Press Release

EtherCAT Technology Group honors member no. 500 in Japan

In the frame of this year's ETG Member Meeting the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) honored member company no. 500 in Japan, recently. During the meeting at the beginning of July the organization honored the company SURUGA SEIKI CO., LTD., a leading provider of optical test and measurement systems. With SURUGA SEIKI joining the association the ETG reached two membership milestones in rapid succession: not long ago, the ETG welcomed member 2000 in Europe.

In the 2nd quarter in 2017 the EtherCAT Technology Group was able to reach two milestones at a time regarding its membership development: First, the ETG which has been established in Germany in 2003, now counts 2000 members in Europe. Second, with the company SURUGA SEIKI CO., LTD. Member no. 500 has joined the organization in Japan. In total, the ETG now has more than 4.400 members worldwide. Here, it's interesting to know that, in correspondence to the membership by-laws, only companies, universities and similar institutions can join ETG, a membership as single individual is not possible.

The honoring ceremony of SURUGA SEIKI was conducted during this year's ETG Member Meeting which was held in Yokohama, Japan, at the beginning of July. Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the ETG, and Masanori Obata, Manager ETG Office Japan, presented Takeshi Marui, president at SURUGA SEIKI, with an official membership certificate.

Takeshi Marui explained how his company discovered EtherCAT: "Two years ago, EtherCAT has been explained to us at Hannovermesse in Germany. The technology was so convincing that we decided to use it in a first step. Now we also develop own devices with EtherCAT interface. We're happy to be part of the EtherCAT community." Martin Rostan added: "Japan is said to be a very demanding and challenging automation market. The fact that EtherCAT has become the leading industrial Ethernet system here speaks for itself. Thus we're glad, that our technology does not only convince SURUGA SEIKI but many more companies all over the world: the ETG membership growth does not only continue but further accelerates. In the last 12 months we welcomed almost 600 new members."

SURUGA SEIKI is a leading brand of precision positioning and optical measurement technology. They develop and manufacture a wide range of products ranging from precision positioning stage and optical measurement technology to a combined system, for optical equipment market, rapidly developing mobile equipment and automotive sensor field.

An ETG membership offers companies that work with EtherCAT and EtherCAT P various benefits as well as the possibility to actively contribute to the development of the technology. Further Information about ETG membership can be viewed online:
https://www.ethercat.org/en/membership_benefits.html

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From left: Martin Rostan, Executive Director ETG,

Takeshi Marui, President of SURUGA SEIKI Co. LTD.,

Naohito Fukazawa, General Manager Stage Division, SURUGA SEIKI Co. LTD.

Masanori Obata, Representative and Technologist ETG Office Japan

About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):

The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) is an association in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 4,400 members from 65 countries, the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing association of its kind.

About EtherCAT®:

EtherCAT is the fastest Industrial Ethernet technology and stands for high-performance, low-cost, ease of use and a flexible topology. It was introduced in 2003 and became an international IEC standard and a SEMI standard in 2007. The EtherCAT Technology Group promotes EtherCAT and is responsible for its continued development. EtherCAT is also an open technology: anyone is allowed to implement or use it.

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