

Rules of the Deming Prizes

Rules for the Deming Prize (Established in 1951, revised in March 1972, October 1978, October 1982, October 1986, October 1989, October 1994, October 1998, October 2008, October 2009, October 2011, October 2013, January 2024 and October 2024.)

1. The Deming Prize was established in 1951, under a resolution by the Board of Directors Meeting of the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers (JUSE, hereinafter), in commemoration of the late Dr. W. E. Deming's friendship and contributions, who visited Japan in 1950, to teach how to apply statistical quality control to industry.
2. The categories of the Deming Prize consist of the Deming Prize for Individuals, the Deming Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion (Overseas), the Deming Distinguished Practice Award and the Deming Prize (Formally, the Deming Application Prize). The awarding of which is made according to the following categories:
 - (a) The Deming Prize for individuals
 - (1) Given to individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions to the study of Total Quality Management (TQM, hereinafter)
 - (2) Or to those who have made outstanding contributions to the dissemination of TQM
 - (b) The Deming Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion (Overseas)
Given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the dissemination and promotion of TQM
Exclusively for candidates whose primary activities are outside Japan
 - (c) The Deming Distinguished Practice Award
Given to Individuals who have made significant contributions, activities, and roles that are characteristic of field-driven practical activities for TQM activities, Quality Management Practices, Promotion, Dissemination, Research, Consultation, and Management
 - (d) The Deming Prize (Formally, the Deming Application Prize)
Given to organizations that have implemented TQM in an effective manner, suitable for their management philosophy, scope/type/scale of business, and management environment (Annual Award)
3. The following prizes and a supplementary prize will be awarded for the recipients
 - (a) The Deming Prize for individuals
Certificate, the Deming Medal and prize money as a supplementary prize
 - (b) The Deming Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion (Overseas)
Certificate and the Deming Medal
 - (c) The Deming Distinguished Practice Award
Certificate and the Deming Medal
 - (d) The Deming Prize (Formally, the Deming Application Prize)
Certificate and the Deming Medal
4. Necessary expenses to carry out the Deming Prize are to be appropriated by the application and co-sponsorship of fees from the applicant, as well as expenditures by JUSE.
5. Awarding of the Deming Prize is made each year, in principle. However, examination for the Deming Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion (Overseas) is carried out every 3 to 5 years.
6. The Deming Prize Committee has been formed for the examination and awarding of the Deming Prize. This committee can perform other kinds of examination and awarding in the field of quality management, in addition to the Deming Prize.

7. Chairmanship of the Deming Prize Committee is assumed by the Chairman of JUSE, or that whom is proposed by the Board of Directors meeting at JUSE.
8. Administrative work for the Deming Prize Committee is carried out by the Secretariat at JUSE.
9. Rules of the Deming Prize Committee are established separately.
10. Revisions made in January 2024 comes into effective from 23 January, 2024.

Rules for the Deming Prize Committee (Established in 1951, Revised in March 1973, October 1978, October 1982, October 1986, October 1994, January 1998, October 1998, October 2007, October 2008, October 2009, October 2011, October 2022 and January 2024))

[Establishment of the Deming Prize Committee]

1. The Deming Prize Committee (the Committee, hereinafter) is to be established according to rules for the respective Deming Prizes.
2. The Committee is installed within the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers (JUSE, hereinafter)

[Duties of the Committee]

3. (a) The Committee can conduct examination and awarding.
 - (b) The Committee can conduct examination and awarding for the Deming Grand Prize (Formally, the Japan Quality Medal) according to the rules for the Deming Grand Prize (Formally, the Japan Quality Medal)
 - (c) The Committee can conduct examination and awarding for the Nikkei QC Literature Prize according to the rules for the Nikkei QC Literature Prize.
 - (d) The Committee can conduct TQM Diagnosis by the Deming Prize Committee.
4. The Committee manages the following operations.
 - (a) To determine the way to call for candidates, examine and award each Deming Prize (the Deming Prize for Individuals, the Deming Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion (Overseas), the Deming Distinguished Practice Award and the Deming Prize (formally, the Deming Application Prize))
 - (b) To determine the way to call for candidates, examine and award the Deming Grand Prize (formally, the Japan Quality Medal)
 - (c) To determine the way to call for candidates, examine and award the Nikkei QC Literature Prize.
 - (d) To award each Deming Prize (the Deming Prize for Individuals, the Deming Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion (Overseas), the Deming Distinguished Practice Award and the Deming Prize (formally, the Deming Application Prize), the Deming Grand Prize (formally, the Japan Quality Medal) and the Nikkei QC Literature Prize.
 - (e) To announce recipients of each Deming Prize, the Deming Grand Prize (formally, the Japan Quality Medal) and the Nikkei QC Literature Prize.
 - (f) To carry out TQM diagnosis by the Deming Prize Committee
 - (g) To revise or abolish the rules for each Deming Prize, the Deming Grand Prize (formally, the Japan Quality Medal), the Nikkei QC Literature Prize and their relevant provisions.
5. The Committee may request the Deming Prize (formally, the Deming Application Prize) winner and the Deming Grand Prize (formally, the Japan Quality Medal) winner to report on post-prize status. The Committee may dispatch examiners to review the status based

on the report.

[Composition of the Committee]

6. The Committee consists of chairperson and members.
7. The Chairperson of the Committee will be appointed to the chairman of JUSE, or a person recommended by the Board of Directors meeting at JUSE, according to the rules for the Deming Prize.
8. The Committee can appoint vice chairpersons.
9. The Committee can appoint honorary chairperson.
10. The Chairperson of the Committee shall appoint committee members from academic experts in the field of TQM, or statistical methods used for TQM, corporate executives and others.
11. The Committee can appoint advisors. The Chairperson of the Committee shall appoint advisors from academic experts or corporate executives who have made outstanding contribution to the implementation and promotion of TQM.
12. The term of office as chairperson, when the chairman of JUSE or a person recommended by the Board of Directors meeting assumed the post, shall be 2 years after inauguration.
13. The term of committee members and advisors shall be one year from 1 January to 31 December each year. However, the term may be defined for a specific frame of time, when deemed necessary.
14. Temporary or assistant members may be appointed by the chairperson, if necessary.
15. The Committee shall place one Secretary. The Secretary General of JUSE, or that whom is appointed by the President and CEO of JUSE among the Internal Directors or the Advisors (the past Internal Director) of JUSE, will assume the post and shall be responsible for its' overall administration.

[Structure of the Committee]

16. The Committee can install the following committees to share in its' operation.
17. The role of the 4 committees is as follows. The operation of each committee is to be defined separately.

The Deming Prize Steering Committee:

Establishes fundamental policies, the scheme of the Deming Prize operation and overall planning. Coordinates the Deming Prize-related activities, widely listens to input on how to improve the examination and award process to report to the Committee. Reviews the systems and regulations regarding the Deming Prize and proposes necessary revisions to the Committee.

※Integrated functions of the former Total Adjustment Subcommittee and the former System Amendment Subcommittee

The Deming Prize for Individuals Selection Committee:

Examines and selects the candidates for the Deming Prize for Individuals, the Deming Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion (Overseas) and the Deming Distinguished Practice Award.

The Deming Prize Examination Committee:

Examines and selects the candidates for the Deming Grand Prize (formerly, the Japan Quality Medal) and the Deming Prize (formerly, the Deming Application Prize). Also conducts TQM Diagnosis by the Deming Prize Committee.

The Nikkei QC Literature Prize Selection Committee:

Examines and selects the candidates for the Nikkei QC Literature Prize.

18. The Chairperson of the 4 committees in article 17 will be delegated from the Committee members, and members of the 4 committees in article 17 from the Committee members, temporary and assistant Committee members, by the chairperson of the Committee.

[Operation of the Committee]

19. The Chairperson will call the committee meeting.
20. The Committee will come into effect with presentation of more than half of committee members. Presence by proxy is permitted.
21. The decision by the Committee will be made by a majority. If the number of yeas and nays fall the same, the chairperson can decide.
22. When a chairperson has an accident, or is the absent, the vice chairperson or pre-appointed member will act as the chairperson.
23. The Committee Advisor, temporary members and assistant members of the Committee can be present at the committee meetings and have their right to speak up. However, no voting right is given.
24. Minutes, as well as voting items of the Committee will be prepared and kept by the Secretariat at JUSE, which deals with administration of the Committee.
25. The 4 committee meetings listed in article 17, will run according to "Operation of the Committee".
26. Revisions made in January 2024 comes into effective from 23 January, 2024..

Rules for Operation of the Deming Prize (Formally, the Deming Application Prize)

(Established in 1984, revised on October 1989, October 1994, October 1996, October 2009, and October 2011)

1. Application, examination and awarding of the Deming Prize for overseas applicants will be permitted to be carried out from the standpoint of international cooperation, only when the committee reserves enough capacity to spare, taking into consideration the examination plan for domestic applicants in Japan.
2. To applicants from overseas, fees for interpretation/translation as well as communication expenses, etc. in addition to the manuscript fee of the examination finding report, travel expenses for examiners and the Secretariat, per diem, and accommodation fee, etc. may be charged.

Rule for the Nikkei QC Literature Prize

(Established in 1954, Revised in March 1975, January 1984, October 1989, October 1998, October 2011 and October 2024.)

1. The Nikkei QC Literature Prize (hereinafter, the Literature Prize) was established by Nikkei Inc., in 1954, to recognize outstanding literature on statistical quality control, which will be operated according to this rule.
2. The Literature Prize is given to the author(s) of literature described in the following article 3.
3. Literature eligible for the Literature Prize is outstanding literature on the study of TQM or statistical methods used for TQM (including literature with software) that are recognized to contribute to the progress and development of quality control/management, which is published during the designated period of each year.
4. The designated period will be published in the Introduction to the Deming Prize etc.
5. The candidate for the Literature Prize is called for, by the following procedures.
 - (a) By recommendation of others or self-application
 - (b) Recommendation (application) must be made to the Deming Prize Committee using a

form, which is provided at the end of the Introduction to the Deming Prize, along with recommended/self-applied literature and necessary documents.

(c) Application deadline is published in the Introduction to the Deming Prize, etc. With approval of the Nikkei QC Literature Prize Selection Committee, late application may be accepted.

(d) Applications from publishers, the publishing industry etc., may not be accepted.

6. Examination of the Literature Prize will be conducted by the Deming Prize Committee.
7. The Certificate of Merit and supplemental prize money will be awarded by Nikkei Inc.
8. The number of awards, as well as the amount of prize money for the Literature Prize will be determined through discussion of the Deming Prize Committee and Nikkei Inc., every year.
9. Interpretation of this rule will be published in the Guide for the Deming Prize, etc.
10. Administration of the Literature Prize will be taken care of, by the Secretariat at JUSE, as part of operations for the Deming Prize Committee.
11. Revision made in October 2024 comes into effective from 1 January, 2025.

Rules for the Deming Grand Prize (Formally, the Japan Quality Medal)

Rules for the Deming Grand Prize (Established in 1970, Revised in October 1994, October 1999, and October 2011)

1. Intent

The Deming Grand Prize (the Grand Prize, hereinafter) was established, in commemoration of the first International Conference for Quality Control. This was held in Tokyo in October 1969, to raise and sustain its meaning over the years into the future and to encourage further development in the field of Quality Control.

2. Eligibility

An organization that received the Deming Prize or the Deming Grand Prize (including the former Deming Application Prize, Deming Application Prize for Small Companies, the Deming Application Prize for Divisions, the Quality Control Award for Operations Business Units, and the Japan Quality Medal) three or more years ago, and passed the examination of the Deming Grand Prize by the Deming Prize Committee.

3. Examination and awarding

Examination and awarding of this Prize shall be conducted by the Deming Prize Committee.

4. Funds

Surplus from the International Conference for Quality Control in 1969, shall be used to establish a fund to serve for necessary expenses. JUSE shall manage the fund.

5. Revision of this rule shall be applied from 1 January 2012.

(Supplement to the rule)

(1) Revision or abolition of this rule shall be conducted by the Deming Prize Committee from revision of this rule.

(2) Rules for the Japan Quality Medal Committee shall be abolished.

Rules for Operation of the Deming Grand Prize (Established in October 1996)

1. Application, examination and awarding of the Deming Grand Prize for applicant overseas will be permitted to be carried out from the standpoint of international cooperation, only when the committee reserves enough capacity to spare, taking into consideration the examination plan for domestic applicants in Japan.
2. To applicants from overseas, fees for interpretation/translation as well as communication

expenses, etc. in addition to the manuscript fee of the examination finding report, travel expenses for examiners and the Secretariat, per diem, and accommodation fee, etc. may be charged.

*The governing language of these rules shall be Japanese. An English translation hereof, is made for reference purpose only. The Japanese original shall take effect, in case any issue of interpretation takes place.