



A Report on Participation at AVALON 2023

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Overview

From Tuesday, February 28 to Thursday, March 4, 2023, I participated in an exhibition known as "AVALON 2023," which was held at AVALON Airport in Victoria, Australia. Located on the outskirts of Melbourne, Avalon Airport is a regional airport that serves both military and civilian services. AVALON is officially known as the "Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition," and it is hosted by the AMDA Foundation (which is an Australia non-profit foundation focusing on defense and space). The period mentioned above is actually the period for industry people only, and thus the exhibitions and presentations held during that time are only for industry people. From March 5, the event officially opens to the public. This exhibition is rather famous for its "AVALON Airshow," which is known as a crowded event due to the many enthusiasts descending on the event for its demonstrations of military aircraft, such as fighter jets.

AVALON 2023 has basically been a defense exhibition centered on aircraft, but as for space-related companies, it was mostly European, American, and Australian space companies exhibiting. Furthermore, the event is held bi-annually, with the last time being 2019, and the event was cancelled in 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, with the number of participants announced as 48,516, there was a 24% increase from 2019, partly because of the end of the COVID-19 pandemic giving some relief to international travel. As for exhibitors, the number this year almost reached 800, which is a 14% increase from 2019. Meanwhile, from Japan, the number of participants was less than 10 (mostly from trading companies). One exhibiting entity, i.e., the Japan Aerospace Industry Association (SJAC), was there promoting its 2024



International Aerospace Exhibition.

In addition, via introductions by Austrade, which is an Australian trade and investment promotion agency, I was able to also visit with several Australian space startups in Sydney.

Overall impression and analysis

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Impression/evaluations

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Main presentations and discussions

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(1) INOVOR

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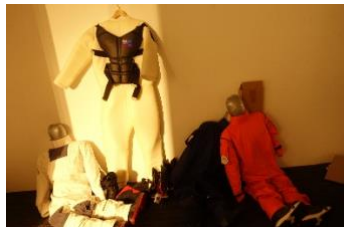
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Other miscellaneous comments

I finally did it, I ate it. I ate kangaroo!

After entering a pub near the hotel, I finally saw it on a menu: Kangaroo! Steak and fish & chips are just about everywhere, but kangaroo meat is cheaper than beef.

In the menu that I saw, it was described as filleted kangaroo that has a bit of a spicy flavor. Upon getting my dish in front of me, it was obvious that it was red meat, and there wasn't really that crazy meat smell that sometimes normally occurs, so I thought: "Hmmm... I wonder if they are covering things over spices and sauces..."



The menu had the following description, which was spit out through my on-the-fly machine translation: "Spiced kangaroo fillet with parsnip puree, roasted swedes, bush tomato gel & pepper juice." Sounds crazy! In reality, it was just kangaroo meat simmered in various spices.

"What is meant by 'parsnip,'" I wondered. Oh well. The most-important thing is the taste.

The sauce was slightly sour, and the meat wasn't super hard or anything, but...

Beef, pork, and lamb are always delicious. If you asked me if I would eat again, well... let's just say that this was "a good experience."

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