
Agenda 1: Activity Report 2025

Fiscal Year 2025 (1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026)

Introductory Remarks

Fiscal year 2025 marked significant expansion in the International Press-in Association (IPA)'s global engagement and the strengthening of collaborative foundations for press-in engineering. Building on the momentum of the Third International Conference on Press-in Engineering 2024 (ICPE2024), the Association made significant progress in preparations for the Fourth ICPE in the Netherlands (ICPE2027) and deepened partnerships across academia, industry, and government.

A series of on-site activities organized in Japan—including technical workshops, international lectures, joint seminars with partner organizations, technical tours of research facilities, and the Press-in Engineering Seminar—further reinforced IPA's presence and external engagement. In parallel, IPA strengthened global outreach through international seminars in Tunisia and Jakarta, multilingual publications, and the expansion of digital communication channels, thereby enhancing the global visibility and dissemination of press-in engineering.

This report presents the progress and outcomes of these activities over the past fiscal year. Together, they demonstrate IPA's continued commitment to advancing press-in engineering, expanding international engagement, and supporting the sustainable development of infrastructure through innovative and reliable construction technologies.

1. Research Committee

The Research Committee advanced its research activities and promoted the dissemination of press-in engineering knowledge during the fiscal year 2025. The Committee also worked to strengthen IPA's research foundation by preparing future research themes and considering improvements to the Technical Committee framework, thereby supporting the evolution of IPA's research activities in response to emerging technical needs.

A) Technical Committees

The following three Technical Committees (TC4, TC5, and TC6) conducted their activities during fiscal year 2025.

a. Technical Committee 4 (TC4)

Research Subject: Vertical performance and construction management of sheet piles installed by the Press-in Method and tubular piles installed by Rotary Cutting Press-in Method

Activities: The activities of TC4 have been postponed to the fiscal year 2026.

b. Technical Committee 5 (TC5)

Research Subject: Influence of operator skill and experience on field performance of Press-in Piling

Activities: Following the activity report on "steel tubular pile", the committee has completed the activity report on "steel sheet pile", regarding the above research

subject. The report comprises analysis of actual press-in monitoring data and codification of tacit knowledge of expert press-in piling operators.

c. Technical Committee 6 (TC6) - China

Research Subject: Investigation and analysis of the development status of Press-in technology in China

Activities: The update work to the Chinese version of the Press-in Handbook was completed by the end of March 2026, and the related materials are scheduled to be posted on the Publications page and the Technical Committee's Research Activities page on the official IPA website.

d. Examination of New Research Themes and Activity Formats

The Research Committee examined improvements to the TC activity framework this fiscal year. The following suggestions have been made by Dr. Ishihara.

Suggestions to TC framework (new inputs)

- 1) Possibility of adding new research topics
- 2) Framework of collaboration call in Giken R&D Center (TBD, by March 2026)
- 3) Use of the new RC budget (3 million JPY per year)

Regarding new Research Subjects for future TCs, the following research themes have been suggested by Dr. Ishihara of GIKEN LTD., who also serves as Co-chair of the Research Committee, under the supervision of the Chair, Prof. Gavin.

The suggested research themes to date are as follows:

- 1) Performance and design method for circular wall for foundation without interlock connections, constructed by the Rotary Cutting Press-in
- 2) Life Cycle Cost (LCC) calculation for structures constructed by the Press-in Method (e.g. cofferdams reinforced with pile wall or sheet pile wall, earthen levee reinforced with double sheet pile walls)
- 3) Performance and design method for cantilever-type wall on slopes (not limited to walls embedded into stiff ground)
- 4) Effect of press-in piling on marine life

Other research themes may be suggested.

In the Small Workshop, the details of the suggested research themes will be presented by their respective proponents. Discussions will be held on the possibility of handling each research theme as a Research Subject of a new TC.

B) Case history: Case history volume 3

The Research Committee initiated preparations for the publication of Press-in Piling Case History Volume 3 during fiscal year 2025.

C) IPA Library (collection of books)

Books in a variety of fields are being collected. [See the Library webpage.](#)

D) The Press-in Engineering Seminar

The Research Committee held the Press-in Engineering Seminar in Tokyo, on 22 February 2026. The seminar featured “countermeasures and remedial technologies for aging infrastructures”. The seminar successfully finished with a total participant of 239. ([Reported in IPA Newsletter Vol. 11, issue 1](#))

2. Development Committee

The Development Committee carried out various initiatives to promote press-in technology during the fiscal year 2025, including preparing and publishing technical documents, organizing and delivering seminars, and planning international conferences.

A) Multilingualization of the Press-in Handbook

The Committee worked to revise the Chinese version of the Press-in Handbook during the fiscal year 2025.

Up until now, 12 versions have been published as follows.

1) Japanese:	Jun. 2015	6) Portuguese:	Dec. 2021
(Revised:	Dec. 2021)	7) Spanish:	Mar. 2022
2) English:	Dec. 2016	8) French:	Mar. 2022
(Revised:	Jun. 2021)	9) Vietnamese:	May 2022
3) Chinese:	Oct. 2019	10) German:	Aug. 2022
4) Russian:	Oct. 2021	11) Korean:	Sep. 2023
5) Thai:	Nov. 2021	12) Arabic:	Mar. 2025

The work to update the Chinese version of the Press-in Handbook, involving the addition and organization of construction records from China, was completed by the end of March 2026. The updated materials are scheduled to be made available on the Publications page and the Technical Committee's Research Activities page on the official IPA website.

Five years after the revised Japanese edition was published, the committee has initiated discussions to prepare new revised editions of both the Japanese and English versions by around 2030. The schedule and structure will be finalized in the fiscal year 2026 and reflected in the Activity Report 2026 and next term's Activity Plan 2027, with budget allocation as needed.

B) Seminars on Press-in Technology

The Development Committee continues to promote the dissemination of the Press-in Handbook through both completed and planned seminars.

The following two cases are included in the committee's current and recent activities:

a. Tunisia

The IPA Seminar on Press-in Technology in Tunisia was held on 4 April 2025 supported by the Tunisian Engineers Order, the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Geotechnical Engineering and GeoRisk Laboratory, and SIMPRO Tunisia. The total participants were 55 from 7 different countries (Tunisia, Egypt, Madagascar, UK, Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Japan), including 19 students.

[\(Reported in IPA Newsletter Vol. 10, issue 2\)](#)

b. Indonesia (Jakarta)

The IPA Seminar on Press-in Technology in Jakarta is scheduled for 15 April 2026. The seminar was initially expected to be held within the fiscal year 2025. However, it has been postponed to the current seminar date taking into account the recent situations in the Indonesian construction industry.

Further details of the seminar are provided on the IPA webpage.

[\(Refer to the Flyer on the Event page\)](#)

c. India (Mumbai)

After the IPA Seminar in Jakarta, the Development Committee plans to hold a seminar in Mumbai, India. The committee offered Prof. BVS Viswanadham (Professor of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay) the position of chairperson and obtained his acceptance. It was confirmed that November 2026 would be the most suitable period to hold the seminar. Further details will be discussed between the IPA and Prof. Viswanadham.

C) King Pile Combi-wall for the Press-in Piling Method (Technical Guideline)

The technical guideline (34 pages) has been published in PDF on the IPA webpage. (<https://www.press-in.org/en/publication/application/input/273>)

D) Guideline to Drafting a Specification for Press-in Piling Method

The document (200 pages) has been published in PDF on the IPA webpage. (<https://www.press-in.org/en/publication/application/input/275>)

E) Terminology on Press-in Technology

An Excel-based bilingual terminology database (Japanese–English) was uploaded to the IPA website in July 2024 and is available for download at the following URL: <https://www.press-in.org/en/publication/index/1>

During fiscal year 2025, work was initiated to add French terminology to the bilingual Japanese–English terminology list as the first step toward multilingual expansion. This work remains ongoing and will continue into fiscal year 2026.

F) Fourth International Conference on Press-in Engineering (ICPE2027)

The Fourth ICPE is planned to be held in the Netherlands, with the event expected to take place over three days in June or early July 2027. While the conference venue and exact dates are still under coordination, the official ICPE2027 website (<https://2027.icpe-ipa.org/>) was launched on 4 March 2026, and the conference theme—“Press-in Engineering for Resilient, Sustainable and Culturally Sensitive Infrastructure”—has been publicly announced. The ICPE2027 Organizing Committee and IPA are continuing to coordinate key matters of the conference, including the venue, schedule, and related operational arrangements.

G) Press-in Piling Technology: A Technical Book (In Japanese)

The manuscript for this book has been mostly completed and is now in the final stages of editing. The book, under the editorial leadership of Executive Director Dr. Kusakabe and an eight-member committee, comprehensively covers the principles of the press-in piling method, practical technologies, and applications to typical infrastructures. The IPA sent the publisher the manuscript in November 2025 for a new quote. Preparations for final submission progressed during fiscal year 2025.

3. Publicity Committee

A) IPA Newsletters

The IPA Newsletters Editorial Committee continued to publish the Newsletters on a quarterly basis during the fiscal year 2025, as follows:

- [Newsletter Vol. 10, issue 2 \(June 2025\)](#)
- [Newsletter Vol. 10, issue 3 \(September 2025\)](#)
- [Newsletter Vol. 10, issue 4 \(December 2025\)](#)
- [Newsletter Vol. 11, issue 1 \(March 2026\)](#)

The Editorial Board Committee held five meetings during the fiscal year 2025.

B) Booklet 4: Advanced Technology

A compilation of the special contributions on advanced technology previously published in the IPA Newsletter (as shown in the table below) was issued in September 2025. The booklet comprises 155 pages, and a PDF version is available on the IPA Members Site (<https://member.press-in.org/en/login>).

Title	Authors
Innovative management system for infrastructure by utilization of 3D point cloud data based on GIS platform	Dr. Hiroshi Dobashi
Optimizing the design of foundations on soils reinforced by columns	Prof. Mounir Bouassida
Seismic response analysis of ground/geo-structures using geo-analysis integration code	Prof. Akira Asaoka Prof. Toshihiro Noda
Technology developments in Japanese construction industry	Dr. Kenichi Horikoshi
Paradigm shift of disaster prevention and mitigation by city scale simulation	Prof. Atsushi Iizuka
Smart pile, smart foundation and smart infrastructure?	Prof. Kenichi Soga
Redefining the way sustainable construction is delivered	Dr. Jignasha Panchal
Research projects at National Institute of Maritime, Port and Aviation Technology, Japan, for achieving carbon neutrality	Dr. Yoshiaki Kuriyama
The challenge to structural health monitoring of expressway embankment	Prof. Atsushi Yashima
Numerical simulation of penetration into ground	Prof. Yosuke Higo
Facing a Society with a Declining Population - Challenges and Opportunities for the Construction Industry -	Prof. Kazuyoshi Tateyama Prof. Tetsuo Yoshimoto

C) IPA Social Media Presence

In October 2024, the committee launched IPA's official LinkedIn account, followed by the launch of Facebook and Instagram in October 2025 to further expand IPA's network and enhance engagement through social media.

In addition, a dedicated LinkedIn page for ICPE2027 was launched in March 2026 to support promotional activities for the conference, and coordinated communications have begun in collaboration with the ICPE2027 Organizing Committee.

Since then, the accounts have grown as follows (as of 7 May 2026):

- IPA LinkedIn: 390 followers
(<https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-press-in-association>)
- ICPE LinkedIn: 55 followers
(<https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-conference-on-press-in-engineering/>)
- IPA Facebook: 45 followers
(<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579820355439>)
- IPA Instagram: 19 followers
(<https://www.instagram.com/ipa200702/>)

The platforms feature weekly updates, including event announcements and highlights from past newsletters. These efforts reflect IPA's continued commitment to increasing visibility and strengthening engagement within the professional community.

4. Awards Committee

During the fiscal year 2025, the Awards Committee focused on strengthening the visibility and recognition of the IPA Awards Program. The Committee also worked to safeguard the independence of the program, explore practical forms of external visibility, and prepare the operational foundation for the next awards cycle toward ICPE2027.

A) Promoting Visibility of the IPA Awards Program through the IPA Newsletter

In alignment with the fiscal year 2025 Activity Plan, the Committee prioritized the IPA Newsletter as the primary vehicle to sustain visibility for awardees and the IPA Awards Program, in collaboration with the Publicity Committee.

Five feature articles have been published to date, as listed below, each designed to highlight award recipients, their achievements, and the significance of the IPA Awards Program. These features served both to showcase awardees and to provide a continuous promotional stream that strengthened recognition of the Awards Program.

- [Vol.10, issue 1 \(Mar 2025\)](#) – **Awards program overview** and launch of special features
- [Vol.10, issue 2 \(Jun 2025\)](#) – **Life-long Contribution Award** profiles
- [Vol.10, issue 3 \(Sep 2025\)](#) – **Outstanding Project Award** project feature
- [Vol.10, issue 4 \(Dec 2025\)](#) – **Outstanding Project Award** project feature
- [Vol.11, issue 1 \(Mar 2026\)](#) – **Distinguished Research Award** feature series.

B) Strengthening Global Recognition and Partnerships

a. Review of Potential External Partnerships

The Committee studied potential collaboration models with major international organizations such as the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) and the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI).

Key conclusions:

- At this stage, formal joint awards or external recommendation routes will not be pursued in order to safeguard the independence and neutrality of the IPA Awards Program. This decision reflects differences in organizational scale and influence, as well as sensitivities in inter-organizational relationships.
- Publicity-level outreach (visibility via partner websites, newsletters, magazines, and social media) is identified as a realistic first step. The effectiveness of publicity-level collaboration will be periodically reviewed to inform future outreach strategies.

b. Direction Setting for Future Outreach

A visibility-focused collaboration route with ISSMGE is prioritized. Outreach will start from fiscal year 2026, following internal coordination

C) Enhancing the Nomination Process

a. Review of Nomination Materials (Preparatory Work)

The Committee reviewed the nomination guidelines and forms and concluded that no major revisions were necessary, as the current materials remain appropriate and functional.

b. Accessibility and User Experience

Instead of revising the forms, efforts shifted to improving accessibility and user experience, including consolidating nomination information on the official ICPE2027 website and providing clearer online access paths, in coordination with the ICPE2027 Organizing Committee.

D) Preparation for the ICPE2027 Awards

a. ICPE2027 Website – IPA Awards Section (<https://2027.icpe-ipa.org/award/>)

An IPA Awards section has been established on the official ICPE2027 website, serving as the central location for nomination-related information, and containing the following content:

- Overview of the IPA Awards Program
- Introduction of award categories
- Feature articles from the IPA Newsletter
- Profiles of past awardees (ICPE2024)

b. Social Media and Communication Channels

In coordination with the Publicity Committee, the Committee confirmed the strengthened use of LinkedIn and Instagram, together with the ICPE2027 LinkedIn page, as key channels for Awards-related communications in the fiscal year 2026.

5. Administration Committee

The Administration Committee continued to oversee the day-to-day administrative functions of the Association, while coordinating with other Standing Committees to support the expansion of IPA's international network and operational effectiveness.

Building on the activities carried out in the fiscal year 2024, the Committee placed emphasis on promoting collaboration among academia, industry, and government; supporting membership development; and strengthening communication channels for members. The following outlines the major activities and outcomes for the fiscal year 2025.

A) Enhancing Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration

During the fiscal year 2025, the Committee worked to strengthen engagement with key stakeholders, following the initiatives discussed at the Third International Conference on Press-in Engineering (ICPE2024). Major outreach and collaborative activities included the following:

- Public seminar co-hosted with the Port and Airport Research Institute (PARI)** on offshore wind power development (12 countries; approx. 600 participants)
- International Lecture of the Japanese Geotechnical Society (JGS)** delivered by Dr. McNamara (over 100 participants), followed by an exchange meeting with JGS international members
- Technical workshop at Chuo University**
- Technical site visit to the Taisei Advanced Center of Technology**

These activities contributed to expanding opportunities for academic dialogue, professional exchange, and the dissemination of press-in engineering to wider communities.

The Committee worked with the ICPE2027 Organizing Committee on planning and coordination and will continue to ensure smooth administrative procedures and alignment with IPA's governance framework.

B) Membership Expansion

a. Membership Status (as of March 2026)

- Individual Members: 612 (as of March 2025: 653)
- Student Members: 65 (as of March 2025: 82)
- Corporate Members: 47 (as of March 2025: 47)

Membership numbers showed a decline during the first half of the fiscal year 2025, particularly among Individual and Student members, primarily due to retirements, career transitions, and graduation cycles.

b. Efforts for Membership Expansion

In the fiscal year 2025, the Committee continued efforts to enhance the value of IPA membership, especially for young researchers and early-career engineers.

Activities included the following:

- Promoting participation in seminars.
- Conducting preliminary coordination with the Regional Offices (Europe, Asia, Americas) to support IPA activities and member engagement.

c. Preliminary Study on Student-to-Professional Continuity Measures

The Committee initiated a concept-level review of measures to support continuity for Student Members after graduation. This review is intended to address the significant attrition observed during the transition from student membership to early professional or academic careers.

The study focused on purpose and expected outcomes, with example options informed by international practices (e.g., the American Society of Civil Engineers, ASCE, and the Institution of Civil Engineers, ICE).

Conceptual examples reviewed include:

- Automatic status upgrade at the time of graduation (concept option).
- A bridge period during which no additional dues are charged before the next annual billing cycle (concept option).
- An introductory discount for the first year of Individual membership (internationally, ~50% is commonly used, for reference only).

These examples are based on international practices and were reviewed solely for exploratory purposes.

A concept proposal has been prepared for internal review, and any implementation will require Board approval. Preparations will continue with the aim of refining the concept toward possible implementation in the fiscal year 2026.

C) Communication and Engagement

The Committee supported activities led by the Publicity Committee to strengthen IPA's communication infrastructure.

- LinkedIn followers: 390, as of 7 May 2026 (May 2025: 174).
- The Committee continued to support the improvement of digital communication tools and provided necessary coordination with the Publicity Committee for outreach posts related to on-site events such as the IPA Seminar, Press-in Seminar, and ICPE2027.

During the fiscal year 2025, the Administration Committee identified several key issues, including the decline in student and individual memberships, the need for more effective digital communication, and the increasing importance of coordinated administrative preparation for ICPE2027.

In response, the Committee identified key focus areas: membership continuity measures, strengthened collaboration with the Publicity Committee for digital outreach, and improved coordination with the ICPE2027 Organizing Committee. These reflect IPA's direction toward strengthening its operational foundation and supporting continued development.

6. Others

A) General Assembly

The Ordinary General Assembly 2025 was held from 26 May to 6 June 2025 (twelve days). During the Assembly, the new Board Members for the 2025-2026 term were approved, along with the Activity Report and Income and Expenditure Statement for the fiscal year 2024, as well as the Activity Plan and Budget for the fiscal year 2025.

[\(Reported in IPA Newsletter Vol. 10, issue 2\)](#)

B) Board of Directors meeting

- a. An on-site meeting was held on 3 July 2025 at the International Press-in Center (IPC) in Tokyo, Japan, alongside related events. The meeting was attended by 28 Directors including 4 proxies. The Directors unanimously approved a proposal concerning personnel matters. These included the appointment of the new Vice President for the 2025-2026 term, as well as the Chairs, Co-chairs, and members of the five Standing Committees, and the Secretary General. Additionally, the establishment of a Nomination Committee to nominate incoming board members for the 2026-2027 term was approved.

Following the Board Meeting, on 4 July, IPA directors engaged in a series of collaborative events with external organizations, aimed at advancing press-in engineering and expanding its recognition across disciplines and regions. These activities included a technical observation tour at the Taisei Advanced Center of Technology, a technical workshop at Chuo University, an International Lecture, and an IPA Directors' visit to the Japanese Geotechnical Society (JGS), as well as a joint seminar with the Port and Airport Research Institute (PARI).

[\(Reported in IPA Newsletter Vol. 10, issue 3\)](#)

- b. An email-based Board meeting was held from 23 to 27 March 2026, with the participation of 26 Directors and 2 Auditors. The submission of several agenda documents for resolution at the General Assembly in May 2026 was unanimously approved, including the draft Activity Report and Income and Expenditure Statement for the fiscal year 2025, and the draft Activity Plan and Budget for the fiscal year 2026. In the course of the approval process, comments were raised concerning the wording of a particular section in the draft Activity Plan. These comments were duly considered, and appropriate revisions have been made in the final version of the documents.

Additionally, the Nomination Committee prepared a draft short list of candidates for incoming Directors and Auditors for the 2026–2027 term, which was circulated to the current Directors for their comments prior to the General Assembly.

C) Steering Committee

The Steering Committee consists of the President, Immediate Past President, Executive Director, representatives of the Standing Committees, and the Secretary General.

- a. An on-site meeting was held on 3 July 2025 at the International Press-in Center (IPC) in Tokyo, Japan. Discussions were held regarding the planning and operational direction for the Fourth ICPE, scheduled to be held in the Netherlands, including the format of the event and the composition of the organizing committee.
- b. An online meeting was held on 9 November 2025, to review the status of each Standing Committee's activities and to discuss their issues and further action plans, including the confirmation of the interim financial report.

- c. An online meeting was held on 16 February 2026. The main item on the agenda was reviewing the materials for the next Board of Directors meeting in March and General Assembly in May, including the draft Activity Report and Income and Expenditure Report Forecast for the fiscal year 2025, and the draft Activity Plan and the Budget for the fiscal year 2026.

D) Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee was established to prepare and submit a short list of potential candidates for the positions of IPA Directors and Auditors for the 2026-2027 term to the Annual Ordinary General Assembly 2026. Before drafting this short list, the Committee developed guidelines to clarify the nomination process and criteria. The Committee conducted several email meetings to draft this short list, finalizing it as an agenda item for the General Assembly in May. Input from Board members was solicited during March 2026 to refine the list.

E) Membership

Numbers of IPA members as of 31 March 2026

Individual Members: 612 [as of 31 March 2025: 653 (- 41)]

Student Members: 65 [as of 31 March 2025: 82 (- 17)]

Corporate Members: 47 [as of 31 March 2025: 47 (+- 0)]

Agenda 2: Income and Expenditure Statement for 2025

Income & Expenditure Statement for the Fiscal Year 2025

Period: 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026

(Unit: JPY)

Items	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	Note
Operating Activity			
1 Operating Income			
① Membership Fee			
Individual Member's Annual Fee	6,500,000	5,980,000	
Corporate Member's Annual Fee	6,500,000	6,500,000	
② Contribution	16,000,000	16,000,000	
Contribution			
③ Miscellaneous Income			
Sales of Books	1,220,000	944,480	
Seminars (Japan)	100,000	0	
Seminars (Tunisia, Africa)	150,000	151,190	Registration and sponsorship fees
Seminars (Indonesia)	1,000,000	932,500	Registration and sponsorship fees
Other Income	8,000	351,724	Bank interest and refund of airfare purchased in prior fiscal year etc.
Total Operating Income	31,478,000	30,859,894	
2 Operating Expenditure			
① Expenditure for Conference and Seminar			
Seminars (Japan)	100,000	133,509	Venue fee, travel expenses for speaker, etc.
Seminars (Africa, Tunisia)	700,000	587,437	Venue & catering fee, travel expenses for keynote speaker
Seminars (Indonesia)	1,000,000	1,639,137	Venue & catering fee, travel expenses for keynote speaker
② Expenditure for Publication			
IPA Newsletter	200,000	85,280	Translation and writing costs
Booklet 4: Advanced Technology	300,000	302,896	Printing costs, etc.
Technical Book of Press-in Piling	3,000,000	0	
Other expenditure	0	256,421	Printing costs for Guideline to Drafting a Specification for Press-in Piling Method
③ Expenditure for Research and Committee Activity			
Board of Directors' meeting / Steering Committee expenses	5,100,000	2,547,011	
President / Secretary / Regional Office Activities			
President's Activities	1,000,000	838,168	
Secretariats' Activities	300,000	24,773	
Regional Office Activities	600,000	12,597	
Research Committee / Technical Committee Expenses	3,000,000	0	
Specifications of the Press-in Method	200,000	0	
IPA Library	600,000	383,334	
④ Administrative Expenditure			
System Maintenance	3,000,000	1,854,901	
Postage costs (international / domestic)	120,000	41,168	
Communication Expenses	96,000	101,146	Telephone charge
Director's remuneration	10,867,200	10,924,090	
Lease Expenses	3,360,000	3,297,799	Office rent, etc.
Outsourcing Expenses	1,668,204	1,633,972	Certified accountant fee, etc.
Commission Expenses	300,000	175,596	Bank charges
Office supplies Expenses	200,000	195,179	
Miscellaneous Expenses	500,000	385,812	
Corporate tax	70,000	70,000	
Reimbursement	0	13,060	
Total Expenditure	36,281,404	25,503,286	
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	-4,803,404	5,356,608	
Balance brought from the Previous Year	15,483,699	15,483,699	
Surplus / (Deficit) of the Current Year	-4,803,404	5,356,608	
Balance carried forward to the Next Year	10,680,295	20,840,307	

In our opinion, the above statement of accounts is presented fairly in all material respects.

監査の結果、重要な点において適正に表示しているものと認める。

Date: 21 April, 2026,

Auditor 

Dr. Goh Teik Lim

Auditor 

Mr. Tsuyoshi Tanouchi

Agenda 3: Activity Plan 2026

Fiscal Year 2026 (1 April 2026 - 31 March 2027)

Introductory Remarks

As it enters its 20th fiscal year, the International Press-in Association (IPA) will place greater emphasis on networking and cross-sector collaboration among academia, industry, and government to address global challenges and enhance the social value of press-in engineering. In this context, IPA will advance preparations for the Fourth International Conference on Press-in Engineering (ICPE2027) in the Netherlands, which will serve as a key platform for international engagement and knowledge exchange. IPA will also strengthen its outward communication through the quarterly IPA Newsletter, coordinated social media activities, and phased preparations for a website renewal focused on usability, user experience, and information architecture. These measures will amplify IPA's global reach and make technical knowledge more accessible to diverse stakeholders.

This Activity Plan outlines a set of committee initiatives for the coming fiscal year 2026. These include advancing Technical Committee work and examining new research themes; expanding multilingual resources in conjunction with international seminars; enhancing the visibility and accessibility of the IPA Awards Program while safeguarding its independence; and strengthening administrative coordination, membership engagement, and ICPE2027-related operations.

1. Research Committee

The Research Committee will continue to expand its research activities, enhance the collection of case histories and documents, and broaden the dissemination of press-in piling technology. These initiatives are aimed at bolstering our knowledge base and sharing valuable insights with both our members and the broader engineering community. To ensure these activities are carried out effectively and systematically, the Research Committee will hold regular meetings between its Chair and the Chairs of each Technical Committee.

A) Technical Committees

The Technical Committees will continue their activities in the fiscal year 2026, with TC4 focusing on finalizing its report according to the updated schedule.

a. Technical Committee 4 (TC4)

Research Subject: Vertical performance and construction management of sheet piles installed by the Press-in Method and tubular piles installed by Rotary Cutting Press-in Method

The committee will propose to complete the activity report by the end of December 2026.

Activities so far:

- Edit and submit the interim report (in March 2021)
- Accumulate loading test results

- Standard Press-in (sheet piles (sand), pipe piles (sand))
- Press-in with Auger (sheet piles (sand, clay))
- Rotary Cutting Press-in (pipe piles, sand)
- Associate to existing design codes (SPT-based, CPT-based)

Schedule going forward:

- Edit a final report draft (by March 2026)
- Circulate the final report draft and update (by September 2026)
- Finalize the final report (by December 2026)

Budget

Part of the remaining budget of the Research Committee will be used to cover the travel cost to hold the committee meetings.

b. Examination of New Research Themes and Activity Formats

The Research Committee will further develop potential new research themes and improve the TC activity framework in fiscal year 2026.

The suggested research themes and related discussions are summarized in the Activity Report 2025. Based on these discussions, the Committee will focus on prioritization, feasibility assessment, and preparation for launching new Technical Committees.

Further discussions, including the Small Workshop, will be conducted to refine the scope and implementation of selected research subjects.

B) Case history: Case history volume 3

The Research Committee will continue its work towards the publication of *Press-in Piling Case History Volume 3*, a compilation of various applications of press-in piling technology, aiming for release in the fiscal year 2026.

C) IPA Library (collection of books)

Books in a variety of fields are being collected. [See the Library webpage.](#)

D) The Press-in Engineering Seminar

No seminar is planned to be held in the fiscal year 2026 as of 1 March 2026. Further seminar will be planned for the fiscal year 2027.

2. Development Committee

The Development Committee will continue its activities, including publications, seminars, and conferences, to promote press-in piling technology.

A) Multilingualization of the Press-in Handbook

The Development Committee has released the Press-in Handbook in the following 12 languages.

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| 1) Japanese: Jun. 2015 | 6) Portuguese: Dec. 2021 |
| (Revised: Dec. 2021) | 7) Spanish: Mar. 2022 |
| 2) English: Dec. 2016 | 8) French: Mar. 2022 |
| (Revised: Jun. 2021) | 9) Vietnamese: May 2022 |
| 3) Chinese: Oct. 2019 | 10) German: Aug. 2022 |
| (Supplement updated: Mar. 2026) | 11) Korean: Sep. 2023 |
| 4) Russian: Oct. 2021 | 12) Arabic: Mar. 2025 |
| 5) Thai: Nov. 2021 | |

In addition to the above versions, the Development Committee is planning to provide an Italian version. GIKEN LTD. has requested the IPA to provide it, taking into account recent growth of the press-in piling industry in Italy. The Development Committee will provide initial English-Italian translation in April 2026. The Development Committee will concurrently appoint suitable persons in charge for reviewing the translation. The schedule and approximate costs for the publication version will be determined in the fiscal year 2026.

Five years after the revised Japanese edition was published, the committee has initiated discussions to prepare new revised editions of both the Japanese and English versions by around 2030. The schedule and structure will be finalized in the fiscal year of 2026 and reflected in the Activity Report 2026, with budget allocation as needed.

B) Seminars on Press-in Technology

The Development Committee continues to promote the dissemination of the Press-in Handbook through technical seminars.

a. Indonesia (Jakarta)

The IPA Seminar on Press-in Technology in Jakarta was successfully held on 15 April 2026. The seminar was organized by IPA in collaboration with the Indonesian Task Forces, namely the Himpunan Ahli Teknik Tanah Indonesia (HATTI) and the Himpunan Ahli Konstruksi Indonesia (HAKI), and was supported by 6 co-organizers, 1 supporter, 4 gold sponsors, and 2 silver sponsors.

The total number of participants was 205 from 5 countries (Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, and Japan), including 6 students.

b. India (Mumbai)

The IPA Seminar on Press-in Technology in Mumbai is currently being planned for mid-November 2026.

Prof. B.V.S. Viswanadham (Professor of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay) has been appointed as Chair, and preparations for the seminar are progressing through regular online meetings. The seminar will be announced in the near future through the release of an official flyer.

C) Terminology on Press-in Technology

An Excel-based bilingual terminology database (Japanese–English) was uploaded to the IPA website in July 2024 and is available for download at the following URL: <https://www.press-in.org/en/publication/index/1>

This database will be further expanded into additional languages in line with the language editions of the Press-in Handbook. As the first step toward multilingual expansion, French terms are being added to the bilingual list, with publication scheduled for the fiscal year 2026.

D) Fourth International Conference on Press-in Engineering (ICPE2027)

Preparations for ICPE2027 are progressing steadily in coordination with the Organizing Committee and the prospective venue. At present, the conference is being planned as a three-day event in early June 2027, with further details to be announced in the near future in conjunction with the Call for Abstracts and the IPA Awards.

The ICPE2027 Organizing Committee and IPA will continue to coordinate key aspects of the conference, including program development and related operational arrangements. Updates on the conference will be provided through the IPA website, the ICPE2027 website (<https://2027.icpe-ipa.org/>), and the ICPE2027 LinkedIn page (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/international-conference-on-press-in-engineering/>).

E) Press-in Piling Technology: A Technical Book (In Japanese)

The draft manuscript for this book has been completed under the editorial leadership of Executive Director Dr. Kusakabe and an eight-member committee. It comprehensively covers the principles of the press-in piling method, and preparations for publication are currently underway. The book is anticipated to be published in fiscal year 2026.

3. Publicity Committee

The Publicity Committee remains committed to enhancing communication and engagement by continuing to publish the IPA Newsletter and improving digital content for IPA members. In the fiscal year 2026, the Committee will strengthen international outreach, enhance its social media presence, and support ICPE2027 through strategic public relations activities. The Committee will also prepare the 20th Anniversary Series, a four-part commemorative feature to be published across all Newsletter issues scheduled for the anniversary year, from the March 2027 issue through the December 2027 issue.

A) IPA Newsletters

The IPA Newsletters Editorial Committee will continue to publish the Newsletter on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year 2026, the Committee will align all Newsletter planning activities with the overall theme of ICPE2027 and will strengthen international outreach through enhanced content development. The Committee will also produce the IPA 20th Anniversary Series (four-part feature), which will highlight key milestones, achievements, and future perspectives, and will be published sequentially from the March 2027 issue through the December 2027 issue.

To further enhance the impact of the Newsletter, the Committee will analyze website access data, Newsletter page views, and social media performance to develop strategies for increasing readership and improving overall recognition of IPA.

B) IPA Social Media Presence

The Committee will strengthen IPA's communication capabilities by integrating newsletters and other publications with social media platforms (LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram). These platforms will be leveraged to expand international outreach and support ICPE2027-related public relations. The Committee will continue improving content planning, posting frequency, and analytical review to increase visibility and engagement across global audiences.

C) Website Renewal

In the fiscal year 2026, the Committee will begin preparations for a comprehensive renewal of the IPA website. During this preparation phase, the Committee will develop an overall renewal plan, identify key issues, and establish priorities for improvements. Based on the plan, the website will be renewed in phases in subsequent years.

Key areas to be addressed in the planning stage include:

- Improving usability and user experience for both users and administrators
- Strengthening website security and updating legal compliance
- Enhancing the IPA Members Site to support engagement and self-service
- Optimizing the site structure for improved visibility in future AI-driven search environments

These preparatory activities will ensure that the renewal can be implemented efficiently and effectively in the following phases.

4. Awards Committee

In the fiscal year 2026, the Awards Committee will strengthen the visibility and global recognition of the IPA Awards Program, improve access to nomination resources, and coordinate closely with the Fourth International Conference on Press-in Engineering (ICPE2027) Organizing Committee to support the next awards cycle.

These activities aim to support sustainable growth of the IPA Awards Program while maintaining its credibility, transparency, and international relevance.

A) Promoting Visibility of the IPA Awards Program

Building on the fiscal year 2025 initiatives, the Awards Committee will work with the Publicity Committee to implement measures that enhance the visibility and recognition of the IPA Awards Program. Key activities include:

a. Newsletter & Web (Series-based Promotion)

- Maintain an award-focused feature series beginning with the Distinguished Research Award article published in March 2026, ensuring continuity across subsequent issues as appropriate.
- Republish or cross-feature key articles on the IPA Awards page and ICPE2027 website for consistent messaging and easier discovery.

b. Multi-channel Dissemination

- Coordinate with the Publicity Committee to cross-post major award updates via the IPA Newsletter, IPA LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook (as applicable), and the ICPE2027 LinkedIn page.
- Use concise posts directing readers to the IPA Awards page and the ICPE2027 website for details (category outlines, timelines, past awardees).

B) Strengthening Global Recognition and Partnerships

To broaden the reach of the IPA Awards Program while safeguarding its independence and neutrality, the Committee will adopt a publicity-based approach to external collaboration.

a. Publicity-Level Outreach

- Initiate visibility collaboration with the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) as the first-priority partner (website or newsletter mentions, social media posts, event-adjacent cross-visibility).
- Review results and, if effective, extend similar visibility collaboration to other organizations (e.g., the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI)) without establishing formal institutional dependencies.
- Ensure that all external communications remain consistent with the positioning of the IPA Awards Program and direct readers to the relevant IPA Awards pages for details.

b. Safeguards for Independence

- Refrain from formal joint awards or external recommendation routes at this stage to preserve independence and neutrality amid differences in organizational scale and influence.
- Use clear language in all external notices to avoid confusion with third-party endorsement or co-governance of the Awards.

C) Enhancing the Nomination Process

The Committee will improve access and clarity for applicants by streamlining the path to the designated pages and synchronizing announcements across channels.

a. Accessibility & User Experience

- Keep the authoritative source information on the IPA website (<https://www.press-in.org/en/page/award>)—the Awards framework, eligibility and submission guidelines, and the archive of past awardees.
- Maintain the ICPE2027 Awards page (<https://2027.icpe-ipa.org/award/>) as a usability-focused entry point for the ICPE2027 cycle (concise category outlines and timelines, step-by-step “how to apply,” and clear links back to the IPA website for the authoritative details).

b. Communication

- Maintain synchronized notices on the ICPE2027 Awards page (entry point), the IPA Awards page (authoritative details), the IPA Newsletter, IPA LinkedIn, Instagram, and Facebook (as applicable), and the ICPE2027 LinkedIn page.
- Use short posts that point readers to the entry point first, then route to the authoritative pages.

D) Preparation for the ICPE Awards (ICPE2027)

The Committee will keep the ICPE2027 Awards page current as the entry point for applicants and coordinate with the ICPE2027 Organizing Committee.

a. Website Roles & Governance

- ICPE2027 Awards page: entry point (summaries, key dates, how to apply). <https://2027.icpe-ipa.org/award/>
- IPA Awards page: authoritative source (framework, official guidelines, archive). <https://www.press-in.org/en/page/award>
- Clarify roles for page maintenance and a brief coordination review prior to public announcements with the ICPE2027 Organizing Committee to keep both fully consistent.

b. Possible Dedicated Session

- During the Call for Abstracts, invite past awardees (incl. Newsletter-featured) to gauge interest.
- Confirm feasibility and format with the Organizing Committee.

c. Social Media Support

- Post brief, scheduled updates (deadlines, categories, past award spotlights, how-to) on IPA/ICPE2027 channels.
- Always link first to the ICPE2027 Awards page (entry point), then route to the IPA website (authoritative).

5. Administration Committee

The Administration Committee will continue to strengthen IPA’s operational base and international presence by enhancing coordination among Standing Committees, supporting membership development, and improving communication channels. In conjunction with the preparation of the Fourth International Conference on Press-in Engineering (ICPE2027), the Committee will work to expand IPA’s global network and reinforce engagement with academia, industry, and government.

A) Enhancing Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration

Building on previous efforts, the Committee will support cross-sector collaboration through ICPE2027-related activities. Specific actions include:

- Supporting the ICPE2027 Organizing Committee by assisting with necessary administrative processes and the coordination of IPA resources.
- Promoting participation from academic institutions, industry partners, and public organizations.
- Facilitating communication among international stakeholders through Regional Offices (Europe, Asia, Americas).

B) Membership Expansion

a. Strengthening Engagement of Young Members

The Committee will continue to promote participation in seminars and site visits, and will plan and prepare other effective measures, including online activities, with the aim of enhancing the value of IPA membership for young researchers and practitioners.

In collaboration with the Regional Offices (Europe, Asia, Americas), the Committee will encourage the implementation of additional region-based initiatives such as site visits and seminars, aiming to provide local opportunities for early-career and student members to engage directly with press-in engineering practices.

b. Concept-Level Study on Student-to-Professional (S2P) Transition

The Committee will continue to explore a concept-level Student-to-Professional transition framework as part of efforts to improve continuity between Student and Individual membership categories.

The study will focus on:

- **Purpose:** Supporting a smoother transition for Student Members at graduation and improving engagement retention.
- **Expected Outcomes:**
 - Increased participation of young professionals
 - Enhanced continuity of student and early-career members
 - Improved retention after graduation
- **Illustrative concept examples include:**
 - Automatic upgrade at graduation (option).
 - Bridge period without additional dues until 31 March of the following year (option).
 - Introductory first-year discount (international examples often ~50%; reference only).

These examples are illustrative only and do not constitute a formal proposal. Implementation of the Student-to-Professional transition framework is subject to Board approval following the General Assembly.

C) Corporate Membership and ICPE2027-Linked Opportunities

In response to increased interest from industry partners, the Committee will examine options to enhance the attractiveness of Corporate Membership by leveraging ICPE2027-related opportunities. Exploratory considerations include:

- Visibility programs linked to the ICPE2027 sponsorship frameworks.
- Opportunities for Corporate Members to participate in ICPE2027-related networking sessions.
- Potential pathways to encourage sponsor-supported membership expansion.

All items remain exploratory and do not imply immediate changes to the Regulations.

D) Improving Communication and Engagement

The Committee will coordinate with the Publicity Committee to support further enhancement of digital communication, including:

- Continued integration of social media outreach with Newsletter publications.
- Scheduling and alignment of communication activities across committees.
- Expansion of engagement with younger audiences through digital platforms.

E) Administrative Coordination for ICPE2027

The Committee will work closely with the ICPE2027 Organizing Committee to ensure smooth administrative processes. Key tasks include:

- Planning and scheduling coordination.
- Supporting communication with participating organizations.
- Assisting in the preparation of supporting documentation for committees and stakeholders.

Additional support tasks will be undertaken as required to ensure the smooth operation of IPA and effective execution of cross-committee activities.

Agenda 4: Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

Period: 1 April 2026 - 31 March 2027

(Unit: JPY)

Items	FY2025 Actual	FY2026 Budget	Note
Operating Activity			
1 Operating Income			
① Membership Fees			
Individual Members' Annual Fees	5,980,000	5,850,000	
Corporate Members' Annual Fees	6,500,000	6,400,000	
② Contribution			
Contribution	16,000,000	16,000,000	
③ Miscellaneous Income			
Research Commission	0	0	
Sales of Books	944,480	620,000	
Seminars (Japan)	0	0	
Seminars (Indonesia)	932,500	210,000	Registration fees received in Apr. for the seminar on 15 Apr. 2026.
Seminars (India)	0	1,000,000	Registration and sponsorship fees
Other Income	351,724	15,000	Bank interest etc.
Total Operating Income	30,859,894	30,095,000	
2 Operating Expenditure			
① Expenditure for Conferences and Seminars			
Seminars (Japan)	133,509	100,000	Travel expenses for speakers, etc.
Seminars (Indonesia)	1,639,137	150,000	Expenses incurred in Apr. for the seminar on 15 Apr. 2026.
Seminars (India)	0	1,000,000	Venue and catering fee, travel expenses for keynote speakers, etc.
② Expenditure for Publications			
Press-in Handbook	0	1,000,000	Review cost for Italian version, etc.
Case History	0	0	
IPA Newsletter	85,280	200,000	Translation and writing costs
Technical Book of Press-in Piling	0	3,000,000	Editing and printing costs, manuscript fee, etc.
Other expenditure	256,421	0	
③ Expenditure for Research and Committee Activities			
Board of Directors' meeting / Steering Committee Expenses	2,547,011	8,400,000	Including the 2027 Board meeting fee: 4 million yen
President / Secretary / Regional Office Activities			
President's Activities	838,168	1,000,000	Travel expenses, etc.
Secretariat Activities	24,773	300,000	
Regional Office Activities	12,597	600,000	
Research Committee / Technical Committee Expenses	0	3,000,000	Expenses to promote research activities
Award-Related Expenses	0	0	
IPA Library	383,334	500,000	
Other Activities (e.g. participations in other conferences)	0	0	
④ Administrative Expenditure			
System Maintenance	1,854,901	3,000,000	Website renewal etc.
Postage costs (international / domestic)	41,168	96,000	
Communication Expenses	101,146	96,000	Telephone charge
Director's remuneration	10,924,090	11,013,080	
Lease Expenses	3,297,799	3,360,000	Office rent, etc.
Outsourcing Expenses	1,633,972	1,668,204	Certified accountant fee, etc.
Commission Expenses	175,596	300,000	Bank charges
Office supplies Expenses	195,179	200,000	
Miscellaneous Expenses	385,812	500,000	
Corporate tax	70,000	70,000	
20th Anniversary Activities	0	500,000	Preparatory costs for the 20th Anniversary
Reimbursement	13,060	13,060	
Total Expenditure	25,503,286	40,066,344	
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	5,356,608	-9,971,344	
Balance brought from the Previous Year	15,483,699	20,840,307	
Surplus / (Deficit) of the Current Year	5,356,608	-9,971,344	
Balance carried forward to the Next Year	20,840,307	10,868,963	

Agenda 5: Election of Directors and Auditors

The Nomination Committee^(*1) hereby proposes the following sixteen (16) candidates — fifteen (15) for Directors and one (1) for Auditor — for the term of **2026–2027**, in accordance with [Chapter IV, Article 12 of the IPA Constitution](#).

Nominees for Directors (reappointment), Term of 2026–2027:

Name <small>(Honorifics omitted, listed in alphabetical order by family name)</small>	Affiliation	Country Region
Majid Ghayoomi	Professor, University of New Hampshire	United States
Yoshiaki Kikuchi	Advisor, General incorporated foundation Coastal Development Institute of Technology	Japan
Pastsakorn Kitiyodom	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, TEAM Consulting Engineering and Management PCL.	Thailand
Osamu Kusakabe	Professor Emeritus, Tokyo Institute of Technology	Japan
Chun Fai Leung	Emeritus Professor, National University of Singapore	Singapore
David Kuo-Wei Lin	President & Representative Director, Chuen Chang Enterprise Co., Ltd.	Taiwan
Tatsunori Matsumoto	Emeritus Professor, Kanazawa University	Japan
Ramin Motamed	Professor, University of Nevada Reno	United States
Shinji Taenaka	General Manager, NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION	Japan
Marawan M. Shahien	Professor, Tanta University Geotechnical Engineering Consultant	Egypt
Cristina de Hollanda Cavalcanti Tsuha	Professor, University of São Paulo	Brazil
Katsutoshi Ueno	Associate Professor, Tokushima University	Japan
Anh Tuan Vu	Associate Professor, Le Quy Don Technical University	Vietnam
Rui Wang	Associate Professor, Tsinghua University	China
Mark Albert H. Zarco	Professor, University of the Philippines, Diliman	Philippines

Nominee for Auditor (reappointment), Term of 2026–2027:

Name (Honorifics omitted)	Affiliation	Country Region
Tsuyoshi Tanouchi	Managing Operating Officer, GIKEN LTD.	Japan

Note: The Nomination Committee^(*1) was formed in accordance with [Section 4.1 of the By-laws](#).

Remarks: Agenda 5 proposes the collective approval of the sixteen (16) candidates as a single group, rather than voting on each candidate individually. Should you have any comments regarding this item, please submit them via the online voting platform.