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ABB inaugurates robotics plant to sharpen Thailand's manufacturing edge

ABB's machine-tending portfolio offers a wide variety of advanced and vision-integrated applications

Today ABB has officially opened a new facility, ABB Robotics Machine-Tending Limited (RMT), to produce machine-tending robotics, in Rayong Province, Thailand. The opening was attended by Staffan Herrström, Sweden's ambassador to Thailand, and Sirichote Singa, who oversees ABB's Robotics and Motion division in Thailand.

Under the Thailand 4.0 initiative, the robotics industry is a key element in raising productivity in other industries. Machine tending will play a key role in supporting robotics in a variety of industries, including the mold and die casting, machinery and automotive industries. The project encourages business owners to adapt and adjust to new technologies and innovations over the next five years.

RMT will provide support for production processes that call for automated machine-tending, such as using robots to feed components to lathes and mills. ABB combines its portfolio of more than 800 machine-tending cell systems with dedicated machine-tending software, which can reduce the engineering costs that are the most significant expense associated with installing a new machine.

"We stay close to our customers and understand their challenges and applications. We are working to further standardize our products, with the goal of greater flexibility. Our challenge is to guide a robot with even more precision. We put a lot of energy into making our robot cells reliable for our customers," said Ari Kesti, Regional Sales Manager, Machine Tending Solutions.

"ABB is proud of this new facility," said Mr. Sirichote. "It encourages not only further export expansion under the Thailand Board of Investment's privileges, but also expands our local presence in the country, which will allow us to serve local customers, improve service capabilities and expand our activities."

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