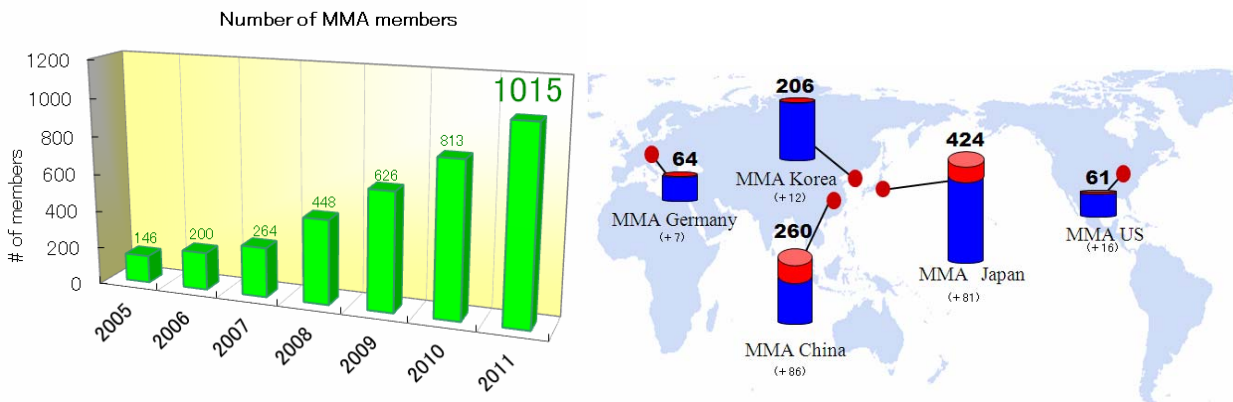




The MMA's New Milestone, Our 1000th Member

Takeshi TANAKA, General Secretary of the MECHATROLINK Members Association (MMA), announced that the membership has topped 1000 as of the end of March 2012. The MMA was established in October 2005 to promote the open motion network MECHATROLINK with 124 original member companies. Since then, the MMA has carried out a sequence of focused promotional activities in Asian, European, and American markets. As a result of these promotional activities, 900 member companies joined the MMA in the first six and half years. Recently, memberships from the four countries of China, Korea, Taiwan, and Japan have been especially increasing: 42% of all members are Japanese companies, 26% are Chinese companies, 20% are Korean companies, 6% are European companies, and 6% are American companies. The rapid spread of MECHATROLINK has been especially remarkable in China, where 260 companies have already joined the MMA. The MMA is now the largest networking group in Asia that promotes a motion control open network.



The MMA exhibited MECHATROLINK compliant products at SEMICON China 2012 in Shanghai for three days from March 20, 2012. 37 companies joined the MMA during this exhibition, which made the MMA an association of over 1000 member companies. The 1000th member is a CNC controller manufacturer in Beijing. The MMA secretariat plans to visit Beijing in May to welcome our 1000th member.

The MMA promotes two communication standards: The most popular MECHATROLINK-II, and the Ethernet physical-layer compliant, high-speed MECHATROLINK-III. MECHATROLINK-III communications, with a minimum transmission cycle 31.25 μsec., are the best choice for ultra high-speed applications.

The MMA will further accelerate the promotion of MECHATROLINK to make MECHATROLINK the de-facto motion network in Asian markets, and will continue with efforts to reach the next milestone of 2000 members by the end of 2014.

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