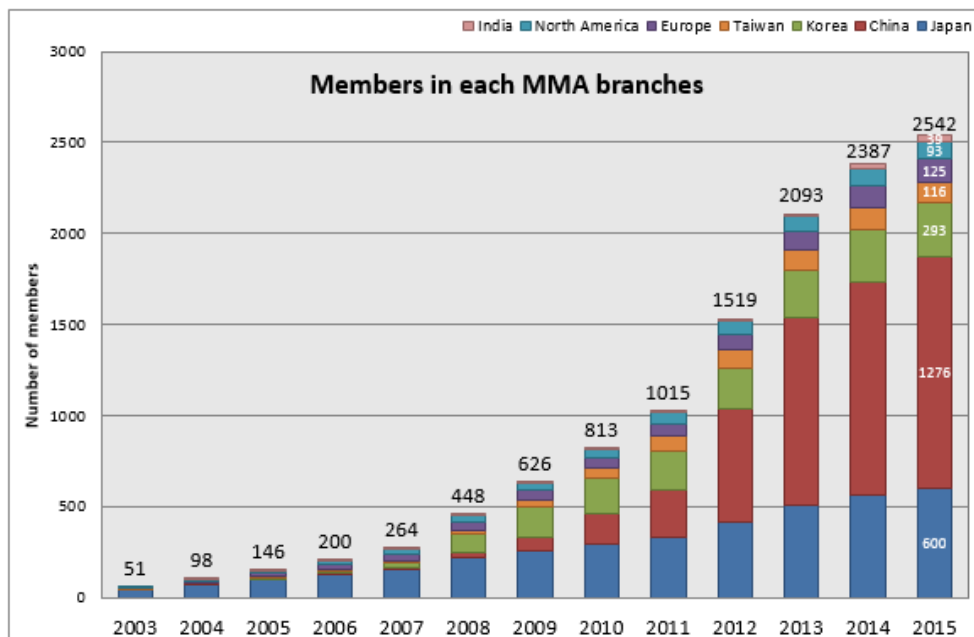




MECHATROLINK MEMBERS ASSOCIATION Membership Tops 2500 Companies!
Over 1200 Chinese Members

MECHATROLINK MEMBERS ASSOCIATION (MMA/Board Member: Digital Electronics Corporation, M-System Co., Ltd., ORIENTAL MOTOR CO., LTD., YASKAWA ELECTRIC CORPORATION, YASKAWA INFORMATION SYSTEMS Corporation and YOKOGAWA ELECTRIC CORPORATION), which is promoting MECHATROLINK, an open motion network from Japan, has announced that its members exceeded 2500 companies in July 2015.

From its opening to the public in 2003, in accordance with the market requirement for the high function, high performance, and high reliability of devices, the association grew to 1000 member companies in 2011 and 2000 companies in 2014 mainly from the Asia district, and over 500 new members have joined in a year and a half later. MMA plans to visit the 2500th company to register with the association, AIDA ENGINEERING, LTD., a press machine manufacturer, for a commemorative celebration.



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Setting its target on making itself the de facto motion network, MMA was selected for an international standard (IEC61158/IEC61784) in August 2014, and is strengthening its activity not only in Asia district, but also in ASEAN and India districts where the future market expansion is expected. MMA has established the India chapter in July 2014 to cultivate not only new member companies but also the products that support MECHATROLINK and the users using those products, and is executing an aggressive expansion such as conducting events in each ASEAN country.

Also in recent years, the demand for high function, high performance and high reliability of devices has grown and due to major change in the market environment such as IoT, M2M and Industrie4.0, the network is receiving a lot of attention. MMA, with the cooperation of the member companies, especially the principal members, stands ready to implement more concrete solution proposals such as using the message communication function of MECHATROLINK to improve productivity as a “proposal for innovation in productivity by the unification of IoT/M2M and MECHATROLINK.”

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*About the MMA

Full Name in English: MECHATROLINK MEMBERS ASSOCIATION

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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: Digital Electronics Corporation, M-System Co., Ltd., ORIENTAL MOTOR CO., LTD., YASKAWA ELECTRIC CORPORATION, YASKAWA INFORMATION SYSTEMS Corporation and YOKOGAWA ELECTRIC CORPORATION.

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