



# Lean Management Production System Japan Study Tour 2022



Join the leading Lean Training Programme in Japan during 2022 for an experience of a lifetime

## 7 - 15 May 2022 and 22 - 30 October 2022

We are proud to offer you this unique opportunity to gain practical knowledge and experience studying with Toyota gurus for one whole week in Japan.

The Lean Management System study tour covers a comprehensive view of Lean leadership and the Lean Production System. The tour provides you with an opportunity to study in Toyota's own training centre with direct access to Toyota trainers and Toyota production facilities.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to boost your leadership and management skills by learning from the very best in the world. You will also obtain your Certificate directly from Toyota.

We have created a study week that combines intense learning with both fun and cultural immersion!



# Understand Why and How to use LEAN

This Study Tour will provide you with a deep understanding of how to make the best use of Lean. This is a unique opportunity to visit Japan, Toyota, and some of their suppliers to train in Lean through seminars, Gemba visits, and participating in practical training at Toyota's own training facility. The objective is to dig deep into the WHAT, WHY and HOW of Lean Thinking. What are the elements needed to run a successful Lean system? Why is it so popular in current thinking and How can it influence your own organization and support growth.

By understanding the whole lean management system you will get an insight into what these leading Japanese companies are doing to compete in today's fast changing environment.

You will learn to identify the tools and elements of Lean Methodology that can be applied to your own business to support profitable growth. The week in Japan will also provide an insight into Japanese culture and values.

"I left the tour with such a profound understanding of how and why Lean must become the foundation of our own organizational strategy - and the workshops provided me with an insight into how I can make this happen."



## The Programme

The training week will provide an invaluable insight into lean thinking. You will see it in action at Toyota and other leading-edge companies, where it originated and has matured over the last 100 years.

Learn the original thinking directly from former senior executives at Gifu Autobody, a Toyota-owned minivan manufacturer. The Japanese sensei's (guru's) will only teach based on real experience.

Time will be divided between the classroom, Gemba and practical workshops. The tour starts in the Nagoya region and ends in Tokyo, going from countryside to one of the largest cities in the world.

Day 1	Saturday - Departure Europe We depart from Europe and fly to Nagoya, Japan.
Day 2	Sunday - Arrival and Tour Opening Pick-up/arrival in Nagoya and since it is a Sunday, we will take the opportunity to recover from jet-lag and relax after the long flight by visiting the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology where we also will have lunch. In the museum we can follow the Japanese industrial history from looms to robotics. After the visit we take the bus to travel to the destination of the day, Kakamigahara, where we will stay until Friday. The day ends with a common dinner and introduction of the week.
Day 3	Monday - Classroom Training The first day of training introduces the Production System by our host for the week. A Japanese senior manager will lead us through Toyota Production System from a manager perspective. From values, mindset to specific tools and methods. This session will prepare the group in what we can expect from the study visits, from the practice and from the following sessions. Your overall picture of the production system will be confirmed or completed. In the afternoon we go for a first study visit, guided by our sensei. Q&A. Common dinner.
Day 4	Tuesday - Classroom Training Next day, we continue to dig deeper into aspects of the production system and the Toyota way of managing and leading. How are all the puzzle pieces connected? How is Kaizen work organized and performed? Etc. After lunch, we go for another study visit and if time allows, we will also end with a visit to a traditional knife maker. Common dinner.
Day 5	Wednesday - Classroom Training The fifth day we spend in the Training Center where Toyota train their own people. We will increase our knowledge of Kanban when the group take part in a Kanban Role Play and we will train in how to perform a productivity improvement task following the Toyota methods. Common dinner.
Day 6	Thursday - Classroom Training The sixth day will start with a study visit before spending the rest of the day with a final Q&A and concluding the learnings for the week. Presentation by all participants. Common dinner.
Day 7	Friday - Conclusion The last day ends with a study visit. We do final reflections before we board the bullet train that will take us to Tokyo. Free evening in Tokyo.
Day 8	Saturday - Sightseeing Day in Tokyo Free day in Tokyo where C2U Group will support with travel advice and sightseeing recommendations. Common farewell dinner in the evening.
Day 9	Departure from Tokyo

# Who will You Visit?

We have an extensive network of world class companies and for more than 10 years have been bringing managers to Japan. Our host sites embody World Class Manufacturing and include:

- Toyota Motors
- Denso
- Calbee Foods
- Asahi Breweries
- Sekisui Heim
- Gifu Autobody
- Nissan Motors
- Ishii Food Corp.
- Asahi Motors
- Mitsubishi Electric
- Mazak
- Pfizer
- UD Trucks
- Honda
- Yamaha Marine
- Mizawa Home
- Suzuki
- Isuzu Tokai



“Just fantastic - this is one of the best investments of time and money you could make if you have any interest in Lean or Continuous Improvement”

## What will I bring back?

You will finish the tour with a thorough understanding of lean thinking and how the whole lean system is built. The focus is on the process - not the product - which means that the content of the training can be applied to any kind of business, from services to health and from government to not-for-profit organisations.

You will have gained knowledge of how the methods and tools are used to continuously improve, and you will also have strengthened your business network. You will return home inspired, motivated and confident about meeting upcoming challenges in your own environment.

## Feedback from previous visitors

We are partnering with C2U Group to deliver this established and popular Study Tour to Japan. C2U have been delivering this programme for over 15 years. The following are examples of the amazing feedback we consistently receive on this tour.

Please do contact us if you would like to discuss the tour with a previous delegate.

“An outstanding week that gives an eye-opener that will totally knowck you! This is the training you need to put all the puzzle pieces together to understand what Lean is originally about.”

Production Manager, Scania CV AB

“Extremely valuable training for me as a manager. This week gave me a boost to inspire and support my company further in their lean journey. I didn't realize how much I could actually influence the result.

Workshop Manager, Sandvik Materials Technology

“You might ask yourself if you really have to go all the way to Japan to understand Lean? My conclusion after this training week is: Yes definitely! For me, Lean is about 20% tools / methods and the remaining 80% is mindset/ philosophy about how the production system or improvement work should be driven.”

Engineering Manager, Tetra Pak

# Lean Management System Japan Study Tour 2020



## Study Tour Package Includes:

- Workshops and seminars
- Study visits
- Hotel Accommodation for the entire duration of the study visit
- Local transfers in Japan
- Full board Sunday - Friday
- Farewell dinner

## Costs & To Book

Cost Excluding Flights: £6,500 plus VAT, due to new covid restrictions we can advise on flights but not book on your behalf, our pricing has been adjusted accordingly.

- Onsite Host Companies: 10% Discount on all Bookings
- Group Discount: 10% Discount on 4 or more places

## Need Help or Advice?

To book or for more Information

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