



This year is the birth centenary year of one of the world known Quality Gurus, Professor Kaoru Ishikawa. He was born on 13th July 1915 in Tokyo Japan.

He graduated with engineering degree in Applied Chemistry from University of Tokyo in 1939. He worked as naval technical officer and at Nissan Liquid Fuel Company.

In 1949 he joined the Quality Control Research Group (QCRG) established by Japanese Union of Scientist and engineers (JUSE). After World War II when Japan was in the process of transforming its industrial sector, it was his skill at mobilizing large groups of people towards a specific common goal that was largely responsible for Japan's quality improvement initiative.

He was the one who developed the Ishikawa Diagram (Known also as Cause and Effect or Fish Bone Diagram) used to analyze the industrial process and determine the root cause.

He started the "Quality Circle Activity" to solve problems in much simplified manner through participation of all the related people. He has written two books on Quality Circle besides number of other books on quality.

You can find more information about Prof. Ishikawa in the eBook published by JUSE, "Kaoru Ishikawa, The Man and Quality Control" at <http://www.juse.or.jp/english/archives/#anc02>.

This book was originally published in Japanese and subsequently translated in English. To make the English version reader friendly, a team of ISQ members worked for three months. We sincerely thank ISQ members who were involved in helping this noble cause.

As a part of the birth centenary year celebration activity, ISQ is organizing QC Competition, MSME Competition, and Visits to two Deming Award winning companies.

Further, founder President ISQ; Mr Janak Mehta is a member of the "Dr Kaoru Ishikawa Birth Centenary Commemoration Project", organizing committee, being organized by JUSE, Japan. He is also a speaker at the symposium in Tokyo on 28th September.

You can find more information about this at:

<http://www.juse.or.jp/English/ishikawa/02.html>