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## YASKAWA/MOTOMAN CANADA CELEBRATES TENTH ANNIVERSARY WITH OPEN HOUSE AND CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

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Dayton, Ohio — Yaskawa/Motoman Canada (YMC) hosted an Open House and Customer Appreciation Day September 20 at their facility in Mississauga, Ontario, to celebrate their tenth anniversary in Canada. Nearly 200 guests attended the event.

Following a continental breakfast, visitors toured the 32,835-sq.ft. YMC facility that features expanded manufacturing space, a large demonstration laboratory, fully equipped training classrooms, and administrative and sales offices. More than 30 live and static demos showcased the latest Motoman robots, software, and related products. Demos of the recently introduced 13-axis dual-arm DA20 robot and 7-axis actuator-driven IA20 robot highlighted revolutionary, quantum leap robotic technology that opens up a new realm of automation possibilities to robots with “human-like” flexibility of motion. Additional demos included Multiple Robot Control featuring the NX100 Controller; tandem-wire arc welding; vision-assisted handling; Off-Line Programming (OLP) with MotoSim<sup>®</sup> EG; Cold Metal Transfer (CMT); “jigless” welding; arc welding of both aluminum and stainless steel; advances in positioning equipment; and emerging technologies.

After a luncheon that featured commemorative events featuring remarks by Motoman President Craig Jennings, and speeches by three customers (including YMC’s first customer) and an integrator partner, visitors attended their choice of afternoon technical presentations and lab sessions or saw additional demos. At the conclusion of the day’s events, a special Sake Ceremony was held.

“Our vision is to continue to increase YMC’s presence in the Canadian marketplace and provide total customer satisfaction,” said YMC Senior General Manager Casey DiBattista. “Many of our customers have been with us since Day 1, and their loyalty to Motoman has allowed us to grow and prosper. We are grateful for their continued support,” DiBattista continued.

YMC also sells and supports Yaskawa Electric’s non-robotic products, which include motion control devices, servo motors, spindles, drives, controllers, and inverters. YMC’s mechatronics customers are primarily in the automotive, construction, consumer goods, and machine tool markets.

In August 2003, YMC achieved ISO 9001:2000 registration from Eagle Registrations Inc. YMC's initial ISO 9001 certification in March 2001 from Underwriter's Laboratories Inc. (UL), made Motoman's initial March 2000 registration truly multi-national. ISO certification is another milestone on the road to new levels of customer satisfaction, and is in keeping with the theme of the corporate mission statement -- to deliver high quality, innovative automation solutions, which help customers to be world competitive.

YMC is a subsidiary of Motoman Inc., which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Yaskawa Electric America (YEA). Motoman, founded in 1989, is one of the largest robotics companies in North and South America, with more than 24,500 robot installations to date. Motoman's product line includes more than 175 robot models, with payloads from 3 kg (6.6 lbs.) to 600 kg (1,323 lbs.) and boasts more than 15 families of fully integrated, standard "World" solutions that include robots, process equipment, and safety equipment.

For more information on Yaskawa/Motoman Canada or Motoman products and services, visit the corporate website at [www.motoman.com](http://www.motoman.com).

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