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EtherCAT Technology Group celebrates 10 years in the US, China and South Korea

This year three out of the five EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) offices celebrated their 10th anniversary. In 2007 the ETG, with global headquarters in Nuremberg, Germany, had just reached the milestone of 500 member companies and decided to expand the organization's international presence. The ETG office in Yokohama, Japan had already been founded in 2006. The next step was to open up offices in the US, China and South Korea in order to best support the local ETG member companies.

The international ETG offices have responsibilities that range from technical support to marketing. Events such as educational industrial Ethernet seminars and Plug Fests are coordinated locally and developed according to each region's needs. Participation in trade shows is also organized by the respective office. Furthermore, these offices support the local ETG member companies with the application and implementation of EtherCAT technology. By statute, ETG members must be businesses or institutes, not private individuals.

The ETG China office is located in Beijing and is still led by Beryl Fan, who coordinated the opening of the office. Upon the founding of this office in 2007, the ETG had 10 members in China – in 2016 they welcomed their 500th member company. Today the ETG counts 788 members in China and Taiwan.

Other important milestones in the development of EtherCAT in China include the 2013 accreditation of Beihang University as an official EtherCAT Conformance Test Center (ETC) and the acceptance of EtherCAT as a Chinese national standard in 2014. Today EtherCAT is considered the most popular fieldbus for drive technology in China.

In late 2007 an ETG South Korea office opened in Seoul, managed by Key Yoo. Together with his local ETG team, Key Yoo was instrumental in the national standardization of EtherCAT, and helped make the strong acceptance of EtherCAT in the Korean industrial marketplace possible. EtherCAT has made great gains in the Korean semiconductor industry, automotive, consumer electronics manufacturing and other key industries such as shipbuilding.

Moreover, the leading local industrial device manufacturers have made EtherCAT their standard system fieldbus. Head of the regional ETG Committee, Prof. Dr. Yong Seon Moon of Sunchon National University, has made a name for himself in the dissemination of EtherCAT in the Korean robotics industry. The ETG already counts 250 members in South Korea today.

The ETG office in North America is led by Joey Stubbs, an EtherCAT expert since the very beginning of the technology in 2003. The US office also takes care of members from Canada and Latin America. The ETG has 625 members in the Americas, making it the largest fieldbus organization also there.

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The ETG is in a prime position at the international level. More than half of the currently 4,500 member companies are headquartered outside of Europe. More than a third hail from Asia, which is the fastest-growing region in the EtherCAT community.

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Celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the EtherCAT Technology Group office in Beijing, China

About EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG):

The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) 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 4,500 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 organization 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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