

# Lean Japan Tour

REGISTRATION FORM



## LEAN TOUR:

Best Practice Lean Manufacturers

Discussions with Factory Management

Hands-on Kaizen Activities

Lean Seminars

Sightseeing

## PARTICIPATION FEE:

Fee: US\$6250\*

## TOUR DATES:

All dates listed on Shinka Management website

Includes:

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

\*AIRFARE & TRAVEL INSURANCE NOT INCLUDED

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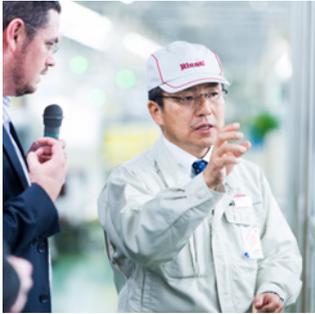


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## Join the Shinka Management Lean Japan Tour for an experience of a lifetime.

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 an intensive week 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](#)  
[Omron](#)  
[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 improving 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

### Toyota - Aichi Prefecture

Take a tour of one of Toyota's production plants in Toyota City responsible for the manufacture of finished vehicles. Tour participants will experience the shop floor atmosphere and Toyota's interactive training areas. The tour incorporates the two pillars of the Toyota Production System; Jidoka and Just-In-Time.

### Rinnai - Aichi Prefecture

Visit a gas appliance and electronics company obsessed with quality. At Rinnai all employees participate in continuous improvement and Total Productive Maintenance efforts. Following the mantra 'quality is our destiny', Rinnai strives for a zero-defect status. Managers will lead a plant tour and presentation of Rinnai's business, with a focus on its multi-product, mixed-flow production system based on actual demand.

### Gifu Auto Body - Gifu Prefecture

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

### 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.

### Hamamatsu City Government - Shizuoka Prefecture

Broaden your understanding of lean implementation beyond manufacturing. Kaizen principles have seen application in governments throughout Japan since the mid-90s. Hamamatsu City is 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.

### 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://shinkamanagement.com/tour> for further details and tour dates.

## 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 starting Sunday of the tour.



#### 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 seminar
- Toyota Body Seiko plant visit

### Tuesday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- Toyota Production System seminar
- Pressed components factory visit

### Wednesday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- Kanban simulation and kaizen activity
- Toyota production plant tour

### Thursday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- Metal One Isuzu visit
- Rinnai factory tour

### Friday: Hamamatsu - Site Visit & Debriefing

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

### Saturday: Tokyo - Recovery

- Tokyo Sightseeing
- Departure from Narita Airport

\* Sample schedule only. Subject to change.



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## Registration Form



### COMPANY DETAILS

Company Name	Tour Commencement Date	
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 participant details via e-mail. Tour commencement dates as per website listing.

### Conditions & Allowances

Participation fee does not include airfare, travel insurance or hotel personal expenses. Participants may choose flights of their preference, but are required to be in the hotel lobby by 4pm on the starting Sunday of the tour. 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 30 days prior to tour commencement. Any booking cancellation between 30 days and 14 days prior to tour commencement will forfeit 50% of the fee. Any cancellation within 14 days of tour commencement will entirely forfeit the fee. The transfer of registration by participants within the same company is permitted. Shinka Management reserves the right to alter the tour dates up to 45 days prior to tour commencement. Shinka Management asks participants to refrain from purchasing their airfare or travel insurance until 45 days prior to tour commencement unless given earlier clearance 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	Date
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### REGISTER - Please complete and send the form to:

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