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Tatsumasa Arite, Secretary

SME Japan Chapter No. 180

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Dear Mr. Arita:

Thank you for informing SME regarding the Japan Chapter 180's plan to become inactive effective December 31, 2026.

To assist the chapter with a smooth transition please review the following:

- Through December 31, 2026, Japan Chapter 180 may continue collecting certification and recertification fees in its current manner.
- Beginning January 1, 2027, individuals in Japan applying for certification will purchase the certification exam online. Individuals who are recertifying will receive an automated recertification email notice 90, 60, and 30 days prior to their expiration date and will be able to recertify online using the email they received.

Certified Manufacturing Technologist Certification Webpage

<https://www.sme.org/training/technical-certification/certified-manufacturing-technologist-cmfgt/>

Certified Manufacturing Engineer Certification Webpage

<https://www.sme.org/training/technical-certification/certified-manufacturing-engineer-cmfge-certification/>

Technical Recertification Webpage

<https://www.sme.org/training/technical-certification/recertification-requirements/>

- If a corporation is sponsoring an employee or a group of employees and requires an invoice, arrangements can be made to send the corporation an invoice.



SME remains committed to supporting SME members in Japan who wish to become certified or maintain their certification.

On behalf of SME and the Certification department, we would like to thank you for your leadership of the Japan Chapter 180 and services provided to SME and its members over the years.

Sincerely,

*Jaimie Christie*

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