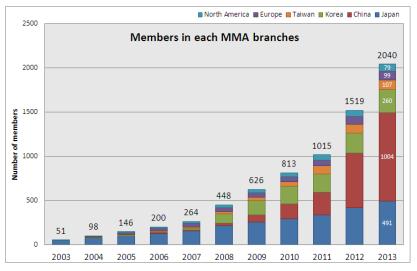


MMA at over 2000 Members! Including More than 1000 Chinese Members

The MECHATROLINK Members Association promotes the open motion network MECHATROLINK. Takuya Miwa, General Secretary of the MMA announced that membership has topped 2000 as of January 2014.

The MMA membership doubled about 2 years after it hit the 1000 mark in 2011. At the same time, the number of member companies located in China whose markets are rapidly growing surpassed 1000. The 2000th member is FUJI MACHINERY CO., LTD, a packaging machine manufacturer, and the 1000th Chinese member is Guangdong China Southern Institute of Computing Technology. The MMA plans to make a visit to welcome our 2000th member and 1000th Chinese member.



The year 2013 marked the 10th anniversary since the establishment of MECHATROLINK as an open network, and the MMA carried out various activities to promote MECHATROLINK more actively than ever. The MMA established its Taiwan office (MMA Taiwan) in November 2013 and the office started operations to further promote MECHATROLINK in the Asian region. The MMA participated in MTA2013 in Singapore in April 2013, and attended the IMTEX2014 in Bangalore, India for the first time in January 2014 to promote MECHATROLINK. With the support of member companies in 41 different countries around the world, the MMA has grown as an association with the largest number of members in Asia, and promotes the motion control functions featured in the open network of MECHATROLINK.

Aiming to make MECHATROLINK a de facto motion network standard, the MMA will strengthen promotional activities in the Asian region, as well as in ASEAN countries and India whose market growth is expected, to increase membership, develop MECHATROLINK compliant products, and identify prospective users of newly developed products.

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The MMA is a group of MECHATROLINK product developers and users that globally promote the use of open network MECHATROLINK. The MMA board committee is comprised of six corporations: M-System Co., Ltd., ORIENTAL MOTOR CO., LTD., Digital Electronics Corporation, YASKAWA INFORMATION SYSTEMS Corporation, YASKAWA ELECTRIC CORPORATION, and YOKOGAWA ELECTRIC CORPORATION.

The MMA branch offices are located in Korea, China, Taiwan, U.S.A, and Germany, and carry out activities to globally promote MECHATROLINK and provide support to the MMA members.