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Caption: Jean-Francois Henon, Vice President

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specialist

"Many IT companies are born, but only one in five make it to 10 years" says Aspen Technology's Vice President of Northern Asia Jean-Francois Henon, while they celebrate their 30th anniversary in August. As a process manufacturing IT vendor, they have a wide variety of solutions from chemical engineering simulation software, advanced process control for plants, operational optimization, production planning, production management and supply chain management ("SCM").

"A big reason is that our software contributes directly to our clients' profitability. In addition to continue implementing technologies that meet our clients' changing needs, we are developing support for new platforms such as cloud and mobile," he explains as the secret to their long life.

The recognition for the need for this increased sharply in Japan after the Great East Japan Earthquake in March severed supply chains. He continues "AspenTech's SCM solutions include software specialized for petroleum products, chemical products, etc. and our track record is extensive. We offer the most advanced Westernstyle best practices and maintain specialized support staff for Japan. Also, as energy savings were emphasized this summer our total energy management was found to be very effective. I sincerely hope that our technology can aid in the reconstruction after the disaster."

In regards to the Northern Asia region he is responsible for "In North Asia we have mature markets like Japan, and rapidly developing markets like China so it is very rewarding and personally very interesting for me." he says, sure of future growth.

