

Address for the first issue



The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Tokyo Chapter is in its 50th year since it was established. Most of the members who actively contributed to establishment of the SME Tokyo chapter have already retired. As a matter of fact, I was merely a university student at that time, and did not know the existence of SME. Then,

I came to know the activities by SME and was interested in the Society.

I learned that there was the society of manufacturing engineers in the USA, and it was highly and socially appreciated. I was very much interested in the SME because Japanese universities and academic societies were focusing on academic studies, and there was a tendency that industrial studies were not appreciated so much here.

When I assumed the post of SME Tokyo Chapter director in 2005, majority of members were already in their ripe old age, and I was concerned that only a few young members participated in the SME Tokyo events. After that, the tendency has been accelerated up to the present date.

I tried hard to find the way to increase the number of young members, as I believed that otherwise the chapter would be disappeared. Then, Director Mori proposed to issue the Journal by the SME Tokyo chapter and to ask young members to write articles in order to transmit information regarding the Japanese manufacturing technology to the world. I immediately knew it was a good idea.

I asked young and energetic Prof. Shirase of Kobe University, to take the position as the chief editor, and he willingly accepted to my request. And also, I was looking for the person to be in charge of the practical process for uploading the articles on the Website, and Mr. Michihiko Nakamura who has been supporting the Society volunteered for us, kindly accepted in the position.

We will try hard to post as many articles as possible in the journal. To differentiate our journal from the existing ones that focus on academic studies, we will focus on articles with industrial importance. Our journal is issued in English to let the people in the rest of the world know our studies. It is unpredictable how many and what level of articles would be posted in our journal, but I would highly appreciate your great support to our meaningful challenge.

Thank you very much.

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