# Outline of the Society of Historical Metrology, Japan

#### **O** Purpose and History

Every culture in the world had originated in measurements. The Society of Historical Metrology, Japan, abbreviated as SHMJ, was founded in 1978, aiming at studying and reviewing the history (ancient to present and future) of weights and measures, as well as all the fields of metrology, and at disseminating these results. SHMJ is managed in free atmosphere as an open academic society.

Our activities cover the historical metrologies mainly in Asian countries, extending worldwide to European and North American countries.

### **O** Activities

Our principal activities are as follows:

1. Publication of the SHMJ bulletin:

The SHMJ bulletin, "Buttetin of the Society of Historical Metrology, Japan" ISSN 0286-7214 is issued annually. It contains study papers, reviews, study short notes, technical documents, etc..

2. Publication of the communication journal:

The communication journal, "Communication in Historical Metrology" ISSN 0918-8932 is issued several times per year. It contains exchanges of information and opinion among the members, latest news on the members, introduction of contributed books, summary reports of "Forum for searching Historical Metrology", etc..

3. Holding of the Forum, etc.:

"Forum for searching Historical Metrology" is annually held on the related topics, including study visits, lectures and paper presentations.

- 4. Survey and study of historical materials on measurements: Tangible and intangible historical matters on measurements such as folkloristic matters being lost, literatures, relics and heritages are studied.
- 5. Co-operative activities and exchange of information:

*International:* SHMJ joined, in 1975, International Committee of Historical Metrology (CIMH, Secretariat: Germany) that was formed in 1973. SHMJ has participated actively in the activities of CIMH and contributed to international interchange and cooperation. Since 1997, the President of SHMJ has been nominated as the Vice-President of CIMH.

*Domestic*: SHMJ is in close cooperation with Historical Science Society, Archaeological Society of Japan, Folklore Society of Japan and the related

societies, as well as the local related museums, expanding the sphere of our activity.

For further information on SHMF, please visit us at http://www.shmj.jp/ Those who are interested in our purpose and activities are heartily welcome, and please contact;

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## Join the Society of Historical Metrology, Japan Today!

The SHMJ is the world's oldest and largest society dedicated to understanding the history of weights and measure and their social and cultural interactions. Founded in 1978 to support the SHMJ bulletin, this international society of educators, scientists, engineers, public historians, and independent scholars fosters interest in the historical metrology.

For only ¥7000 per year as an annual forum attendee, in addition to the SHMJ bulletin and the SHMJ communication journal, you will receive:

- access to the online edition of the society of Historical Metrology, Japan Database, on of the more research tools in the SHMJ.
- access to back issues of the SHMJ bulletin.
- attendance at the Forum for searching Historical Metrology
- take advantage of getting any information on your special topics.

□ Yes, I would like to join the Society of Historical Metrology, Japan

Shipping information

### O Membership and Annual Dues

President:Keizaburo UCHIKAWAMembers:a membership of 200, as of August 1, 2009Annual dues:¥ 7,000