

CC-LINK PARTNET ASSOCIATION OPEN NEW OFFICE IN MEXICO

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The CC-Link Partner Association (CLPA, for its acronym in English) announced the opening of an office in Mexico to give greater support to users of this family networks, whose use is growing rapidly worldwide.

Currently, there are offices of CLPA in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, China, Singapore, India, Turkey, Germany and the United States, now Mexico and next March will open a new in Thailand, which speaks of the growth CC-Link is having; because it has 2,543 partners worldwide and more than 1,500 approved products.

Since its inception in 2000 to date, the number of members has grown 17 times, and the number of approved for CC-Link products increased six times, so until last year there were 14 million devices installed globally.

"This makes us the world's largest open organization. Although started in Asia, we also have many members today in the United States and Europe, this means that CC-Link has become a technology globally accepted, and we expect the number of members of Mexico also increase" said Naomi Nakamura Global Director of CLPA.

The opening of this new office in Mexico, responds to the large number of requests for training that has received the CLPA United States, where Mexican users are attending.

"We realized that CC-Link is becoming a very important part of manufacturing in Mexico, the opening of this office will allow us to have more training, seminars, events and work more closely with manufacturers and our partners in Mexico to receive their feedback and their applications to ensure they are using their networks to their full potential" said Robert Miller, director of the CLPA-Americas.

During the presentation ceremony, Miller assure the need to have a local office to meet the customer's needs; also cause the need to have at their disposal a familiar team with the culture and language of the country was necessary.

It is noteworthy that the CLPA is governed by a board of few members (3M, Balluff, Cisco, Cognex, Idec, Mitsubishi Electric, Molex, NEC, Pro-Face), which is responsible for the administration and management of CC-Link.

Plans in Mexico, in principle, will be determine the number of users and the support for these, and conduct more seminars and workshops; also it seeks to establish links with universities and educational institutions so that students learn all about the operation of CC-Link from the classroom.

For now, among companies already using CC-Link in Mexico are Suzuki, Honda, Nissan, Daihatsu, Isuzu, Mitsubishi Motors, Subaru, Panasonic, Aisin, Bridgestone, Canon, LG, Samsung, Hyundai, Sharp, to name a few.

Robert Miller considered that the accelerated experienced growth of this network is because it is the fastest network (1 Gbps), the safer, it is very easy to use, and anyone can configure it, plus it has a large number of devices available for this network.

Meanwhile, Naomi Nakamura said that CC-Link and its version CC-Link IE are ideally designed for the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), because with this band for control and production information are provided independently a bandwidth of 1 Gb, thus avoiding adverse effects while allowing control equipment and information production is sent simultaneously.

Nakamura also announced that thanks to an agreement signed last November, CC -Link and Profinet will work together to develop compatible products, so that users will be able to use the advantages of both networks.

The presentation of the new office was held in Aguascalientes, after a series of seminars in the Bajío region, since one of the main focuses of the CLPA Mexico will be consolidate in the automotive industry, and secondly food and beverage industry, but its advantages are widely known in all industrial sectors.