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EtherCAT Technology Group "Class Reunion" Planned for Hanover Fair

EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) representatives from around the world will converge at the ETG booth this year at Hanover Fair (Hall 9, Booth F19). Two ETG officials from South Korea – the partner country of this year's Hanover Fair – will be in attendance: Professor Yong Seon Moon, the ETG representative in South Korea and Key Yoo, who is in charge of the ETG office in Seoul.

Professor Moon will supply a compact EtherCAT robot that can be seen in action at the ETG booth. Takeshi Kameda, who manages the ETG Office in Tokyo, will be representing ETG Japan. Representing China will be Beryl Fan. Based at the ETG office in Beijing, she supports ETG members and promotes EtherCAT technology throughout China. The ETG's representative in North America, Joey Stubbs, will also join the group. Stubbs manages the ETG office in Austin, Texas.

Of course, the ETG booth in Hall 9 will also be staffed with several members of the ETG crew from the group's global headquarters in Nuremberg, Germany.

Hanover Fair is an event that draws ETG members from around the world to learn about the latest enhancements to EtherCAT technology and coordinate the ETG activities within the wide range of countries. In the week following the fair, there will also be a meeting of the ETG marketing committee. Throughout 2009, the ETG will run a series of seminars in India, Taiwan, the United States and other countries. This year, the ETG will also exhibit at 10 trade shows worldwide with ETG booths.

EtherCAT sets new standards for real-time performance and topology flexibility, while meeting or undercutting traditional fieldbus cost levels. EtherCAT features include high-precision device synchronization, cable redundancy options, and a functional safety protocol (SIL3). EtherCAT is an international standard (IEC, ISO and SEMI).

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