



ETG at Hanover Fair 2007

The EtherCAT Technology Group now has more than 460 members, and its popularity continues to grow. A visible sign of this growth is the strong increase in the number and diversity of EtherCAT applications presented at Hanover Fair 2007 between 16 and 20 April 2007.

In Hall 9, Stand F13, manufacturers show a wide range of EtherCAT products, including controllers, drives, I/O components, hydraulic and pneumatic valves, sensors and control units, as well as implementation kits for master and slave devices and Safety over EtherCAT solutions.



EtherCAT Technology Group office in Japan

ETG established a regional office in Japan in order to deal with growing demand for EtherCAT. The ETG representative for Japan is Takeshi Kameda, whose main job is sales manager for K.MECS. The ETG office is located at the K.MECS head office in Tokyo and provides information about EtherCAT and the ETG.

Takeshi Kameda said: "EtherCAT has arrived in Japan: Not only significant automation suppliers such as Hitachi, Panasonic, Sanyo Denki, Fuji Electric and Proface have joined the EtherCAT bandwagon, but also important users and machine manufacturers such as Okuma, Amada, Sumitomo Heavy Industries and Toyota Technical Development Corporation, the development arm of Toyota. At the request of the Japanese ETG members, last October we held a developer workshop over several days in Tokyo. Drives and controllers with EtherCAT are in preparation. 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, who is regarded as an EtherCAT expert, played a crucial role in the remarkable



Takeshi Kameda, ETG representative in Japan, during the ETG press conference at SPS/IPC/DRIVES in Nuremberg/Germany

takeoff of the technology in Japan.

Martin Rostan, Executive Director of ETG, said: "Japan is the second largest supplier nation both for machines and automation technology. The market is therefore large, but is seen as hard to reach. The large interest in EtherCAT in Japan is therefore all the more gratifying, and we meet this demand with contacts in Tokyo. ETG has active members worldwide and is itself active worldwide."