

EtherCAT Technology Group Office in Japan

ETG installs a regional office in Japan, in order to meet the growing demand for EtherCAT. ETG Representative Japan is Takeshi Kameda, sales manager with the industrial automation company K.MECS. The ETG office is hosted by the K.MECS headquarters in Tokyo.

Takeshi Kameda: "EtherCAT has arrived in Japan: not only important automation components and systems manufacturers like Hitachi, Panasonic, Sanyo Denki and Fuji Electric have joined the EtherCAT band wagon, but also important end users and machine manufacturers like Okuma, Amada, Sumitomo Heavy Industries or the Toyota Technical Development Corporation. Following the request from the Japanese ETG members, we organized an EtherCAT implementation workshop of several days duration in October in Tokyo. Both drives and controllers with EtherCAT are under development. It was interesting for us to learn that the first Japanese EtherCAT products are intended for the domestic market – another clear sign of the relevance of EtherCAT in this region."

Takeshi Kameda is known for his good overall EtherCAT knowledge; he was instrumental in the brilliant start of EtherCAT in Japan. He is available for requests regarding EtherCAT and the ETG, whilst direct implementation support is provided by the global ETG headquarters.

Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the ETG, comments: "Japan is the second largest supplier both of automation technology and of manufacturing machinery. Thus the market is large, but also considered not to be easily accessible. So it is even more remarkable to see the great interest in EtherCAT in Japan, which we meet with regional contact persons in Tokyo. The ETG has active members worldwide, and is itself also active worldwide."

In 2006, the EtherCAT Technology Group organized events in Japan, Korea, China, Singapore, USA, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Switzerland, Sweden and France.

➔ ETG booth at SPS/IPC/DRIVES: **Hall 6, Booth 309**

EtherCAT Technology Group

Martin Rostan
Ostendstraße 196
90482 Nürnberg
Germany

Phone: +49 (0) 9 11 / 5 40 56 20
Fax: +49 (0) 9 11 / 5 40 56 29
m.rostan@ethercat.org
www.ethercat.org

Pressekontakt

Andrea Bock
Beckhoff Automation GmbH
Eiserstr. 5
33415 Verl
Germany

Phone: +49 (0) 52 46 / 9 63 140
Fax: +49 (0) 52 46 / 9 63 199
presse@beckhoff.de
www.ethercat.org/presse/