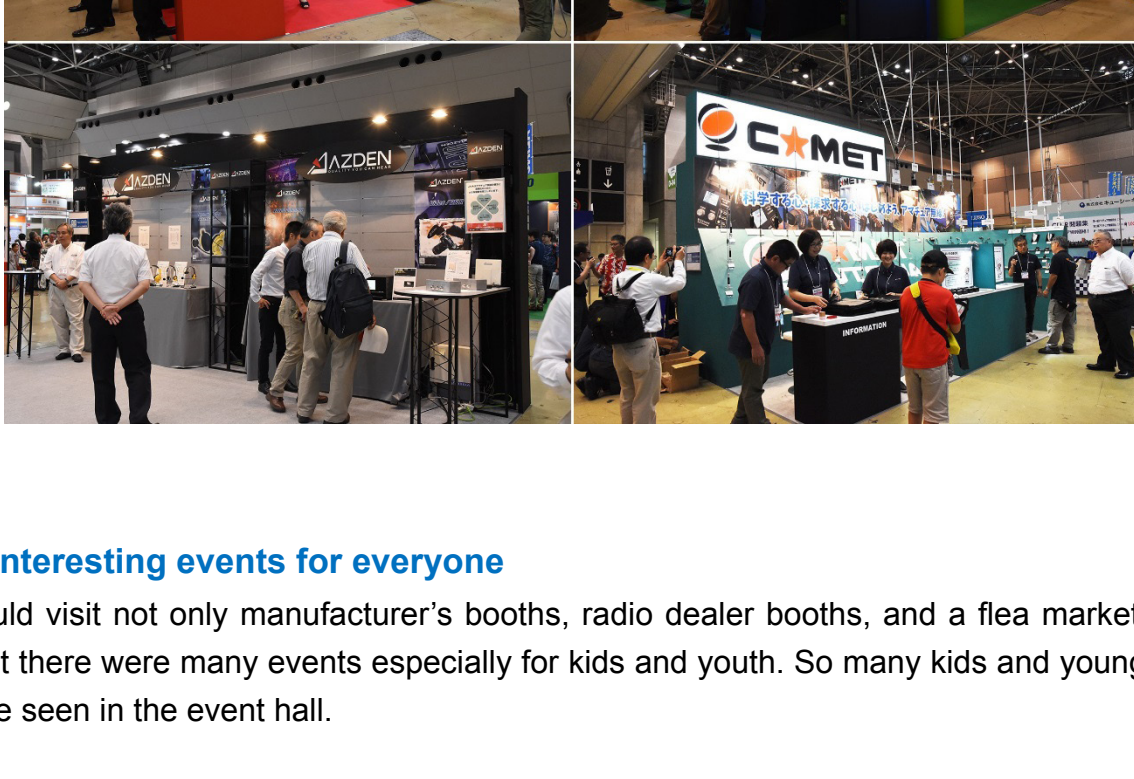
A variety of attractive products were displayed

Nostalgic "TRIO" logo mark on the TS-590SG70

JVC Kenwood Corporation displayed a special 70 year anniversary model. The transceiver is a limited production model, and has the "TRIO" logo mark on the front panel. The transceiver is a HF/50MHz transceiver with the model name of TS-590SG70. Orders for the transceiver have come from long time Kenwood/Trio fans.

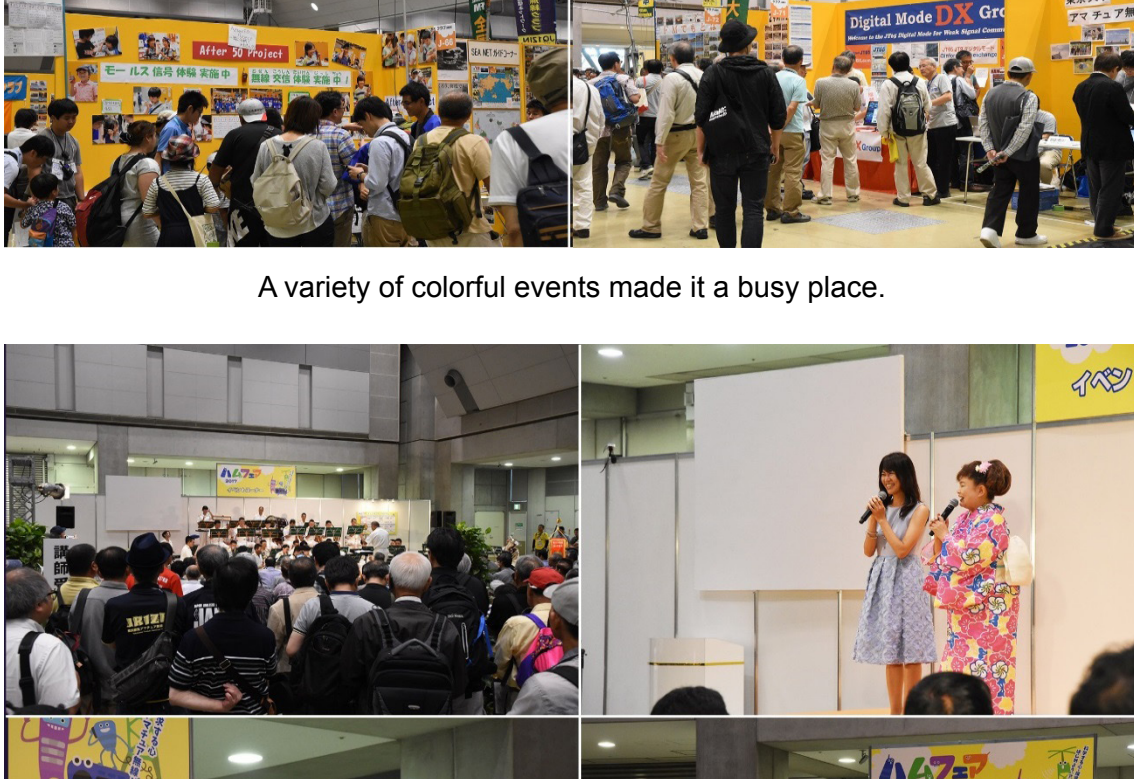


AZDEN displayed their AZR-550FZ and AZR-1000 HF/50MHz linear amplifiers. AOR displayed the AR-DV10, Handheld all mode receiver. The receiver has both analog and digital modes such as C4FM, D-STAR, DMR, dPMR, APCO P25 and TETRA .

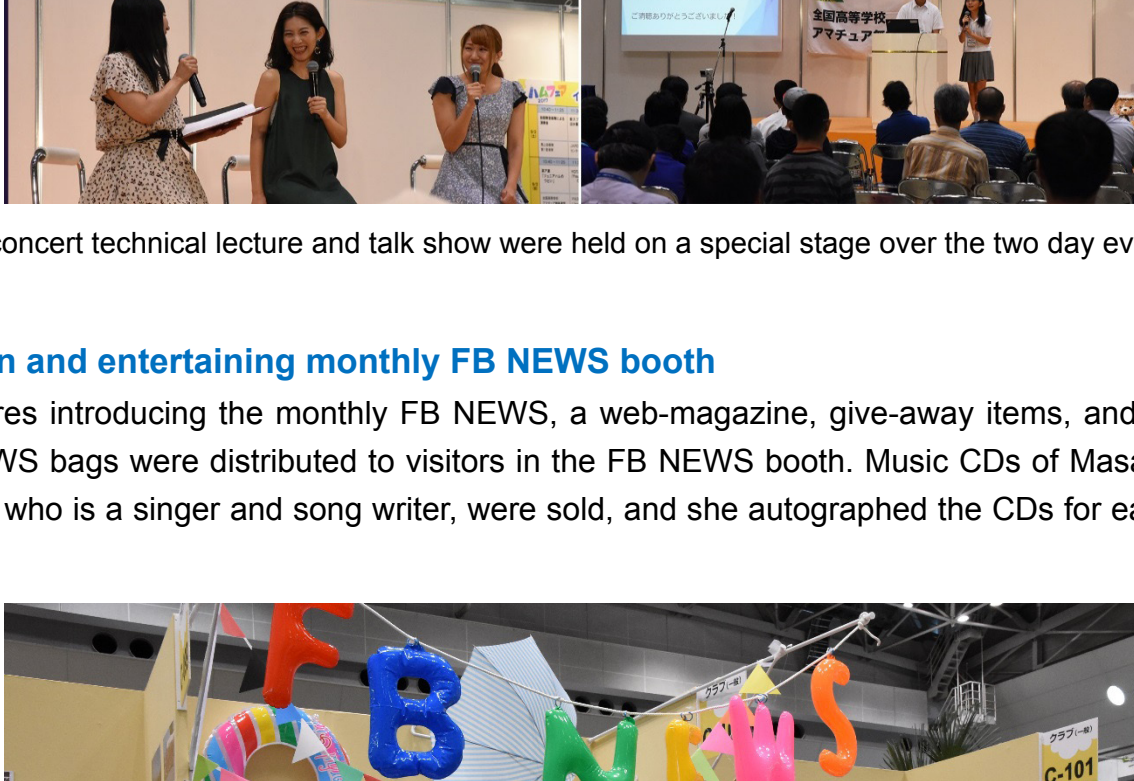


Many interesting events for everyone

You could visit not only manufacturer's booths, radio dealer booths, and a flea market, as before, but there were many events especially for kids and youth. So many kids and young people could be seen in the event hall.



A variety of colorful events made it a busy place.



A concert technical lecture and talk show were held on a special stage over the two day event.

The fun and entertaining monthly FB NEWS booth

Brochures introducing the monthly FB NEWS, a web-magazine, give-away items, and original FB NEWS bags were distributed to visitors in the FB NEWS booth. Music CDs of Masaco (JH-1CBX), who is a singer and song writer, were sold, and she autographed the CDs for each buyer.



Masaco was interviewed

Masaco and the FB Girls tried to have a special mission called "FB Girls mission impossible at Ham Fair" during the event. The web-magazine monthly FB NEWS will release their fighting efforts in the next October issue. Look forward to reading the article.