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- **1979**    January    Initial plan presented at the Korean Shipbuilding Industry Conference
- **1980**    May        Korean Association of Ship Machinery and Equipment Manufacturers (KASMEM) established  
                          Yoon, Pal-Moon elected chairman (1st)  
                          Choi Chung-Hee selected executive managing director (1st)
- **1981**    February    Chosen as an Institute Designating Shipbuilding Equipment Specializing Factories
- **1982**    February    Established Marine Equipment Koreanization Advancement Committee
- **1983**    July        Consolidation with Korea Ship Engine Industries Association (Hyundai Engine joined a member company)
- **1984**    February    Goo, Ja-Young elected chairman (2nd)  
                  May        Chosen as agency designating business area exclusively for SMEs
- **1985**    January    Han In-Su selected executive managing director (2nd)  
                  December    Selected as import recommendation agency for ship engine parts and shipbuilding & repair machinery and equipment (Ministry of Commerce & Industry notice)
- **1986**    February    Newly launching the publication of Shipbuilding Equipment News Bulletin  
                  December    KASMEM name changed to Korea Marine Equipment Association (KOMEA)
- **1987**    February    Goo Ja-Young re-elected chairman (3rd)  
                          Yoon Jae-Yeol selected executive managing director (3rd)
- **1988**    October    First exchange meeting of Korea-Japan marine equipment industry organizations
- **1989**    September    Hosted the 2nd marine equipment Koreanization advancement committee
- **1990**    February    Goo, Ja-Young re-elected chairman (4th)  
                  July        Yoon Jae-Yeol selected executive managing director (4th)
- **1991**    October    Hosted seminar on the development direction of marine equipment industry and Busan region
- **1992**    February    Established Busan Shipbuilding Equipment Cooperative (BMEA)
- **1993**    February    Goo, Ja-Young re-elected chairman (5th)

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- **1993** July Yun Jae-Yeol selected executive managing director (5th)
  - **1994** May KORMARINE Exhibition launched by KOMEA
  - **1995** October Hosted first international shipbuilding & marine equipment exhibition 'KORMARINE'
  - **1996** February Goo, Ja-Young re-elected chairman (6th)
  - July Yun Jae-Yeol selected executive managing director (6th)
  - Joined CIMAC (International Council on Combustion Engines) as a member and launched KOMAC
  - **1997** July Established Korean Pavilion at Marintec China, Shanghai for the first time
  - **1998** Participated in the inaugural MADEX 1998 (International Maritime Defense Industry Exhibition)
  - **1999** February Goo, Ja-Young re-elected chairman (7th)
  - July Selected Hwang Gung-Ho executive managing director (7th)
  - **2000** June Established Korea Pavilion at POSIDONIA (The International Shipping Exhibition, Athens, Greece)
  - **2001** January Designation of world-class products (mandated by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry & Energy)
  - December Established Korea Marine Equipment Research Institute
  - **2002** February Si, Myung-Sun re-elected chairman (8th)
  - July Hwang Kung-Ho re-selected executive managing director (8th)
  - **2003** December Mapped out marine equipment technology roadmap
  - **2004** February Kim Jung-Ho selected executive managing director (9th)
  - **2005** February Si, Myung-Sun elected chairman (9th)
  - **2006** April Promoted exchanges of Korea-Japan marine equipment circles for the first time
  - **2007** February Kim Jung-Ho re-selected executive managing director (10th)
  - **2008** February Park, Yoon-So elected chairman (10th)
  - April Held 1st KOMEA Forum
  - October Concluded MOUs with Turkish & Indian shipbuilders' associations for mutual cooperation

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- **2009**    September    Launched Global A/S Hub infrastructure project to promote development of Korean marine equipment as well as to enhance global cooperation & coordination; R&D project for the southeastern economic sphere (establishment of a global hub for offshore plants)
    - December    Concluded MOU with Vietnam's Vinashin Group for mutual cooperation
  - **2010**    February    Kim Jung-Ho re-selected executive managing director (11th)
    - March    Concluded MOU with COAPROA (Spain's marine equipment purchasing association)
    - April    Established Korea Pavilion at OTC (Offshore Technology Conference, Houston, USA) for the first time
    - May    Publication of "30-Year History of Korean Marine Equipment Industry and KOMEA"
    - Concluded MOU with China's Jiangsu Shipbuilders' Association
    - November    Korea Marine Equipment Global Service Center (KOMECS) inaugurated;
  - **2011**    June    Conclusion of an MOU with FIERGS of Brazil for mutual cooperation
  - **2012**    February    Park, Yoon-So re-elected chairman (11st)
    - Kang Jae-Jong selected executive managing director (12th)
    - June    Concluded industry-academia-government MOUs with 14 organizations to support win-win cooperation for acceleration of green ship industry technology development and stimulation of investment
    - September    Launched publication of KOMEA e-Newsletter
    - November    Concluded MOUs with 10 organizations to support win-win cooperation for development of offshore & shipbuilding industries
  - **2013**    September    Concluded MOU with Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy (MOTIE) and Korea Offshore & Shipbuilding Association (KOSHIPA) on shared growth based on mutual cooperation & coordination
    - October    Co-hosted the first KORMARINE CONFERENCE
  - **2014**    July    Organized Seminar on Offshore Plant Industry Development Via Acquisition of Global Certifications in Collaboration with API (American Petroleum Institute)
  - **2014**    October    Established Unfair Trade Complaint Center Under the Umbrella of Korea Fair Trade Commission & Korea Federation of SMEs
  - **2015**    February    Kang Jae-Jong re-selected executive managing director (13th)
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|        | October  | Hosted meeting between IMO Secretary General and representatives of Korean marine equipment companies  |
|        | October  | Signed MOU with American Petroleum Institute (API)   |
| ● 2016 | February | Park, Yoon-So re-elected chairman (12th)   |
|        | November | Opened KOMEA Workstation in Singapore  |
|        | December | Opened KOMEA Workstation in Shanghai, China  |
| ● 2017 | November | Opened Center for Unfair Trade Declaration in the area of shipbuilding and marine equipment businesses   |
|        | November | Signed MOU between KME-GPC (Korea Marine Equipment-Global Promotion Committee) and IPERINDO (Indonesia Shipbuilding Association)   |
| ● 2018 | February | Kang Jae-Jong re-selected executive managing director (14th)   |
|        | October  | Signed MOU between KOMEA and the Trade Representation of the Russian Federation in Korea   |
|        | November | Signed mutual cooperation agreement of five Korea-ASEAN countries<br><br>On behalf of Korean marine equipment business circle, signed a shared growth and cooperation agreement, initiated by the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy (MOTIE).                                      |
|        | December | Established Marine Equipment Demand Forecasting System   |
| ● 2019 | February | Kang Ho IL selected chairman (13th)  |
|        | July     | Signed MOU with Thai Shipowners' Association (TSA) to establish a practical cooperative framework<br><br>Signed MOU with United Shipping Corporation (USC), Russia to enhance bilateral cooperation in marine equipment area, etc.<br><br>Opened KOMEA Workstation in Athens, Greece |
|        | October  | Opened KOMEA Workstation in Saint Petersburg, Russia   |
| ● 2020 | February | Kang Ho IL re-elected chairman (14th)  |