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Dutch OCP Experience Center being replicated internationally

Later this month, the first OCP Experience Center will mark its first 6 months of operation. Its founders, Rittal, Circle B and Switch Datacenters, can be satisfied when reflecting on the past period. They continue with the expansion of the setup and with receiving interested parties. In addition, the idea is now being replicated internationally.

Background

Founding the OCP Experience Center was a direct result of the market demands that the founders received. Potential users and suppliers had a genuine need for more than demonstrations of separate components. They wanted a live environment that could easily be visited, one that could be discussed with all stakeholders.

Official opening

The official opening of the OCP Experience Center in September 2018 coincided with the first Regional OCP Summit in Amsterdam. During the summit, many visitors took the opportunity to take the shuttle to the data centre where the OCP Experience Center is located.

There, they witnessed how the different components and technologies which were presented and discussed during the summit, functioned in a live environment as an integrated whole. There is still great appreciation for the chosen setup. One part is set up according to the specifications of telecom operators. The other part responds optimally to the requirements of data centre operators.

International copy

The success of the OCP Experience Center is significant. Therefore, Rittal Germany has decided to take the concept to the USA. For its design and construction, the German and American Rittal locations worked closely with their Dutch colleagues and local specialists. The official opening of the first American OCP Experience Center in the Cyxtera data centre will take place during the upcoming Global OCP Summit, which is scheduled for 14 and 15 March in San Jose

Activities of Rittal in the Netherlands

Rittal is aware that not everyone seriously interested in OCP will travel to the Global OCP Summit in San Jose. That is why it offers two options to expand knowledge about OCP in the Netherlands.

Firstly, it is still possible to visit the European Experience Center in Amsterdam and to exchange ideas further with Rittal, Circle B or Switch Data centers experts. The Dutch branch of Rittal will also host several small-scale round table meetings concerning the theme of OCP this year. The aim of the meetings is the exchange of knowledge and ideas. In addition, it is the intention to delve deeper into the announcements made during the Global OCP Summit.

The round table meetings are open for system integrators, consultants and suppliers. Because OCP is a broad ecosystem, the focus will be on OCP in the telecom sector and OCP as the starting point for data centers. Because both sectors are internationally oriented, Rittal is aware that there will be international interest for these round table meetings. Just like visiting the OCP Experience Center, this will be no problem at all.

Please contact André Hiddink, Rittal's IT Product Manager, to discover more about Rittal's activities during the Global OCP Summit in San Jose or to visit one of the Experience Centers. Here, it's also possible to register your interest in the OCP round table meetings in the Netherlands. Rittal will keep you updated about locations and times.

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About Rittal:

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Its broad product range includes infrastructure solutions for modular and energy-efficient data centres with innovative concepts for the security of physical data and systems. Leading software providers Eplan and Cideon complement the value chain, providing interdisciplinary engineering solutions, while Rittal Automation Systems offers automation systems for switchgear construction.

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