

Japan Best Practice Programme



Objectives and benefits

Through Industry Forum's unique heritage and links with Japanese Industries, this programme offers unprecedented access to senior management and the shop floor of recognised world leading companies. The programme stimulates ideas and enthusiasm which guided by Industry Forum personnel and subject matter experts gives delegates the vision to achieve measurable improvement in their own organisations.

Background

Japanese industry is globally recognised as being the world leader in its approach to continuous improvement, focused on improving Quality, Cost and Delivery Performance, utilising Lean Manufacturing and Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) principles.

Industry Forum has had a long association with Japanese Industry and was the first organisation to be appointed the Japan Institute of Plant Maintenance (JIPM) as an assessment agency for the prestigious TPM award process.

Now in its seventh year, this best practice programme offers a unique opportunity for delegates to experience first-hand TPM deployment and innovative improvement techniques, to help their own organisations move toward the goal of zero accidents, zero breakdown and zero defects.

Who should attend?

The programme is designed for Senior Executives, Managers responsible for their organisations continuous improvement or TPM programmes and graduates identified for fast track to senior management.



Programme Overview

Prior to the programme delegates will be given pre-diagnostic tools to help evaluate strengths and weaknesses in their own organisations and to set objective for areas to improve.

The programme will be led by experienced Industry Forum subject matter experts.

The programme will include lectures from leading experts in Lean Manufacturing and TPM, and visits to seven world leading organisations in the manufacturing and process industries. Each visit will have a specific theme, which will include TPM pillar deployment, application of the Toyota production system, and improvement using small group activities.

Structured opportunity for discussion, questions and best practice sharing will be organised throughout the programme.



Post programme activities

Following the programme delegates will be assisted in developing robust improvement plans to implement in their own organisations and on-going networking will be facilitated through online Forum's.

Testimonials From Previous Delegates

- “A fantastic business learning and cultural experience. A unique opportunity to see World Class Manufacturing where it started.”
Wayne Moore, Operations Director, Sunseeker
- “Best Practice Programme is a fantastic opportunity to see close up some of the worlds best companies - who would miss that? And interact with inspiring like-minded delegates.”
Jonathan Homewood, VP Production Excellence, Outokumpu
- “This trip has really calibrated my understanding and helped me clarify the next steps on my continuous improvement journey.”
Tony Richards, Mill Manager, SCA
- “This programme gave me an excellent opportunity to evaluate my company's TPM Programme as well as experience the Japanese culture I thus far only knew from books. I'm grateful I have had the opportunity to be part of it and I return home full of inspiration.”
Frits Bot, TPM Co-ordinator, Royal Nedalco



More information



Places are strictly limited to 20 delegates and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

The programme is inclusive of hotel accommodation, all local transportation, translation services and welcome and farewell receptions.

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