



Chowdhury to Receive Honorary Doctorate from Michigan Tech

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Author and quality strategist Subir Chowdhury will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering by Michigan Technological University at its spring commencement ceremonies May 8. Chowdhury is chairman and chief executive officer of ASI Consulting Group, of Livonia, a world leader in achieving quality in a wide range of areas, including manufacturing, social interaction, products and services. His clients include global Fortune 100 companies as well as small organizations in both the public and private sectors.

Hailed by the New York Times as a "leading quality expert," Chowdhury is the author of nine books, including international bestseller "The Power of Six Sigma," which has been translated into more than 20 languages and has sold more than a million copies.

Chowdhury has received numerous international awards for his leadership in quality management and his major contributions to various industries worldwide. He was honored by the Automotive Hall of Fame, and the Society of Automotive Engineers has presented him with its prestigious Henry Ford II Distinguished Award for Excellence in Automotive Engineering.

He also has been recognized by Congress and has received and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' Gold Medal. The American Society for Quality honored him with the first Philip Crosby Medal for authoring the most influential business book on the quality methodology Six Sigma.

In 2004 Chowdhury will be inducted into the Hall of Fame for Engineering, Science and Technology (World Level), and the International Technology Institute will honor him with its prestigious Rockwell Medal for Excellence in Technology.

Chowdhury has an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, India, and a graduate degree in industrial management from Central Michigan University (CMU). In 2003, during its golden anniversary, IIT featured Chowdhury as one of its top 15 eminent alumni, and CMU awarded him its Distinguished Alumni Award (which has been bestowed only 21 alumni in its 100-plus year history).

Michigan Tech (www.mtu.edu) is ranked among the top 50 public universities in the country by U.S. News and World Report. The university has one of the largest engineering programs in the country and offers quality programs in the sciences, business, communications, forestry and environmental science.