

The History of Comprehensive Support Group for Management & Technology (SGMT)

- **Nov. 2001:** Diplomacy analyst Mr. Yukio Okamoto, who died suddenly by infection of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in April 2020, and at that time managing director of Mitsubishi Corporation Mr. Yorihiro Kojima, who became its President and Chairman later, adding other interested persons established New Working Retired Generation Network (SGN) as a Non-profit Organization Corporation (NPO), targeting to provide a place for meaningful life and social contribution to retired members from various corporations, who had ever supported Japanese high economic growth.
- **July 2002:** As a subordinate organization of SGN, the Comprehensive Support Group for Management & Technology (SGMT) started under the first representative of Hokkaido Univ. emeritus Prof. Yoshihiro Otsuka.
SGMT targeted to be a socially contributing organization for the retired members in mainly technology fields to support small and medium enterprises by making use of knowledge and personal relationship developed in their working days.
Chief director of SGN Mr. Yukio Okamoto approved the purpose of SGMT and donated one million Yen to SGMT, which have become the base of present activity capital.
- **2002:** The first Forum was held by SGMT. In February 2022, the forty sixth Forum was held.
- **2005:** Publication activity started. A book “Coming Manufacturing” was published.
- **2007:** Further, a book “Human Development for Manufacturing” was published.
- **2008:** In connection with Beijing Olympic Year, at the “Gold medal awarding Ceremony of SGN”, a large size gold medal and a memento were awarded to SGMT from Chief director Mr. Okamoto as the social contribution group.
- **2008:** SGMT received the order of “Networking Project for NPO Corporation Work” through a policy of the Small and Medium Enterprise Agency. The purpose of the project was to make match a small and medium enterprise with the suitable supporting NPO group. The project budget was 21million Yen in 2008 fiscal year and 14million Yen in 2009 fiscal year. At first, it was 5 years project

but ended after two years due to the “Budget Screening Policy” proposed by Ms. Renho, member of the House of Councilors under the Democratic Party.

- **Dec. 2010:** As an example of SGMT’s support activity for small and medium enterprise, the supporting work for FUJI SEIKI Co., Ltd. was published in the evening edition of the Yomiuri of December 7th .
- **2011:** As a support activity for reconstruction of the disaster-stricken region by the Great East Japan Earthquake occurred on March 11th, SGMT implemented survey by questionnaire about necessary support for damaged small and medium enterprises cooperating together with NPO Corporation SGN which is the parent body of SGMT.
- **Nov. 2011:** SGMT started interaction with “Tsurezuren Group” which consists of young presidents of leading small and medium enterprises in the metropolitan area under the direction of Tokyo Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion Public Corporation, and participated its regular meeting as one of its members.
- **2014:** SGMT supported Monsoon Japan Co. for sales promotion of sanitary improving products aimed at Malawi, Africa. This was the first overseas project of SGMT.
- **2015:** SGMT was requested to introduce human resources from Tokyo Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion Public Corporation, and then started human resources introduction to that Corporation under the cooperation of SGN.
- **2015:** SGMT became a member of Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and participated various interaction meetings with its member companies, then tried to seek new members of SGMT, companies requiring some support, lecturers for the Forum held by SGMT, and to acquire relevant information. Also, SGMT attended the inter-professional exchange meetings held by Shinkin banks among their customer-small and medium enterprises at various places in Kanto area.
- **March 2016:** As a training program for young technicians of small and medium enterprises supported by Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, utilizing the facilities of Tokyo Metropolitan College of Technology, SGMT implemented classroom training and lecture at a Metropolitan College of Industrial Technology. This activity was published in the Sankei of March 10th .
- **2017:** SGMT delivered a lecture on “What is a good company?” in the lecture meeting for enterprise founders held by the business administration faculty

of Risshou Univ. and Tokyo Small and Medium Business Association at the Shinagawa campus. The attendants were 212 students and 16 enterprise managers including 6 SGMT members.

- **March 2017:** SGMT concluded “Contract on Comprehensive Cooperation” with Seibu Shinkin Bank dated March 22th. On the same day, SGMT also concluded “Contract for personal information protection and confidentiality”. With this as an opportunity, SGMT members were required to submit “Pledge for confidentiality” inside SGMT including their participation as an observer.
- **2018:** SGMT registered to be a “Business Catalyst” of the business & manufacturing support department in Shinagawa Ward, and after that, SGMT started to dispatch seminar lecturers and to support small and medium enterprises in Shinagawa Ward.
As its detailed procedures, SGMT receives “Notice for Business Requirement” from the business & manufacturing support department in Shinagawa Ward, and then a “Business Consignment Contract” is to be contracted between SGMT’s representative and its member who undertakes the support before starting it.
- **2019:** SGMT supported survey and writing the dissertation for a French Univ. graduate student. Its theme was meaningful life and social contribution of aged people in both France and Japan. The evening edition of the Sankei on Feb. 13, 2020 reported how SGMT supported her, cooperating with “Japanese Language Club” of SGN.
- **2020:** SGMT donated 100 thousand Yen for support to make the textbook of practical training “Measurement – II” in the second year in Measurement & Geographic Information Engineering Faculty of Royal University of Bhutan.
- **2021:** Due to coronavirus pandemic, real meeting in a conference room became almost impossible, and then, SGMT exhibited in the on-line fair of Seibu Shinkin Bank and continued some support activities for small and medium Enterprises. SGMT’s steering committee were often held by Zoom meeting type.