

For Yaskawa The Future is Now



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Synopsis

Yaskawa Electric (Yaskawa), the world's largest manufacturer of AC Inverter Drives, Servo and Motion Control, and Robotics Automation Systems, is celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Since 1915, Yaskawa has been serving products to improve global productivity through automation. Messrs. Ogawa and Knapek will talk about Yaskawa and its growth plan including new, future technologies.

Biographies



Masahiro Ogawa is corporate vice president of Yaskawa Electric Corporation and chairman and CEO of Yaskawa America Inc. In his 28-year career with Yaskawa, he spent five years in product engineering, 18 years as head of global robot development, and four years in charge of Yaskawa America's drive, motion, and robot business.



Michael "Mike" Knapek is corporate vice president of Yaskawa Electric Corporation and president and COO of Yaskawa America Inc. In his 29-year career with Yaskawa America and Magnetek, he spent 12 years in sales and marketing management, 13 years in business management with Yaskawa's and Magnetek's inverter business, and four years in charge of Yaskawa America's drive and motion business.

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