

ETG Member Meetings 2013 in Japan and Korea have best ever attendance

With around 250 participants in Seoul and Yokohama, this year's Member Meetings of the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) on the Asian continent were a resounding success. During the regional meetings the participating ETG members received information about the latest developments of EtherCAT and ETG's activities around the world, as well as exciting local EtherCAT applications.

After welcoming the 100th Korean member to the organization recently, ETG had exactly 111 member companies from Korea at the time of the fourth Member Meeting in Seoul. Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the ETG, spoke of the latest developments of EtherCAT technology within his presentation in front of over 100 attendees. Additionally, he gave an update on various activities of the organization as well as recent EtherCAT applications. Several ETG member companies contributed to the event with exciting application presentations including DAINCUBE, Higen Motors, KETI Korea Electronics Technology Institute, and LS Mecapion.

The highlights of the 7th Japanese Member Meeting in Yokohama with around 140 participants were the presentations by Akio Namiki, Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Chiba University, who introduced some new service robot applications, and Toru Yamauchi, Senior Engineer System Hardware Group in the Common Platform Project Department at Tokyo Electron (TEL), the largest provider of semiconductor production equipment in Asia. Yamauchi explained that TEL's former control architecture was based on decentralized, distributed controls. The performance of EtherCAT in combination with the processing power of PC-based controls now enables the shortest cycle times with centralized control architecture which is easier to handle and more cost effective. This is the reason why TEL has decided on EtherCAT for new controls in most of its business lines. Yamauchi emphasized the impact of the new EtherCAT device profiles on the semiconductor industry and underlined that thanks to EtherCAT's open character, as well as the multitude of suppliers, the 'Make or Buy' decision would always be possible. TEL supported ETG's efforts to guarantee conformance and interoperability as the main challenges of open control and communication technology.

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More than 250 ETG members attended this year's Member Meetings (here in Japan) of the organization in Asia.



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Toru Yamauchi, Senior Engineer System Hardware Group in the Common Platform Project Department at Tokyo Elektron, emphasized the advantages of EtherCAT for the semiconductor industry.

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 2,300 members from 56 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, easy to use with a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and has been an international standard since 2007. The EtherCAT Technology Group promotes EtherCAT and is responsible for its continued development. EtherCAT is an open technology: anyone is allowed to implement or use it.

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