

## Review October Automotive Roundtable in Beijing, 2017 - Quality Management in China -

October Automotive Roundtable invited the experts from VDA QMC, Daimler, TUV, and msg China to discuss potential improvements for Chinese quality management systems and share their case studies on the opportunities and changes for the Chinese automotive market, OEMs and suppliers. More than 50 participants joined in the discussion and exchanged their ideas.





**Mr. Tilman Tillmann, General Manager, German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA), VDA QMC - Quality Management Center China Co., Ltd. (Beijing and Shanghai)** as the moderator, firstly gave welcoming remarks and shared an overview of the national and international standards. He pointed out that China is holding 44% of all ISO/TS 16949 Certificates till the end of this August, it is the biggest market for Auto Quality Management System Certification and quality is the key for the success of the Chinese Automotive Industry.



**Mr. Klaus Ziegler, GM Certification and Accreditation System, TÜV Rheinland (China) Ltd.** gave the presentation on **Quality Control in China**. He introduced some rules related to Transition Audits, e.g. A transition audit can only be conducted if the organization has a currently valid ISO/TS 16949 certificate; The transition audit shall be the duration of a recertification audit according to the IATF Rules. A (new) subsequent audit cycle starts from the last day of the transition audit, etc. He also provided some suggestions, incl. training of internal auditors, training of key personnel on quality techniques and statistical methods are very important; Always be early, be prepared as lack of resources in China will aggravate, etc.



**Mr. Christian Erhart, QM-QMS Assistant Manager, Daimler Greater China** presented generally on **Quality Management Systems** and from Daimler's perspective.

He said for them, the quality is a requirement and expectation that is mandatory. He believes quality management has the character of playing rules, standards and interface agreements. He also thinks audit is an independent systematic investigation, and audits are controlling method for Quality Management. He pointed out that the significance of product liability, especially outside the USA, has risen in the last year; criminal law "attack" against corporate representatives has increased worldwide and has now also been directed against employees. The interpretation of the existing law has been aggravated. He also introduced the Quality Feedback loop System.



**Mr. Peter Bornschein, General Manager, msg China** gave the presentation on **Quality Management at a Chinese OEM-Systems and Challenges**. He said before there were many different implementations of processes and systems in different areas of the company, which were not integrated with each other while now there are some of the most important processes and systems unified and integrated available for corporate quality management. He believes that quality needs to be planned and managed, therefore a customer and quality oriented common structure and language needs to be established across the business units of the whole company. Several aspects (e.g. objectives, requirements, risks, chances, problems, responsibilities, costs and decisions) have to be defined and handled on that basis to be broken down or aggregated on the different levels. It also supports the company in building cross functional teams based on the needs for the certain situations.

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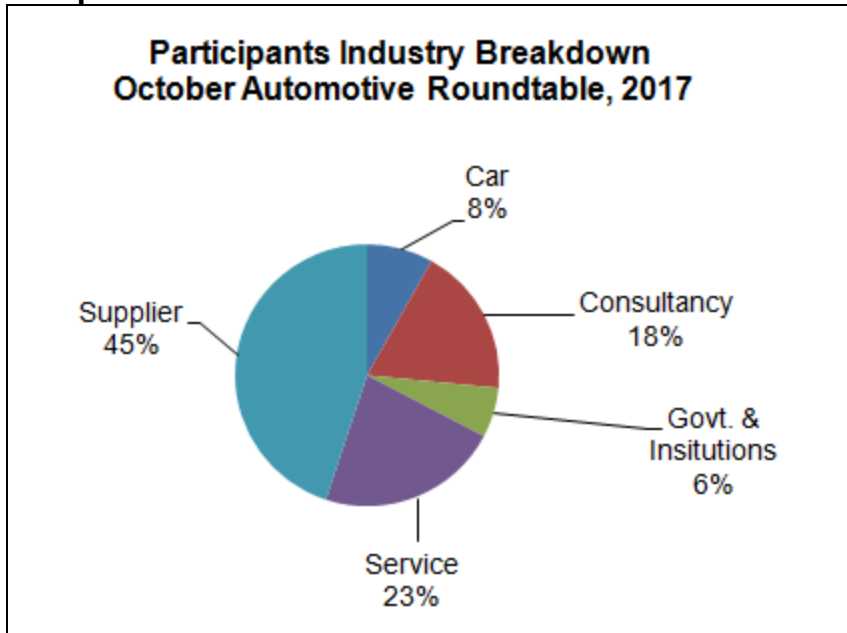
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After the presentations, **Mr. Tilman Tillmann, General Manager, German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA), VDA QMC - Quality Management Center China Co., Ltd. (Beijing and Shanghai)** chaired the panel discussion and the speakers discussed where are weaknesses in Chinese automotive supply Chain, and how can effective QM-Systems in Chinese automotive supply Chain be assured.



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