

# Lean Japan Tour

8-14 NOVEMBER 2015



## LEAN TOUR:

Best Practice  
Lean Manufacturers  
Discussions with  
Factory Management  
Hands-on Kaizen  
Activities  
Lean Seminars  
Sightseeing

## PARTICIPATION FEE:

Full Fee: AU\$7750\*

Early-bird: AU\$7250\*  
(Before 7 August)

Includes:  
Accommodation, Meals,  
Bullet Train, Transfers,  
Tours, Seminar,  
Sightseeing, Interpreter

\*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.

Since 2007 our tours have visited lean companies in a range of industries.

Toyota  
Rinnai Corporation  
Gifu Auto Body  
Panasonic  
Sekisui Heim  
Kewpie Mayonnaise  
Kikkoman  
Ito En  
Metal One  
Chuo Malleable Iron  
Inoac  
Kirin Brewery

### 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 - Aichi Prefecture

Experience the Toyota Production System in action with excellent examples of JIT delivery, kanban, 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/paint/assembly factory, the pressed components factory, 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, a showcase of Toyota's philosophy and corporate direction.

### Rinnai - Aichi Prefecture

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

### Metal One Isuzu – Gifu Prefecture

Experience 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.

### Chuo Malleable Iron – Aichi Prefecture

Learn from a company that had been pushed to the brink by the GFC, and responded by rapidly implementing a lean manufacturing culture and just-in-time fabrication of products for their customers. Chuo Malleable Iron is a success story that has transitioned from survival mode to be a thriving supplier of cast iron and aluminium components to the automobile and electric industries.

### 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 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.



#### Narita International Airport (NRT):

Located 65 km east of Tokyo, Narita International Airport is the primary international airport serving Tokyo. Limousine bus transfer time: 1.5 hours



#### Haneda Airport (HND):

Also known as Tokyo International Airport, this airport is located close to the centre of Tokyo. Limousine bus transfer time: 25 minutes

## Sample Tour Itinerary\*

### Sunday: Arrive Tokyo Narita

- Tokyo sightseeing
- Japanese business etiquette & orientation

### Monday: Briefing & Lean Seminar

- FMCG factory visit
- Toyota factory & museum visit

### Tuesday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- Hi-Ace weld & assembly plant visit
- Gifu Auto Body 1st tier supplier visit

### Wednesday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- Seat track plant visit
- Practical applications of TPS

### Thursday: Nagoya - Site Visits & Training

- Metal One Isuzu distribution centre visit
- Rinnai factory visit

### Friday: Nagoya - Site Visit & Debriefing

- Chuo Malleable Iron visit
- Review session

### 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 are required to be in the hotel lobby by 4pm, Sunday, 8 November. 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 2 October 2015. Any booking cancellation between 2 October 2015 and 16 October 2015 will forfeit 50% of the fee. Any cancellation on or after 17 October 2015 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, 2 October 2015. 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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### REGISTER - Please complete and send the form to:

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