

Halton Opens a New R&D Centre in Asia

Halton Group is expanding its global presence quickly. In March 2013 the company opened a brand new R&D centre at Halton Malaysia's production facilities.

Ever since Halton Group was founded in 1969, the company has had a clear vision about the importance of R&D and innovation when pursuing success. The company has a strong global R&D network, including six centres on three continents which carry out testing of new products and tailor-made solutions for customers. Halton also works in close collaboration with leading universities and research centres to be able to apply the latest innovations in the field to customer projects.

Heikki Rinne, CEO of Halton Group, **Olli Sipilä**, Director of Halton in Asia, and **Christian Hirschmann**, Foodservice R&D manager of Halton Asia had the privilege of cutting the ribbon.

- Without research and innovation Halton's global success story would never have been possible, Heikki Rinne stated in his speech. - Strong customer intimacy, innovation culture and family company's values are the cornerstones of Halton as we know it at the moment.

The new Asian R&D centre focuses on foodservice solutions for commercial kitchen and restaurant uses. - New foodservice projects under development in global R&D include circulating kitchen hoods, new filters, and watermistis. There is a need for customized solutions in different regions, as cooking styles vary between from one region to another. For instance in Asia the ventilation applications are in great demand. Halton is responding to the challenge like no other company, Christian Hirschmann explained.

Halton Group has accelerated its growth year after year both in terms of sales and locations, and aims to grow even more in 2013. Asia has a central role in Halton's strategy, as the company is targeting especially the emerging markets. Halton foresees Asia to be a growth market for the decades to come. For the moment Halton has locations in eight countries in the region, including manufacturing facilities in Malaysia and China. It also has license manufacturing in Australia and New Zealand.

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Halton is a family-run company specialized in indoor climate and indoor environment products, services and solutions. Haltons aim is to create comfortable and safe indoor environments that have energy-efficient and sustainable life cycle.

Halton solutions range from public and commercial buildings to industry, commercial kitchen and restaurant applications. Halton is also one of the most recognized indoor climate solution providers for marine and offshore applications. Areas of expertise and product ranges cover air diffusion, airflow management, fire safety, kitchen ventilation, air purification and indoor environment management. Halton was founded in Finland 1969. These days company has operations in 28 countries. 2012 turnover was 168 million euros. Halton in web: www.halton.com

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