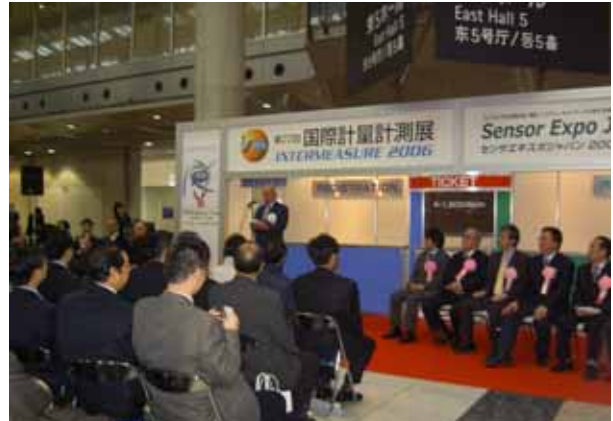


1. Outline

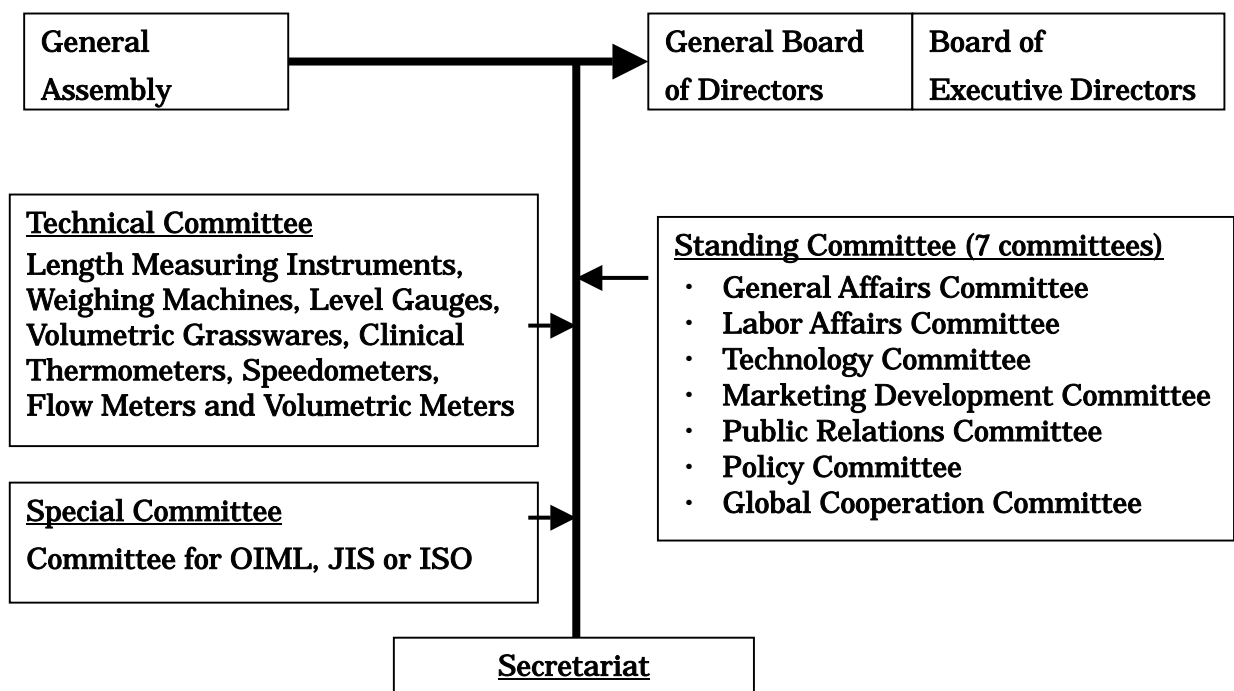
The Japan Measuring Instruments Federation (JMIF), which is approved by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), is a corporation aggregate with leading manufacturers and organizations of measuring instruments in Japan as its members. JMIF was established in 1952 in order to upgrade measuring instruments and to develop the whole measuring instruments industry, through which JMIF would eventually contribute to the development of the economy and society of Japan and to the improvement of Japanese people's living.



Mr. Shigeru Miyashita, JMIF chairman at the opening ceremony of INTERMEASURE 2006

The main activities by JMIF include supporting new technology development of measuring instruments, conducting demand trends survey, developing domestic and overseas markets, and enhancing global cooperation. JMIF in particular strengthens the mutual understanding in global cooperation through receiving foreign trainees who want to learn “legal metrology” and through providing opportunities for information and human resource exchange with overseas organizations.

2. JMIF Organization



3. Major Activities

1) for Technical Development

Under the ongoing technological innovation in the fields of IT, nanotechnology, biotechnology, and environment, challenging newly occurring issues has become an important business strategy for measuring instruments manufacturers. JMIF supports the development of sophisticated measuring instruments in the following means: holding lectures and seminars regarding the latest technology, conducting demand trends survey, inviting experts from respective field, and examining the findings by industry-academia-government collaboration.

2) for Establishment and Promotion of Standardization

At the global level, smooth trading and fair international transactions have been strongly requested recently, which has resulted in stressing the consistency between the domestic metrology law and international standards. So, JMIF undertakes deliberations in the same position of manufacturers, and recommends the opinions and proposals to be reflected in government policies as well as in international standards. Thus, JMIF plays a key role in order to achieve the goal of international harmonization.



The Lecture “an Overview of U.S Legal Metrology”

In the meantime, the usage of measuring instruments has become increasingly diversified and complicated in parallel with the transition of industrial structure. This causes the strong request for publishing descriptions or organization standards. Therefore, JMIF as an expert group utilizes its know-how to respond to these requests and makes efforts to widespread the fundamental knowledge of measuring instruments.



Visit to Russian Research Institute for Metrology Service in Russia

3) for New Marketing Development

In order to explore potential demands both in domestic and overseas markets, JMIF has organized the INTERMEASURE exhibition over 40 years. The latest products and technology of measuring instruments are introduced at this international exhibition, to which a number of visitors counting more than 35,000 in each exhibition send comments such as “very satisfied” and “satisfied” every time.

In addition, JMIF pays attention to overseas markets in order to explore potential markets and networks. Based on this objective, JMIF has already initiated dispatch of missions to Europe, Russia, North America and South-East Asia.

4) for Promoting International Cooperation

JMIF has established cooperative relationships with overseas organizations so far. JMIF has shown successful results with China since 1983 as both countries have held regular meetings, have dispatched experts and have co-hosted international exhibitions to aim for mutual prosperity.

For many years, the “Legal Metrology” training course has been designed to support human

resource development in the field of metrology in developing countries. With 30 years history, more than 300 experts have participated in this program.



Practical Training on Legal Metrology Training Course