



DRONACHARYA AWARD PROF. HITOSHI KUME

CITATION

Distinguished graduate in Chemical Engineering at Japan's premier institution the University of Tokyo, Hitoshi Kume received his Doctorate in Engineering in 1965. After serving as associate professor at his alma mater from 1974 to 1980, he worked as a full professor until his retirement in 1997.

Accomplished educationist Hitoshi Kume made exceptional contributions to the industrial development of post war Japan since 1960 by training and guiding people from scores of industries in improving quality and reducing waste through effective utilisation of quality management concepts and techniques. In order to reach out to larger audience and influence others he published many books that have been widely prescribed as course curriculum in many business organisations around the world, benefiting large sections of society.

Hitoshi Kume has been the lead spokesperson for Japan in many international forums for many years. In 1989, he was awarded the Deming Prize for his outstanding contribution to the dissemination of quality control. He subsequently became the Chairman of the prestigious Deming Application Prize Committee.

For over ten years Prof. Kume has guided various companies in India to enhance their business performance and become competitive in the international markets through the application of quality management. The distinctive features of his approach are his focus on quality management concepts and role in overall business management including corporate management and highly effective guidance and empowerment of people to train and guide others. He spends only a fraction of the effort as compared to others and still delivers outstanding results. Many companies where he has conducted diagnosis for Deming Application Prize have derived the benefit of his astute but simple observations and comments that made them review their business strategies.

Dronacharya Award is given to recognise people who have made significant contribution to the Indian society through their work of teaching and counseling in the field of quality management with humility, dignity, respect for others and a sense of service.

The Governing Council of ISQ is pleased to honour Prof. Hitoshi Kume with Dronacharya Award for his enormous contribution in helping Indian industry to become globally competitive leading to economic prosperity for the people of India.

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