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**Precis**

Recently, the application of the Internet of Things (IoT) is accelerating in the field of manufacturing in pursuit of productivity and quality improvements. Against this backdrop, we actively enhance the development and design for e-F@ctory, our FA integrated solution service to create next-generation manufacturing systems using IoT. In doing so, we strive for highly satisfactory service for customers, and in turn for an increase in the FA business. This issue introduces the latest FA technology on which e-F@ctory is based.