## Release of IT Coordinators Abridged Process Guideline

IT Coordinators are qualified professionals who promote IT-empowered management. This qualification structure was established in June, 1999 embodying the recommendation from Industrial Structure Council, an advisory board of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, to strengthen corporate competitiveness through the effective use of Information Technologies from "IT-Value" point of view but not "IT-Quality". Today, the number of IT Coordinators counts more than 9,000 nationwide.

IT Coordinators Process Guideline (PGL) is a fundamental guideline for all IT Coordinators to refer to and comply with in their daily activities. The original guideline (version 1.1) with 130 pages was published in Japanese in 2005.

The abridged PGL in Japanese was published in 2007 and was distributed among IT Coordinators at their annual renewal of their qualification.

Growing interests on the PGL from overseas have shown from the day of initial publishing. The English version of full text PGL has been longed for to apply for international corporations and global projects. In response to these requests, this team of IT Coordinators joined together under the Education and Certification Committee of IT Coordinators Association (ITCA), and formed a Working Group in September, 2008. And finally took this honor of publishing the English version of the abridged PGL to serve for the possible adopters including executives of corporations and people who feels IT as effective tool of corporate management.

However, should there be any unconformities between the two different language versions, the Japanese version would prevail. Comments and suggestions from the readers and practitioners would be appreciated if there were more appropriate expression in English to represent the thoughts and ideas contained in the Japanese full text PGL. (Please contact to PGL2008@itc.or.jp) The copyright of the original PGL and the abridged version of Japanese and English attribute to ITCA. Therefore, any copy or distribution of all or part of the products is prohibited without prior written permission from ITCA, except for the fare use by an individual.