

## Story to 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 belonged to the chapter at its establishment have already retired and gone, and only a few know those days.

Speaking of 50 years ago, machine tools and their manufacturing technology in Japan were still in the process of developing, and it was far from the number one in the world.

On the other hand, manufacturing engineers at that time were enthusiastic about developing technology and pushing it forward vigorously. Thanks to them, the production amount of machine tools in Japan has been the best in the world for about 30 years, and its utilization technology is also among the best.

However, I regret to say that such the fact is not well-known in the rest of the world. Most people in Europe believe that the machine tools made in Germany is the top in the world. What causes such a belief? I presume one of its primary causes is that the amount of information sent from Japan has been too small. There may be the Japanese language barrier, but at the same time, Japanese manufacturers are not transmitting information enough towards the other countries. "an unspoken agreement" does not work in the world.

A Japanese journal is called "pure scientific paper" by the non-Japanese people, and it tends to be specialized in academic aspects. Interesting studies on manufacturing technology are scarce, and therefore it cannot attract people's attention on the industrial front.

Taking an opportunity as the new director of the SME Tokyo Chapter, I proposed to issue the Journal of SME Japan that would transmit information regarding manufacturing technology to the world. Here we are able to launch the first issue with the blessing of members of the SME Tokyo Chapter. I would highly appreciate your cooperation to develop the SME Tokyo chapter to more attractive organization by utilizing this journal and transmit the manufacturing technology towards the world from Japan. I am awaiting your comments and requests.

Thank you so much.

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