

The Industrial Internet Consortium and the Industrial Value Chain Initiative Sign MoU

HANNOVER, GERMANY – April 26, 2017 [The Industrial Internet Consortium](#)[®] (IIC), the world's leading organization transforming business and society by accelerating the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), and the Industrial Value Chain Initiative (IVI), a forum of smart manufacturing for connected industries based in Japan, announced they have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). Under the agreement, the IIC and the IVI will work together to align efforts to maximize interoperability, portability, security and privacy for the industrial Internet.

Joint activities between the IIC and the IVI will include:

- Sharing use cases
- Sharing IIoT architecture information
- Identifying and sharing IIoT best practices for manufacturing
- Collaborating on opportunities for future joint testbed projects
- Other activities to which both parties agree

“We look forward to a productive collaboration with the Industrial Value Chain Initiative as both organizations are set to greatly benefit from it,” said Dr. Jacques Durand, Director of IoT Engineering and Standards, Fujitsu North America, Inc., IIC Liaison Officer to IVI and IIC Steering Committee Member. “IVI understands industrial manufacturing and supply-chains very well and has a lot of experience in deploying IIoT for this mature sector. At the same time, the IIC has the capability to globally harmonize IIoT best practices and models across countries and industries.”

“The Industrial Internet Consortium is an international organization, with about 260 member companies and 27 testbeds operating in 31 countries,” said Dr. Richard Mark Soley, Ph.D., Executive Director, Industrial Internet Consortium. “We consider it especially important to work closely with regional and national IoT initiatives and are very much looking forward to our cooperation with the Industrial Value Chain Initiative to further the industrial Internet in the world.”

“We are delighted about this new liaison for further collaboration with the Industrial Internet Consortium,” said Prof. Dr. Yasuyuki Nishioka, President of the Industrial Value Chain Initiative. “We believe the smart manufacturing use cases obtained by our bottom up approach can contribute towards a comprehensive reference architecture for global cooperation.”

The Liaison Working Group is the gateway for formal relationships with standards and open-source organizations, consortia, alliances, certification and testing bodies and government entities/agencies. The agreement with the IVI is one of a number of agreements made by the IIC's [Liaison Working Group](#). For a list of current liaisons, click [here](#).

The Cross Industry Committee (CIC) of IVI, chaired by Ms. Hatsuko Kouroku, is the contact point for formal relationships with other IIoT initiatives. As a next step, the CIC and the Liaison Working Group of the IIC have cooperatively targeted a joint workshop on June 8, 2017 at Tokyo Big Sight to share use case information. For the latest list and the brief introduction of IVI's use cases, click [here](#).

About the Industrial Value Chain Initiative

The Industrial Value Chain Initiative (IVI), based in Japan, is a forum consisting of industrial and academic members that works on promotion of smart manufacturing for connected industries. It aims at fostering ecosystems by activities including provision of support to workgroups made up of member companies/organizations for creating use cases, coordination of platforms to provide the workgroups with solutions and compilation of specifications at different granularity from requirement specification of each workgroup to a reference architecture. For more information, visit <https://iv-i.org/en/>.

About the Industrial Internet Consortium

The Industrial Internet Consortium is the world's leading organization transforming business and society by accelerating the Industrial Internet of Things. Our mission is to deliver a trustworthy Industrial Internet of Things in which the world's systems and devices are securely connected and controlled to deliver transformational outcomes. The Industrial Internet Consortium is managed by the Object Management Group (OMG). For more information, visit www.iiconsortium.org.

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