

Yaskawa Celebrates 100-Year Anniversary in 2015

Waukegan, Ill. Yaskawa Electric Corporation (Yaskawa) headquartered in Kitakyushu, Japan, will commemorate their 100th anniversary during 2015 across all global locations in 28 countries. In addition to the centenary celebration, Yaskawa will renew its corporate logo and identity as a symbol of evolution and future growth.

Yaskawa started in 1915 as a producer of coal mining equipment by Daigoro Yasukawa, known today as the founder. During the 20th century, Yaskawa developed technology innovations such as the super synchronous motor, minertia motor and Motoman® L10 robot. Today, Yaskawa is a leader in developing and manufacturing robotics and automation solutions, with approximately \$3 billion in annual revenue and over 14,000 global employees.

“Celebrating our 100-year anniversary provides an opportunity to reflect on the values that have made us successful,” stated Junji Tsuda, representative director, chairman and president of Yaskawa. “Our ability to develop products that help society progress will ensure a prosperous future for Yaskawa and our customers.”

Yaskawa America, Inc. (Yaskawa America), a subsidiary overseeing operations in North and South America, is comprised of the Drives & Motion Division and Motoman Robotics Division.

“For any organization, company or brand, the ability to stay relevant and provide value to customers for a century is an extraordinary accomplishment,” stated Jason Farmer, director of marketing for Yaskawa America, Motoman Robotics Division. “For Yaskawa, we feel fortunate to provide products and solutions that help advance society and alleviate people from jobs that are dirty, dangerous or dull.”

“We are a very customer-centric organization,” said Dennis Fitzgerald, vice president of customer satisfaction for Yaskawa America, Drives & Motion Division. “We have and will continue to invest in people, products and technology that prioritize customers, and their satisfaction, to the highest level.”

About Yaskawa

The Drives & Motion Division of Yaskawa America, Inc. manufactures industrial automation equipment. Its products include industrial AC drives; commercial HVAC drives; spindle drives and motors; servo amplifier systems and machine controllers; and low-voltage industrial control switches. The company's products are used in automotive, building automation, chemical and petrochemical, food and beverage, machine tool, material handling, metal forming, packaging, pharmaceutical, solar, plastics and rubber, and textile applications. Yaskawa America's Motoman Robotics Division makes industrial robots that can weld, assemble, cut and handle goods for manufacturers.

Yaskawa America, Inc. employs more than 1,000 people at its headquarters in Waukegan, IL, its manufacturing facilities in Buffalo Grove, IL and Oak Creek, WI, and in offices across the United States. For more information, please visit our website at www.yaskawa.com.

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