The role of certified professional ergonomist and the positioning in industry in Japan

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In Japan, 10 years pass after certified professional ergonomist (CPE) program has started. About 200 specialists, an associate specialist and an assistant are certified. However, as these activities and their effects are not known widely, these important outcomes are not handed down to many specialists and their specialty is not recognized enough. Thus, it is important for specialists to know many activities and effects by professional in other accredited organizations. This paper describes the current role of CPE in Japan and the positioning in industry in Japan. And through discussion, we will clarify our future issues and the way of interactions among professional certification organizations in countries.

#### Important notice ####

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