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ETG reaches another milestone in Asia: 1000 members say "Yes" to EtherCAT

Two successful EtherCAT Plug Fests, along with two Safety over EtherCAT seminars in Japan and Korea, highlight the widespread implementation of EtherCAT and support of the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) on the Asian continent. A recent milestone confirms this growing movement within the ETG: In Asia, the organization now boasts 1000 member companies.

Almost 80 participants attended this year's EtherCAT Plug Fests, the developer meetings conducted by the EtherCAT Technology Group, in Japan and Korea. ETG events in Japan have seen particularly overwhelming growth, with significant increases in member attendance over the past four years. Conducted for the first time in 2010, the EtherCAT Plug Fest in Japan has reached the same attendance level as its European counterparts. In addition to the large number of participants, the number of EtherCAT masters brought to the event for qualification clearly illustrates the success of the EtherCAT Plug Fests. Florian Häfele from the ETG Headquarters in Nuremberg, Germany notes his excitement about the results of this Plug Fest: "At the 2014 Japanese EtherCAT Plug Fest, we had 10 different EtherCAT masters brought in for qualification. The high technical level of these implementations under test was remarkable." The 2014 Korean EtherCAT Plug Fest was marked by the great interest from the Korean manufacturers in the fine details of the EtherCAT technology. In an open discussion with the EtherCAT experts on hand, they were able to find answers to their technical questions and discuss the latest developments, specifically in the fields of diagnostics and automatic configuration.

The Safety over EtherCAT seminars, conducted in Japan and Korea for the first time, were also very successful. More than 65 participants received information about safe data transmission via Safety over EtherCAT (FSoE), as well as a detailed update on the latest developments of the technology – focused on functionalities of FSoE as well as the benefits for manufacturers. The attending device manufacturers found the simple implementation and the corresponding support services to be particularly impressive.

Looking back at the success of the EtherCAT events in Japan and Korea, the latest milestone of the EtherCAT Technology Group is hardly surprising, given the recent welcome to the organization's 1000th member in Asia.

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Overwhelming success: Numerous participants attended the recent events conducted by the EtherCAT Technology Group in Japan and Korea.

About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):

The EtherCAT Technology Group is an organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 2,900 members from 58 countries, the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

About EtherCAT®:

EtherCAT is the Industrial Ethernet technology which stands for high-performance, low-cost, ease of use and a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and has been an international IEC standard and a SEMI standard since 2007. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone can implement or use it.

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