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MECHATROLINK MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

**Texas Instruments Inc. to become MECHATROLINK board committee member**

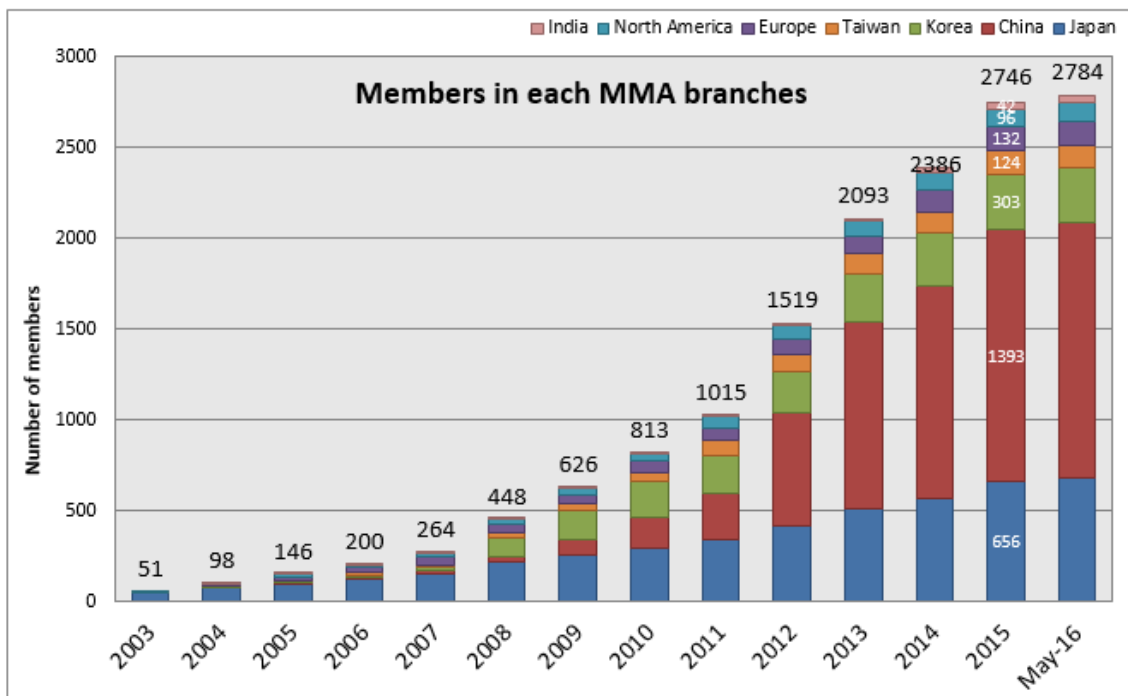
The MECHATROLINK MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (MMA) announced that Texas Instruments Inc. has recently agreed to join the MMA management team as a board committee company. The Association, which promotes the MECHATROLINK open field network technology first introduced in Japan, is headquartered in Iruma City, Saitama Prefecture. As an MMA member, Texas Instruments Inc. (head office: Dallas, Texas 75243 USA) is known worldwide as a manufacturer and developer of semiconductor.

The market environment has undergone large-scale changes in recent years due to the realization of higher functionality, efficiency and reliability as well as the emergence of IoT, M2M and Industry 4.0, all of which shifted the focus to various types of networks. As a company already has the many network protocol for FA processor, Texas Instruments Inc. has joined the MMA board committee in pursuit of a more active leadership role in developing new MECHATROLINK technologies and promoting and spreading their usage. Because Keyence is influential in fields such as industrial equipment and related solutions, the MMA expects the company's new leadership role to boost the diffusion and adoption of MECHATROLINK.

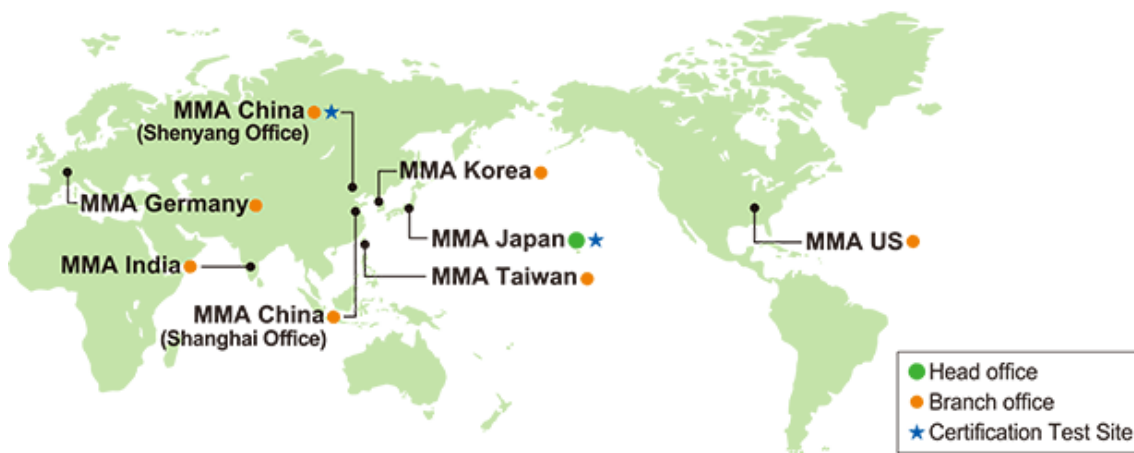
The MMA board committee includes Digital Electronics Corporation, Keyence Corporation, M-System Co., Ltd., Oriental Motor Co., Ltd., YASKAWA Electric Corporation, YASKAWA Information Systems Corporation and Yokogawa Electric Corporation. Texas Instruments Inc. will become the seventh board committee member.

The MMA was established to promote the global spread of MECHATROLINK open field network technologies. Its membership is comprised of eight board committee companies in addition to MECHATROLINK product developers and MECHATROLINK users. As of May 2016, the MMA includes 2,784 companies.

Branch offices have been established in South Korea, China, Taiwan, the United States, Germany and India. These offices provide support for worldwide MECHATROLINK diffusion and promotion as well as MMA member support.



MMA membership by year



MMA global support network

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