

EtherCAT Technology Group – Big in Japan

Recently the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) held a total of four events in Japan: a Plug Fest, a Developers Seminar, an EtherCAT Technology Introduction and a Technology Update all offered comprehensive information on the subject of EtherCAT to an impressive number of participants.

The kick-off event was the 2012 Japanese EtherCAT Plug Fest in Yokohama. Over two days a total of 27 representatives from 14 different device manufacturers tested master and slave devices for EtherCAT interoperability. In addition, the ETG Conformance Test Tool was used, which checks the compliance of the devices in terms of network communication. Florian Hammel, who was on-site to support the local ETG personnel sums up the activities: “Compared to last year’s event we had much more equipment to test – a clear sign that interest in EtherCAT events of this type is quickly rising in Japan.”

The next day another event took place in Yokohama: the EtherCAT for Developers seminar provided detailed information specifically for developers on the development of EtherCAT devices and integration of EtherCAT interfaces. In all 16 participants attended the in-depth presentations, which were prepared by the ETG representatives.

Around 50 attendees came to the EtherCAT Introduction Seminar to become more informed about the fundamentals of EtherCAT and the work of the ETG in general. The presentation was held by Shinji Murayama, OMRON representative and member of the ETG Regional Committee Japan, which organized the event. At the table-top exhibition, which took place in parallel with the seminar, various equipment manufacturers showed the non-members of the ETG their latest solutions and explained the benefits of the remarkable depth of product available to EtherCAT users.

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Finally, the ETG delivered the Technology Update, where Dr. Guido Beckmann, representative of the organization, presented recent EtherCAT developments and ETG projects to about 60 participants. Particular focus was on the various Technical Working Groups (TWG) of the ETG, especially on the work of the Semiconductor TWG. “Device profiles are very important for us,” said one of the attendees, adding: “For this reason, we appreciate the high commitment of the ETG to this industry.”

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Lively crowd at the EtherCAT Introduction Seminar in Yokohama, Japan.

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