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Blayson Japan celebrates 20 years

On March 16th 2005, a ceremony was held in Chiba, Japan to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Blayson Japan Co Ltd.

Many local and industry dignitaries were invited to the Blayson Japan factory in Togane-Shi, Chiba Prefecture, Japan for a celebration and tour of the facility, which was followed by a reception at the Togane City Reception Centre.

Amongst those attending were representatives from local Government, Banking, JACT, customers, suppliers, employees of both Blayson Japan Co Ltd and Blayson Olefines Ltd in the UK.



Pictured: Blayson Japan founders Ron Williams and Masaaki Ozawa

Speeches were made by those closely connected to Blayson Japan Co Ltd, and Ron Williams, Managing Director of The Blayson Group Ltd, traced back the history of Blayson

Japan. Mr Williams paid special tribute to Masaaki Ozawa, Hisako Ozawa and M Matsuzawa who were all involved in the formation of the Company and have contributed greatly to its success.

In addition to Ron Williams, the five members of Blayson Olefines Ltd attending the meeting were Dave Bond, Technical Director; John Evans, Administration Manager; Gavin Starr, Production Manager; Michele Cranwell, Quality Co-ordinator; and Mark Roxby, Warehouse Co-ordinator.



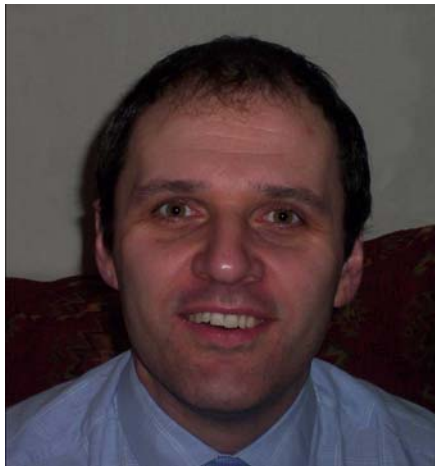
Pictured: the Blayson UK team with Chauren Yang of Kuang Lee Enterprises of Taiwan.

Whilst in Japan from 14-19 March 2005, the Blayson Olefines staff were able to attend the 6-monthly UK/Japan Technical Meeting, which was an excellent opportunity to strengthen relationships between the two Blayson facilities. They were also able to visit various Japanese customers including the Daido Precision Foundry in Nagoya.

Since its formation 20 years ago, Blayson Japan has grown to become the leading manufacturer and supplier of investment casting wax in Japan, additionally supplying associated materials and equipment. As a result Blayson Japan Co Ltd has become a focal point for the investment casting industry in Japan and this success reflects the dedication and efforts of all those connected with the Company.

Strengthened Technical Team

Blayson Olefines Ltd is delighted to announce that its technical team has been strengthened with the recruitment of Phil Hancock.



Phil joined Blayson at the start of November 2004 from Doncasters Medical Technologies, Sheffield, UK where he spent 7 years as Process Manager.

With a BSc Hons. and wide experience of other aspects of the metal casting industry Phil is seen as a major asset to the company.

Phil's primary role as Project Engineer will be in assisting Technical Director Dave Bond with new product development. Importantly he will be a key member of the interface team between Blayson and customers, arranging wax trials and introducing new materials to the marketplace.

Website Developments

Blayson maintains two websites and both have been are being developed to carry information on markets and technical matters of interest to the investment casting community.

www.blayson.com is the company's main website and carries information on the company, with details of the product range, the work of the Technical Centre - covering QA and R&D, as well as technical information related directly to the Blayson product range.

The latest update adds details of the network of agents and distributors and links to websites of the important investment casting industry organisations.

The second website : www.investmentcastingwax.com was created to provide an unbiased source of information on the worldwide precision investment casting industry, the ancient lost wax process, and investment casting wax.

This website is being extended to include a series of market and technical presentations that have been given over the past 15 years.

These papers give a great source of information, tracking the growth of the investment casting industry worldwide and technological developments in wax over the period from 1989 to date.

More changes and improvements are planned to both websites - so keeping logging on to keep up to date with the latest published information.

EWF Membership

In order to develop its role as Europe's leading manufacturer of investment casting wax Blayson Olefines Ltd has joined the European Wax Federation (EWf).

Alexandra Hadjiyianni, EWf Secretary General, visited Blayson recently to familiarise herself with the company and the process of wax manufacture for this specialised industry.

The intention of joining the EWf is to ensure that the investment casting industry has a presence that can help influence the thinking and policies of the raw material producers – companies who otherwise would be unaware of this important sector of industry.

Forthcoming Papers

Members of the Blayson team will present two papers in the near future.

Ron Williams, Managing Director of The Blayson Group Ltd, will present an update on the World Investment Casting Industry at the September conference of the Japan Foundry Society (formerly the Japan Association of Casting Technology).

This paper will include the latest statistics from the North American and European industry and will demonstrate the business and technical trends. At the present time indications are that investment casting is performing well, particularly in the aerospace sector.

Also that whilst China continues to make significant progress on the world stage, there are positive aspects and good opportunities for western manufacturers to benefit.

The second paper will be presented at the EICF Workshop being held in Bilbao in May. Richard Hirst, Sales and Marketing Manager, will discuss the benefits of 'Cost Reduction Through Wax Reclamation'.

As the pioneer of wax recycling to provide both 'reclaim' and 'reconstituted' wax products Blayson is uniquely placed to present the case.

Full details of both papers will be available in due course, contact rdohirst@blayson.com