

Come To The Source Of Continuous Improvement

TPM study tour to Japan

April 4th – April 12th 2008



The fourth TPM study tour to Japan is scheduled for April. After three successful previous editions, in which nearly sixty managers from companies like Masterfoods, Heineken, Farm Frites, Heinz, Cosun and Lafarge took part, this tour represents your chance to go to the source of continuous improvement: Japan. Why? As one participant put it: "This Study tour really showed us that a zero loss mentality, no muda, can be practised and achieved. It is an absolute necessity to see this with your own eyes in order to really stand for it and to make a breakthrough in mentality shift within your own company possible."

If your company has already embarked on the continuous improvement journey, you may have come to the point where you need to see what other companies are doing. How do they cope with the fact there is no end to the change? How do they handle setbacks and how do they celebrate successes? What tips do they have? What smart solutions have they come up with? You are looking for new ideas and inspiration. After three very successful previous editions, this is your opportunity to see the best of the best! You will visit several companies that have extensive experience with the Toyota Production System, Lean and TPM. During this intensive week you will talk to specialists, listen to inspirational lectures and meet people on the shop floor. You will experience

the famed Japanese hospitality and their pride in being part of the continuous improvement process.

The tour is organised by a few weighty partners: Blom Consultancy, TPM Solutions Int'l and the Japanese experts JIPM-Solutions. All are authorities in the field of continuous improvement consultancy, and all are dedicated to sharing knowledge with you. This unique partnership opens doors that would normally remain closed. Learn about Japanese Business concepts, continuous improvement through methods like TPM, JIT and Lean, and about deploying company strategy. Moreover, this tour is your once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience a full week's immersion in all the relevant aspects of real Japanese society.

Cost of the week-long tour incl. accommodation is € 6500 (excl. VAT and airfare). For bookings (before February 15th) or more information, please contact:
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Participants in the latest tour told us: "We saw good examples of visualisation. We learned how to organise and structure our company in order to create a TPM culture. We now understand the TPM philosophy and how to implement it in practice. We have seen how to identify and minimise losses (in time, product, energy, etc.). We learned how to engage employees in the projects and how to initiate their active role."

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- 5 weeks before departure: 50%
- 2 weeks before departure: 100%
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