

# The Practical Improvement Program for Factories (PIPF)

~To become a profit-generating factory~

30 September – 13 October 2009 (2 weeks)

AOTS Kansai Kenshu Center <To Be Determined>

## Key Benefits

To learn the approaches and techniques that should be embraced in order to achieve factory management that generates greater profits.

To strengthen leadership and decision-making ability as a manager in the work area.

## Target Participants

Managers, who are responsible for factory-wide work area management.

(Those who are not engaged in actual production/factory management are ineligible for participation.)

## Language

All lectures, discussions and company visits will be conducted in English or in Japanese with translation into English.

## Course Features and Contents

This program has been designed to provide corporate managers, who wish to attain higher profitability via better factory management, with knowledge required to promote kaizen of monozukuri (making things) system and of production information flow to support monozukuri. Also the program is aimed at enhancing participants' leadership capabilities to execute kaizen plans and to make appropriate decisions in the process.

## Tentative Schedule

Date	Morning Session	Afternoon Session
9/30 (Wed)	Orientation/Opening Ceremony Lecture: Evolution and Features of Japanese Factory Management	Lecture: 5S as a Foundation for Work Area Management
10/1 (Thu)	Lecture: Concept and Implementation of TQM in Work Area	
10/2 (Fri)	Lecture: Concept and Implementation of JIT (Just-in-Time) Practice	Presentation of Pre-Assignment/Guidance on Final Presentation
10/3 (Sat)	Day off	
10/4 (Sun)		
10/5 (Mon)	Lecture: Concept of Equipment Management and Productive Maintenance	
10/6 (Tue)	Lecture: Concept and Implementation of Production Control and Process Control	
10/7 (Wed)	Study Tour	Company Visit: Work Area Management in a Japanese Manufacturing Company
10/8 (Thu)		Company Visit: Work Area Management in a Japanese Manufacturing Company (incl. discussion with Japanese managers)
10/9 (Fri)	Lecture: Leadership for Managers	Lecture/Exercise: Management Game -1 -Making decisions to generate profits -What are expenses incurred in factory management? -What are sources of profits? -What are measures to generate profits?
10/10 (Sat)	Day off	
10/11 (Sun)		
10/12 (Mon)	Exercise: Management Game -2	
10/13 (Tue)	Lecture: Consultation about Participants' Individual Challenges	Evaluation of the Program Closing Ceremony

— Part of the participation expenses will be covered by subsidy from the Japanese government —

Visit to [http://www.aots.or.jp/eng/t\\_prg\\_j/management/fy/2009/production.html](http://www.aots.or.jp/eng/t_prg_j/management/fy/2009/production.html) for the Program Outline and Participation Requirement

Acceptance of applications: from **April 6, 2009**

Closing date for application: **June 6, 2009**