

Lean Japan Tour

17-23 APRIL 2016



LEAN TOUR:

Best Practice Lean Manufacturers

Discussions with Factory Management

Hands-on Kaizen Activities

Lean Seminars

Sightseeing

PARTICIPATION FEE:

Fee: US\$5950*

Includes:

Accommodation, Meals, Bullet Train, Transfers, Tours, Seminars, Sightseeing, Interpreters

*AIRFARE & TRAVEL INSURANCE NOT INCLUDED

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Join the Shinka Management Lean Japan Tour for an experience of a lifetime.

Immerse yourself over one week into the original Japanese thinking behind lean and its successful application across a range of industries. Whether you are new to the concept of lean, or searching for that next level of achievement, you will come home with a better understanding of how a continuous improvement culture can be embedded across your organisation.



The Challenge

Many manufacturers have attempted implementing lean manufacturing programs in recent years, but there are limited cases of its successful and ongoing implementation outside of Japan. There are some key reasons behind this:

1. Companies have never seen a genuinely successful example to benchmark against.
2. Companies overlook the people and culture side when implementing lean programs.
3. Companies miss the true essence of lean due to a flood of misinterpreted material and opinions in the marketplace.

Benefits of the Tour

The Lean Japan Tour will broaden your thinking and build your knowledge of lean management principles. You'll experience lean implementation in some of Japan's top companies, and develop the understanding necessary to implement these within your organisation.

Shinka Management consultants have been running the Lean Japan Tour since 2007. The tour includes six intensive days of training, company tours, senior management discussions and Japanese cultural experiences. We look after you from the moment you touch-down in Japan, providing all transfers, first-class accommodation and meals, cultural guidance and interpreting services.

Companies we visit

Shinka Management has an extensive network of world-leading Japanese lean companies.

[Toyota](#)
[Rinnai Corporation](#)
[Metal One](#)
[Kikkoman](#)
[Brother](#)
[Gifu Auto Body](#)
[Panasonic](#)
[Sekisui Heim](#)
[Kewpie Mayonnaise](#)
[Ito En](#)
[Hamamatsu City Government](#)
[Chuo Malleable Iron](#)
[INOAC](#)
[Kirin Brewery](#)
[Denso](#)

Lean Concepts

Move beyond theory and experience lean manufacturing in action. During shop floor visits you'll see excellent examples of lean concepts in action.

[5S / TPM](#)
[TPS / Just-In-Time / Jidoka](#)
[TQM](#)
[Standard Work](#)
[Kanban](#)
[Visual Management](#)
[Employee Suggestion Schemes](#)

During the tour you'll go beyond the fundamentals, and discuss managers' experiences in implementing a lean culture across an entire organisation.

You'll return home ready to help your company take its next step in its lean journey.

Comments from Previous Tours

"Personally and professionally I found the week extraordinarily rewarding – not only as a fantastic lean tour but also as a cultural experience not to be missed."

"I have emerged with a new passion and enthusiasm for Lean Manufacturing. If you have the opportunity to participate in this fantastic tour, you will not regret it, it is an investment in you and your company's future."

"The tour was a seamless and professional experience. This is not just a tour for production people but for everybody with an open mind to improve processes."

"Outstanding, highly recommended - I don't have this much fun when I go on holiday. To see the cultural home of Lean Manufacturing is an experience you will never forget."

Visit the [Shinka Management website](#) to view all client comments.



Highlights from the Tour

Gifu Auto Body - Gifu Prefecture

Experience the Toyota Production System in action with excellent examples of JIT delivery, kanban systems, poka-yoke, 5S and TPM in action at Gifu Body, a supplier of finished vehicles to the Toyota Group. The tour group will visit three separate factories at Gifu Body; the welding/assembly factory, a pressed components supplier, and the seat track factory for the Toyota Hi-Ace vehicle. Learn about the lean journey at Gifu Body through discussions led by a former manager. The group will also participate in practical training sessions on lean concepts in a world-class lean training facility.

Toyota - Aichi Prefecture

Take a tour of one of Toyota's production plants in Toyota City. Tour participants will experience the shop floor atmosphere and Toyota's interactive training areas. The tour incorporates content on the two pillars of the Toyota Production System; Jidoka and Just-In-Time. The second half of the Toyota visit will take the group to the Toyota Kaikan Museum, located adjacent to Toyota global headquarters, which is a showcase of Toyota's philosophy and corporate direction.

Hamamatsu City Government - Shizuoka Prefecture

Broaden your understanding of lean implementation beyond the manufacturing sector. Lean management and kaizen principles have seen application in governments throughout Japan since the mid-1990s. Not driven by profit, the challenge for the public sector is creating a need for improvement. Hamamatsu City is recognized as a leader in applying kaizen to the public sector, with its "Good Job" program as a key approach to mobilizing staff to drive government reform on a daily basis.

Metal One Isuzu – Gifu Prefecture

Learn from a company that is the epitome of 5S implementation and standardisation. Isuzu specialises in the processing and sales of cold rolled steel, and understands that in order to remain profitable in an old economy industry, it must focus on cutting costs by boosting business efficiency. The company boasts an excellent corporate culture and an engaged, dedicated and vibrant workforce.

Lean Manufacturing Seminars

Reinforce your understanding of lean fundamentals through seminars delivered on the Japanese approach to lean. Topics include the Toyota Production System, standardized work, time studies, work sampling and leading and implementing a lean culture.

Japanese Cultural Experience

Enjoy a journey like no other as you immerse yourself in an exhilarating mix of cultural and sightseeing experiences. You'll have plenty of time to take in Japanese food and culture and explore some of Japan's most amazing urban landscapes. The tour will commence with a seminar on Doing Business with the Japanese to provide participants with an understanding of Japanese culture and customs, business etiquette and insights into the management culture of Japanese companies.

Visit <http://shinkamangement.com> for further details and up-to-date tour schedules.

Recommended International Flights

Participants are required to make their own air travel arrangements to and from Tokyo. This region of Japan is served by Narita International Airport and Tokyo Haneda Airport. You will be met at the airport on arrival and a transfer to our hotel in Tokyo will be provided via limousine bus service. Please time flights such that you arrive at the hotel by no later than 4pm on the 17th of April.



Narita International Airport (NRT)

Located 65 km east of Tokyo, Narita International Airport is the primary airport serving Tokyo. It provides regular connections with hubs in Europe, North America, Middle East, Asia and Oceania. Limousine bus transfer time: 1.5 hours.



Haneda Airport (HND)

Also known as Tokyo International Airport, it is located close to the centre of Tokyo. It serves domestic and short-haul international flights. Limousine bus transfer time: 25 minutes.

Sample Tour Itinerary*

Sunday: Arrive Tokyo

- Tour briefing & orientation
- Japanese business etiquette seminar

Monday: Nagoya - Briefing & Site Visit

- Lean implementation in Japan
- Gifu Auto Body 1st tier supplier visit

Tuesday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- TPS and standard work analysis seminar
- Pressed components factory visit

Wednesday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- Toyota Body Seiko plant visit
- Hands-on kaizen training activities

Thursday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- Metal One Isuzu visit
- Toyota production plant tour

Friday: Nagoya - Site Visit & Debriefing

- Hamamatsu City - Lean Government
- Time study and work sampling seminar

Saturday: Tokyo - Recovery

- Tokyo Sightseeing
- Departure from Narita Airport

* Subject to change



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Registration Form



COMPANY DETAILS

Company Name		
Postal Address		
State	Postcode	Country
Phone Number	Total Number of Participants	
How did your company learn of the tour?:		

PARTICIPANT DETAILS 1

Title	First Name	Surname
Position	Email	
Direct Phone	Mobile Number	

PARTICIPANT DETAILS 2

Title	First Name	Surname
Position	Email	
Direct Phone	Mobile Number	

PARTICIPANT DETAILS 3

Title	First Name	Surname
Position	Email	
Direct Phone	Mobile Number	

If registering more than three participants, please provide additional participant details via e-mail.

Conditions & Allowances

Participation fee does not include airfare, travel insurance or hotel personal expenses. Participants may choose alternate flights to those prescribed, but are required to be in the hotel lobby by 4pm, Sunday, 17 April. Tour content descriptions based on previous tours. Tour actual content may vary. Schedule subject to change without notice. Photo and video imagery from Tours may be used by Shinka Management for marketing purposes. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Registration of a completed Form indicates the participant's intention to take part in the Tour. Once this intention has been notified to Shinka Management, the participant's booking must be secured by full payment of the fee to Shinka Management within 14 days. Any participant may cancel their booking without penalty prior to 11 March 2016. Any booking cancellation between 12 March 2016 and 25 March 2016 will forfeit 50% of the fee. Any cancellation on or after 26 March 2016 will entirely forfeit the fee. The transfer of registration by participants within the same company is permitted. Shinka Management reserves the right to cancel the tour on or before Friday, 11 March 2016. Shinka Management asks participants to refrain from purchasing their airfare or travel insurance prior to this date unless given earlier confirmation by Shinka Management. Shinka Management will take no responsibility for the refund of airfares or travel insurance. Shinka Management accepts no liability for any loss or damages or expenses of any kind.

AUTHORISATION: I am an authorised representative of the organisation identified above and have read and understand the cancellation policy.

I have read and agree to the Conditions & Allowances as specified above.

Authorised Representative Name	Signature	Date
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