

Profile of the JMTBA

The Japan Machine Tool Builders' Association (JMTBA) is a nonprofit trade association of metal cutting machine tool builders. It was established in 1951 and reorganized to its present status in 1978 with an eye to ensuring the overall growth of the nation's machine tool industry and contributing to the sound development of the Japanese economy.

In pursuit of its goals, the association undertakes wideranging projects through its standing committees as well as other ad hoc groups including extraordinary committees, panels, and study groups.

JMTBA's activities include:

- Surveys regarding the production, distribution and export/import of machine tools.
- Surveys regarding management, taxation systems and financing systems related to the machine tool industry.
- Co-sponsorship of the Japan International Machine Tool Fair (JIMTOF).
- Participation in international machine tool trade shows and similar events.
- Promotion of international cooperation between machine tool industries.
- Promotion of international exchanges related to machine tools through the dispatch and invitation of specialists and the exchange of data, written materials, etc.
- Basic and applied research on machine tool production engineering.
- Research on safety assurance and public hazard prevention related machine tools.
- Development and dissemination of specifications and standards for machine tools.
- Public relations and the publication of relevant materials.

Standing Committees

In order to ensure smooth execution of its activities, JMTBA maintains eight standing committees, each responsible for conducting studies and deliberations on matters under their jurisdiction. They are as follows:

1. Comprehensive Planning Committee

Studies on basic matters pertaining to the operation of JMTBA.

2. Technical Committee

Studies on the promotion of technology for the machine tool industry.

3. Management Committee

Studies on the state of management, taxation system, financial system and human resource development, for the machine tool industry.

4. Market Research Committee

Studies on domestic machine tool markets, and the implementation of various related programs.

Studies on machine tool orders, production, trade and demand trends.

5. International Committee

Studies on international issues for the machine tool industry, and the implementation of various related programs.

6. Environment and Safety Committee

Studies on risk management, environment control and improvement, pollution control and prevention, and safety measures for the machine tool industry.

7. Trade Fair Committee

Implementation of necessary undertakings pertinent to the JIMTOF (Japan international Machine Tool Fair).

8. Export Control Committee

Information gathering and analysis on export control of machine tools.

Institute

Institute of Manufacturing System Research and Development

"Research and development of new structural materials for energy-saving machine tool" and "International standardization of general rules for processing accuracy test method" by industry-government-academia collaboration.

Study Group

Securing Human Resources and Publicity Study Group

Activities to ensure the promising human resources for the industry and PR activity of machine tool industry by the industry-academia collaboration.