



## 1985

### **SEAJ was established**

#### **~ Discrete Semiconductor/Others ~**

Semiconductor industry of Japan entered a period of dramatic growth and capital investment in the 1980s. In 1984, semiconductor industry was booming unprecedentedly in Japan, which was supported by the strong demand from personal computers and VCRs. Along with such semiconductor industry's growth, manufacturing equipment industry had become a major and bigger industry as well. Naturally, the momentum to form their own industry organization was built. The Semiconductor Equipment Association of Japan (SEAJ) was officially launched on March 27, 1985. It had been started as a public interest incorporated association since July 1995. Afterward the organization was reformed and the SEAJ was approved as a general incorporated association in April 2012, making a fresh start.

The purpose of SEAJ is to promote the sound development of the semiconductor industry through its public service activities. The organization conducts research on market trends and semiconductor manufacturing equipment technologies, and conducts standardization in the industry. It also addresses environmental issues and promotes standardization and education of safety works in the semiconductor, FPD, and solar power generator manufacturing equipment industries. It also exchanges and cooperates with both domestic and foreign organizations in the semiconductor-related industries. Primary members are manufacturing equipment-related companies located in Japan.

SEAJ publishes reports of monthly shipments of semiconductor related manufacturing equipment from Japan. On the basis of these statistical surveys, SAEJ also published demand forecasts in the global market in cooperation with SEMI. .SEAJ also collaborated with SEMI regarding research in new technologies, environmental issues, and health and safety. SEAJ promoted international standardization jointly with SEMI. It also participated in the committee of ITRS (International Technology Roadmap for Semiconductors) which started in 1998. SEAJ was involved in the formulation of ITRS from the viewpoint of semiconductor manufacturing equipment.