Know Where Your TPM Activities Stand —and Take the Next Step

Pre-assessment / Follow-up for TPM Excellence Awards

JIPM assessors review your plant's TPM activities against the assessment criteria and, where relevant, previous assessment comments. They identify areas for improvement and offer guidance on future activities. Plants preparing to apply for an award can use the Pre-assessment to understand their readiness, while award-winning plants seeking guidance on their ongoing activities can use the Follow-up program. Use the program to gain an objective view of your activities and identify practical next steps.
You may choose between an on-site visit by the assessment team or a conducted via online meeting.

An Objective Review from the Assessors' Perspective

JIPM assessors review your activities and provide comments on areas for improvement. If you are considering applying for a TPM Excellence Award, they can assess your current level against the award criteria and help you understand your readiness. The program is also useful if you are unsure about the direction of your activities or want to check whether you have adequately addressed points raised in a previous assessment. Benefit from the assessors' knowledge and experience to identify issues that may be difficult to see through internal reviews alone.

One point!

In this system, you will primarily present the overall approach and progress of your activities, followed by a Q&A session and comments from the assessor. This corresponds to the Room Presentation (Schedule A) portion of the TPM Excellence Award assessment. It is also possible to incorporate a On-site Presentation (Schedule B) to more closely mirror the actual assessment process.

Pre-assessment: For First-time Applicants

The Pre-assessment is intended for plants that have not previously applied for a TPM Excellence Award. It is designed for organizations considering an application but wondering, "Are our activities at the right level?" or "What should we improve in light of the assessment criteria?". Assessors review your activities and comment on issues and areas for improvement ahead of an application. It can also be helpful if you find it difficult to assess your activities using the Self-Checklist or are unsure whether your self-assessment is accurate.

One point!

Please begin by reviewing the Self-checklist.
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In this Self-checklist, evaluation scores are determined based on your current operational status. It includes criteria aligned with each of the eight pillars, which you can use as a set of goals as your company works toward the TPM Excellence Award.

Follow-up: For Award-winning Plants

The Follow-up program is suited to plants that have received a TPM Excellence Award and are seeking guidance on their ongoing activities, or want to review progress on improvements raised in a previous assessment. Assessors review your activities and offer guidance on improvement priorities and future initiatives. The program can also help you reassess your current level when considering an application for a higher award. Use it to clarify challenges and find ideas for sustaining and advancing your TPM activities after receiving an award.
Furthermore, much like a Pre-assessment, this program is also suitable if you are considering applying for a higher-category award but are uncertain—for instance, if you are questioning whether your current level of activity is sufficient, or if you are unsure which areas need to be revisited in light of the assessment criteria.

One point!

We recommend utilizing our follow-up support in the following timings:
・Approximately one year after receiving an award, when you are considering taking on a next category.
・When deciding whether to apply next category for the following year (ideally six months prior to the application deadline).
・When you are preparing to take on a new challenge after a period of stagnation in your activities following an award.
>>> Please contact the TPM Awards Office if you have any questions.

Discuss Challenges and Improvement Priorities with Assessors

In addition to reviewing your readiness for an award assessment, the program allows time for assessors to explain their comments and provide advice on areas where activities may need further development. Their knowledge and experience can help you understand the reasons behind feedback and consider how to respond. Unlike the main assessment, which focuses on evaluation within a limited timeframe, this program gives you an opportunity to reflect on your activities and consider practical next steps. Participants value the specific guidance they receive on matters directly related to the award assessment.

One point!

The TPM Excellence Award assessment typically spans one day, or two days for higher-tier categories. Given the limited time—which must cover Room Presentations, On-site Presentations, and Q&A sessions—the feedback provided by the assessors (a team of two to three) is necessarily focused on key points.
Pre-assessments and Follow-up are also generally conducted over one to two days. However, because these are typically led by a single assessor (supported by an assistant) and the number of presentations can be adjusted, there is more flexibility in how time is allocated. This allows for more extensive dialogue with the assessor, leading to more specific feedback and practical advice.

Assessment Against the Award Criteria to Help You Prepare with Confidence

It can be difficult to determine internally whether your activities meet the award criteria or whether you have adequately addressed points raised in a previous assessment. The assessors' perspective can help you review your preparation, identify areas for improvement, and consider priorities for your activities. The assessor who conducts the Pre-assessment or Follow-up may also conduct the main award assessment, helping ensure that the history of your activities is understood.

One point!

Pre-assessment/Follow-up can also be conducted via online meetings.
* For locations with a significant time difference, we will coordinate the scheduling to account for this.
If you are planning an engagement focused primarily on Room Presentation (Schedule A), please consider this option, as it allows for savings on the assessment team's travel expenses.

Start by Reviewing Your Activities with the Self-Checklist

The Self-Checklist is recommended for plants applying for a TPM Excellence Award for the first time. It helps you review your activities and understand the criteria for applying by assigning scores according to your activity status. Use it to identify your strengths and areas for improvement. If you find self-assessment difficult or are unsure about your results, consider using the Pre-assessment. Reviewing your activities with the Self-Checklist and, where needed, receiving feedback from assessors can help you prepare for an application.

One point!

The self-checklist is available at the URL below.
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While it is designed for self-assessment, third-party assessors will conduct evaluation from a more objective perspective. If you would like a more accurate assessment or wish to identify any gaps, please consider using our pre-assessment service.

Is This Program Right for Your Plant?

- **You are considering applying for a TPM Excellence Award for the first time.**
- **You want to know whether your activities meet the assessment criteria.**
- **You are unsure about your self-assessment using the Self-Checklist.**
- **You want to check progress on points raised in a previous assessment.**
- **You are unsure about the direction of your activities after receiving an award or about your next goal.**
- **You would like assessors' feedback on challenges and areas for improvement.**

One point!

Using online meetings can help you save on travel expenses for assessment team.
The duration and scheduling can be adjusted, allowing for a more relaxed pace on the day of the meeting.
In particular, if you share your objectives and any concerns in advance, we can ensure the session remains focused on those specific areas.
Please contact TPM Awards Office to get started.

Before You Apply

*** This is not consulting service.**
*** A plant which apply to TPM Award of the year cannot apply to Follow-up during TPM Award assessment (from accepted application form to finish all assessment).**
*** Applicant should submit Application Form for Follow-up (Please refer to our web-page) at least 3 month before the request schedule.**

Note: During the TPM Excellence Awards assessment period, priority will be given to the assessment schedule.

*** The schedule might be changed from the request. The schedule will be concluded in discussion after accepted Application Form.**
*** It can also be conducted Online if you wish or considering your situation.**
*** You will be responsible for the travel expenses of the evaluation team (up to two people).**

Fee：Pre-assessment

This is for applicants that are challenging the TPM Award for the first time.
An assessment team of two from JIPM, including a TPM Awards assessor, will visit plant and check whether their activities meet the requirements for the assessment and point out any shortcomings.
(or you can use Web Conference System)

[Fee]: 600,000 JPY per day + travel cost

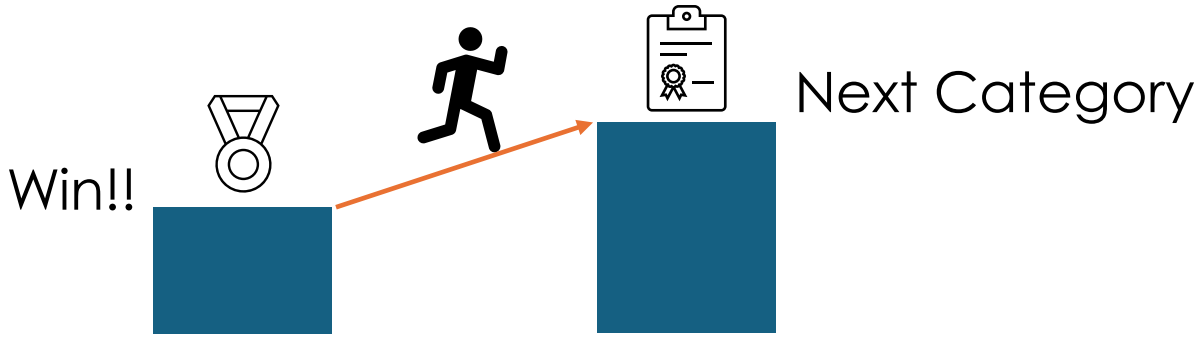


Fee：Follow-up

This is for applicants who have won a TPM award in the past and wish to know whether their plant is well improved as based on comment given by assessors during TPM Award assessment . Or their plant level is qualified enough to apply upper award.

An assessment team of two from JIPM, including a TPM Awards assessor, visit plant and give further advice. (or you can use Web Conference System)

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Contact

If you want further information, please contact to following.

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