

## Full House at EtherCAT Technology Group Member Meeting Japan

**123 EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) member representatives attended the recent ETG meeting in Tokyo in order to get the latest EtherCAT news and technology updates first hand. The attendees welcomed news that the entire EtherCAT specification as well as supporting documentation is currently being translated into Japanese. Also, the new EtherCAT Test Center in Kyoto was introduced.**

Like previous meetings, the latest ETG member meeting Japan was again very well received. Despite the travel restrictions imposed by the current economic downturn, 123 representatives from Japanese ETG member companies joined the event. The introduction of the new EtherCAT Test Center in Kyoto was a highlight at the meeting. Also, in a joint presentation, Murata Machinery (Muratec) and Applied Materials (AMAT) introduced an EtherCAT-based semiconductor fab automation project involving wireless links. In addition, ETG Executive Director Martin Rostan provided an update on EtherCAT technology news and the global status of the ETG, emphasizing the outstanding adoption rate among vendors and users alike.

Last year alone, ETG membership in Japan grew by a robust 77%. In line with this growth, the ETG and its members are taking the next steps to further promote EtherCAT as a leading network technology in Japan. Supported by several other members, Omron has begun to translate the entire EtherCAT specification into Japanese language, along with large amounts of supporting documentation.

So far over 50 servo drive vendors and over 30 I/O device vendors support EtherCAT in their product offering. More than 70 companies offer EtherCAT masters, which the ETG takes as a clear sign of the technology's openness. With respect to Japan, ETG representative Takeshi Kameda was able to announce that another milestone has been reached. "We only started promoting EtherCAT in Japan in the

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middle of 2005 –now there are over 100 Japanese ETG members, including almost all major automation system and device suppliers as well as many large end users.”

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 EtherCAT technology. With over 1100 members from 47 countries, the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest organization in the world that is exclusively focused on Industrial Ethernet technologies. Founded in November 2003, it is also currently the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

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