

Lean Japan Tour

REGISTRATION FORM



LEAN TOUR:

Best Practice Lean Manufacturers

Discussions with Factory Management

Hands-on Kaizen Activities

Lean Training Seminars

Cultural Experiences

PARTICIPATION FEE:

Fee: US\$6750

PROGRAM DATES:

All dates listed on Shinka Management website

Includes*:

Accommodation, Meals, Domestic Transport, Factory Tours, Seminars, Interpreters

*Excludes airport transfers and meals for two free evenings

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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 organization.



The Challenge

Many organizations have attempted implementing lean management 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 organization.

Shinka Management consultants have been running the Lean Japan Tour since 2007. The program includes an intensive week of training, company tours, senior management discussions and Japanese cultural experiences. We look after you throughout the program, providing domestic transport, accommodation and meals, cultural guidance and interpreting services.

Companies We Visit

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

[Toyota](#)
[Metal One](#)
[Mifune](#)
[Gifu Auto Body](#)
[Panasonic](#)
[Sekisui Heim](#)
[Subaru](#)
[Denso](#)
[Omron](#)
[NK](#)
[Hamamatsu City Government](#)
[Chuo Malleable Iron](#)
[TESSEI](#)
[Toyota Boshoku](#)
[Osaka City University Hospital](#)
[Taikoh Transportation](#)

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 kaizen culture across an entire organization.

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 feedback.

Highlights from the Tour

Mifune

Visit a Toyota supplier known for its excellent application of the Toyota Production System and deep-rooted kaizen culture. Mifune's plant is organized to minimize stock and lead time, with a strong emphasis on the one-piece flow supported by levelled loading and kanban. The plant tour is accompanied by a CEO-led seminar on Quality Management.

Metal One Isuzu

Learn from a company that is the epitome of 5S implementation and standardization. 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.

Suzuki Industries

President Suzuki will lead us on a factory tour of this second-tier supplier to the automotive industry of pressed, welded and assembled components. The visit will focus on the implementation of kanban, poka-yoke, and SMED. The tour will be accompanied by an explanation of recent in-house innovations and efforts to implement AI to increase speed and effectiveness of daily production planning.

NK

Visit to an automotive industry supplier specializing in brake system parts, chassis components, and precision parts, fully dedicated to continuous improvement. NK runs an active Quality Circle program, in which employees are encouraged to participate and present their achievements at an annual Total Quality Control event. The visit is led by a former plant manager and showcases a smart factory approach that applies IoT tools to manage operational efficiency and quality.

Toyota Commemorative Museum of Innovation and Technology

This museum showcases innovations in the fields of textile and automotive manufacturing, and includes dynamic exhibits and demonstrations of machinery, including the famed Toyoda Power Loom regarded as the origins of Jidoka within TPS.

Lean Seminars and Toyota Production System Training Dojo

Reinforce your understanding of lean fundamentals through seminars delivered on the Japanese approach to lean. Topics include the Toyota Production System, standard work, time studies, work sampling and leading and implementing a lean culture. The group will also participate in practical training sessions in a lean training dojo.

Japanese Cultural Experience

Enjoy a journey like no other as you immerse yourself in an exhilarating mix of cultural and sightseeing experiences. Take in Japanese food and culture and explore some of Japan's most amazing urban landscapes. The tour will commence with a seminar on Japanese Business Etiquette to provide participants with an understanding of Japanese culture and customs, business etiquette and management culture.

Visit <https://shinkamanagement.com/tour> for further details and tour dates.

Recommended International Flights



Participants are required to make their own travel arrangements to and from Tokyo*. This region of Japan is served by Narita International Airport (NRT) and Tokyo Haneda Airport (HND), and is connected with other international airports via Japan's extensive train network. Please time flights such that you arrive at the designated hotel ready for commencement of the program at 3:30pm on the starting Sunday of the tour.

*The tour may start and finish in a different city depending on the tour schedule. This will be advised at the time of tour confirmation.

Sample Tour Itinerary*

Sunday: Arrive Tokyo

- Tour briefing & orientation
- Japanese business etiquette seminar

Monday: Training & Site Visit

- Lean implementation and kaizen seminars
- Suzuki Industries factory tour

Tuesday: Training & Site Visit

- Toyota Production System seminars
- Kanban simulation and karakuri experience

Wednesday: Training & Site Visit

- Standard work seminar
- Kaizen team challenge

Thursday: Training & Site Visit

- Metal One Isuzu factory tour
- Healthcare or service industry site visit

Friday: Site Visit & Debrief

- Mifune factory tour and QM seminar
- Site visit or Toyota Commemorative Museum

Saturday: Tokyo - Recovery and Departure

- Free morning for self-guided sightseeing
- Departure from Tokyo

* Sample schedule only. Each Lean Japan Tour program features a different mix of cities and site tours. Itinerary is subject to change based on host site operational requirements.



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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, airport transfers or personal expenses. Participants are required to hold travel insurance. Participants may choose flights of their preference, but are required to be in the hotel lobby by 3:30pm on the starting Sunday of the tour. Tour content descriptions based on previous tours, actual content and schedule may vary. Photo and video imagery from Tours may be used by Shinka Management for marketing purposes. **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Registration of a completed Form indicates intention to take part in the Tour. Once this intention has been notified to Shinka Management, the booking must be secured by full payment of the fee within 14 days. Any participant may cancel or change their tour date without penalty 28 days prior to tour commencement. Any booking cancellation or change made between 28 days and 14 days prior to tour commencement will incur a US\$500 fee. Any cancellation or change within 14 days of tour commencement will incur a US\$1500 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. Tours require a minimum of 10 participants to be confirmed to proceed. Shinka Management asks participants to refrain from purchasing their airfare or travel insurance until 45 days prior to tour commencement unless given earlier clearance, and to utilize flexible airfares. 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.

AUTHORIZATION: I am an authorized representative of the organization identified above and have read and understand the cancellation policy.

I have read and agree to the Conditions & Allowances as specified above. I agree that the tour participant(s) listed in this form has read and agreed to the full Travel Terms and Conditions provided separately and available via the Shinka Management website [here](#).

Authorized Representative Name _____ Date _____

INQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION

Email: training@shinkamanagement.com

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