

# Introducing the Society of Project Management

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**The Society of Project Management**

Welcome message from the President  
 Society of Project Management has been in the pursuit of advancement of academics and technology of the Project Management as well as activities that are beneficial for the members of the society. Many of the members have participated in the international conference ProMAC and spring and autumn conferences where the members present their achievement of researches and corporate activities, which has enabled us to contribute to accumulation and publicity of enormous achievement. Especially ProMAC, of which purpose is to achieve balanced development of Project Management Capability among North American, European, and Asian regions, has contributed to the education and dissemination of the Project Management in Asia as well as communication of distinctive activities by the member companies. ProMAC is now highly acknowledged in both theoretical and applicational fields through the global circulation of papers. In addition, we provide the members with over 1500 pages of information per year through periodical journals, newsletters, and many seminars. These enormous numbers of issues are kept in National Diet Library and made available for public view on CiNii that is run by National Institution of Informatics. This increases value of literary works of the members and protects their originality, and help Project Management disseminate.

We are also active in assuming responsible roles such as a domestic deliberative body of ISO TC258 Portfolio, Program and Project Management.

Our ability relies on active participation by the members. Vigorous discussion and publication of articles by many members will grow our ability and enhance value of the members themselves. We are waiting for your joining the Society of Project Management.



President SEKI Tetsuro  
 Oct 2013

## Profile of the Society of Project Management (SPM)

### Name of the organization

The Society of Project Management (SPM)

A member of the following associations:

Japan Federation of Managerial Engineering Societies (FMES)

Transdisciplinary Federation of Science and Technology

Japan Accreditation Board for Engineering Education (JABEE);

PMI Registered Education Provider (R.E.P.)

### President

SEKI Tetsuro (Bunkyo University)

### Visions

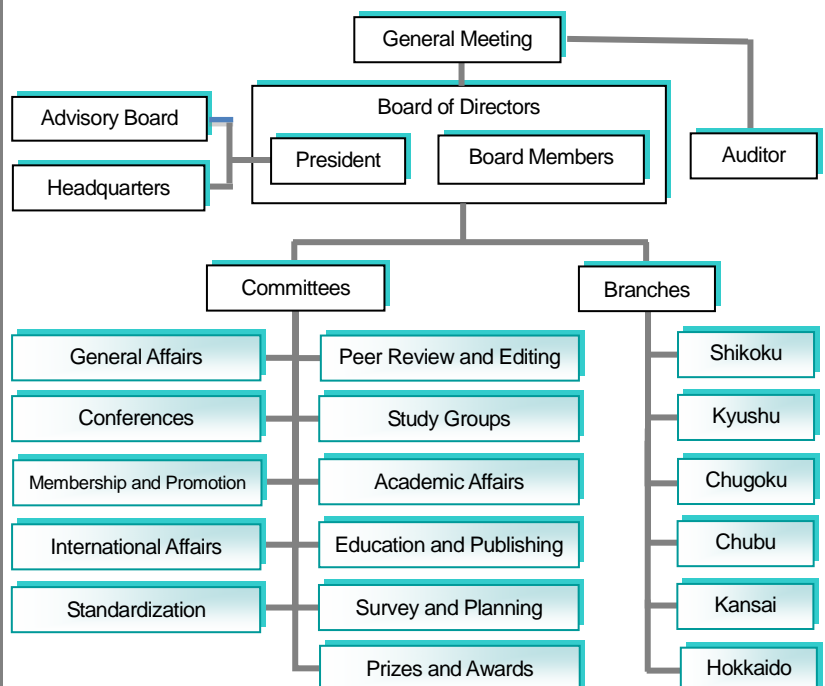
Making a contribution to the international community through developing, establishing and promoting academic and technical frameworks of project management. Members from various fields vigorously implement activities in an open, unbiased, cooperative and interdisciplinary manner. Through various activities, SPM aims to produce high-level results of academic research, improve technical and practical approaches and promote advancement of project management. In addition, SPM would like to contribute to progress in corporate, industrial, social, economic, academic and cultural environments. SPM will continue to grow, and motivate and give a sense of achievement to its members.

### Objectives

In order to establish and continuously develop project management practices and increase public recognition of project manager's status, SPM is committed to aggressively implementing activities in line with the organization's visions and missions:

- 1) Contributing to society through project management.
- 2) Providing opportunities to have broad discussions for improving the status of a project manager and for broader application of project management.
- 3) Reinforcing the organization's operation structure

### Organization structure



## Major Activities

### 1. Journal and newsletter publication

Publication frequency: bi-monthly

Journals and newsletters present highly technical study papers and contributed articles as well as latest trends and feature articles in specific application areas for comprehensive understanding of project management.

### 2. Regular and special events

International conference (once/year)

ProMAC (International Conference on Project Management) is held for promoting international exchange.

Conference (twice/year): Spring/autumn conferences are held for presenting research results, special lectures and keynote speeches.

Twilight salon (six times/year): This casual form of meeting held after office hours aims to provide basic knowledge of project management.

Others: Symposiums, forums and seminars are organized to exchange information regarding project management approaches.

### 3. Technical review of study papers

Based on observations of at least two reviewers, the technical review and editorial committee duly examines validity of presented papers in terms of academic and/or practical attributes and makes a judgment. Many individual members have used papers examined by SPM to obtain a doctorate.

### 4. Recognition

SPM presents awards to members who have made significant contributions to dissemination and advancement of project management through their distinguished papers and/or writing efforts and corporate activity.

### 5. International research exchange

SPM is a domestic deliberative body of ISO/TC258. We promote inclusion of project management in ISO. Survey & Planning committee supports TC258 Task Force Committee and Standardization committee collects and submits opinions from the members to the task force.

### 6. Research and development

Study groups for various research fields are open to all members.

(Currently there are eight study groups. New groups will be added in line with latest technical trends in project management and needs from members.)

### 7. Education and publication

Books on project management basics as well as comprehensive methods and guidelines are published. SPM presents standard PM training curriculums.

### 8. Branch activities

There are six regional branches in Japan. Each branch contributes to developing talents for project management and stimulating its designated region through research and application of project management.

※ Please visit SPM's Internet site (<http://www.spm-hq.jp/>) for detail information about our activities.



Snapshot of 2013 Spring Conference



ProMAC 2012

## How to become a member

There are three types of membership: regular member (individual), student member (individual) and corporate member.

Please visit SPM's Internet site (<http://www.spm-hq.jp/>) for details.

SPM always welcomes new members.

### Member's benefits

Members can:

- Receive a wide range of information including journals, newsletters
- Receive special discounts on admission fees for SPM's conferences and events.
- Attend special events exclusive for members.
- Publish study papers and articles in journals and newsletters; make a presentation at a conference.
- Obtain points including PDU by attending conferences/seminars.

### Members (Sep 2013, approx.)

Individual members: 2,900

Corporate members: 150

## Footsteps of the Society of Project Management - 1999 ~ 2012

Year	Major events
1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 1999 - SPM founded</li> <li>• Publication of "SPM journal" and "SPM Letters(@pm.Letters)" started</li> <li>• First conference held</li> <li>• PM glossary (English - Japanese) compiled</li> </ul>
2000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPM's visions and missions formulated</li> <li>• SPM joined FMES(Japan Federation of Managerial Engineering Societies)</li> </ul>
2001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journal bi-monthly publication started with featured topics</li> <li>• SPM's official logo created</li> </ul>
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accreditation from Science Council of Japan as an academic research association granted</li> <li>• Shikoku branch opened</li> <li>• Became a member of Japan Accreditation Board for Engineering Education (JABEE)</li> <li>• Research committee forum started</li> <li>• Special symposium commemorating the 3rd anniversary held</li> <li>• ProMAC2002 international conference jointly organized (in Singapore)</li> </ul>
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyushu branch opened</li> <li>• Twilight salon started</li> <li>• Publication of PM promotional books started</li> <li>• Special seminar for corporate members started</li> </ul>
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education forum for establishing standard PM training curriculum held</li> <li>• ProMAC2004 international conference organized (in Makuhari)</li> </ul>
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chugoku branch opened</li> <li>• SPM awards (for overall achievement, distinguished study papers and encouragement of prospective papers) presented</li> </ul>
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New office opened in Nishi-Funabashi</li> <li>• ProMAC2006 international conference organized (in Sydney)</li> <li>• Education forum 2006 held</li> </ul>
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory board commissioned</li> <li>• Shinbashi office opened</li> </ul>
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ProMAC2008 international conference organized (in Anchorage)</li> <li>• Representative system introduced</li> <li>• Chubu branch opened</li> </ul>
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ProMAC Symposium 2009 organized (in Bangkok)</li> <li>• A general incorporated association started</li> <li>• The tenth anniversary of establishment held</li> <li>• SPM awards (PM performance) presented</li> </ul>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ProMAC2010 international conference organized (in Tokyo bay)</li> <li>• "Organizational functionalities for project promotion" published</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kansai branch opened</li> <li>• ProMAC Symposium 2011 organized (in Batam Island, Indonesia)</li> <li>• Became a domestic deliberative body of ISO/TC258.</li> </ul>
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hokkaido branch opened</li> <li>• ProMAC 2012 organized (in Honolulu)</li> </ul>



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