



Lean Management System Japan Study Tour 2020



Join the leading Lean Training Programme in Japan this October for an experience of a lifetime.

16th January - 24th January 2020

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!



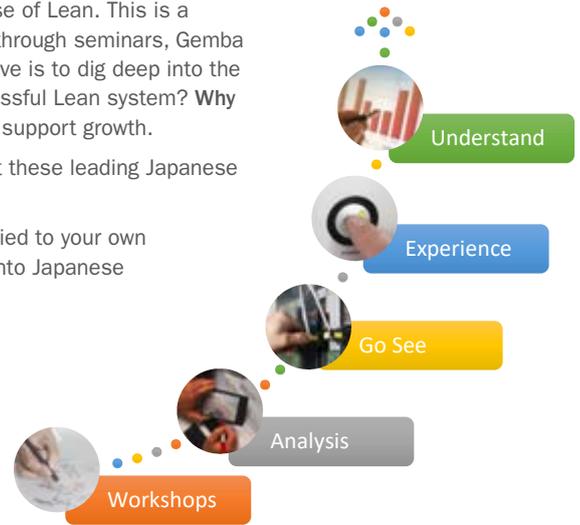
Understand Why and How to use LEAN

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	Departure Europe We depart from Europe and fly to Nagoya, Japan.
Day 2	Arrival and Tour Opening We arrive in the morning in Nagoya and we will take the opportunity to relax and have lunch at the Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology. In the museum we will follow the Japanese Industrial history from looms to robotics. After the visit we will travel to Kakamigahara, where we will stay until Friday. The day will end with a group dinner and an overview of the week.
Day 3	Classroom Training The first day of training provides a full day introduction to the Toyota Production System provided by a Toyota sensei who will also be your host for the week. Your Japanese Senior manager will lead us through Toyota Production System and the components of Toyota Way theory. This session will prepare the group for the study visits, the practical sessions and other workshops. A group dinner will follow.
Day 4	Toyota Plant Tour and more Training We will visit a plant where we will see first-hand the theory in application. We will also have time for Q&A and reflections. We will end the day with a workshop on Standardized Work followed by a group dinner.
Day 5	Hands on Workshop & Site Visit The fifth day will increase your knowledge of the Toyota Way from a practical perspective. For example, if we are looking at Kanban, the group will take part in a Kanban Role Play at the training center. We will also visit another plant for a Study Visit. Group dinner will follow.
Day 6	Study Visit and further Training The sixth day will start on a Study Visit followed by activities in the Training Center where we will participate in a Kaizen Workshop in Productivity. Followed by our group dinner.
Day 7	Toyota Motors in Toyota City The final day in Kakamigahara ends with a study visit to Toyota Motors or another approved site. We will then hold a workshop to consider your reflections and answer any questions you may have of your Sensei before we board the bullet train that will take us to Tokyo. We will have a group dinner on the train and you will have a free evening in Tokyo.
Day 8	Sightseeing Day in Tokyo You will end the tour with a Free day in Tokyo where we will support you with travel advice and sightseeing recommendations. This will be followed up by a team farewell dinner.
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 knock 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

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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
- Flights London (or similar European hub) to Japan (optional – see below)

Costs & To Book

Cost Per Person including Flights: £6,950 plus VAT

Cost Excluding Flights: £6,300 plus VAT

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

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