

Manufacturers Alliance Seminar Gaining More Support for Lean

Practical experiences from executives on how they are actively developing a culture of CI

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Gaining More Support For Lean

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"A total management system is needed that develops human ability to its fullest capacity and fruitfulness, utilizes facilities and machines well, and eliminates waste. This system will work for any type of business"

Lean Enterprise Operational Management System TPS – Taiichi Ohno

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	Problem Consciousness What should be happening? (Standard)	
	Gap = Problem	
	What is actually happening?	
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THE LEOMS' PEOPLE LEADERSHIP EXPECTATIONS:

- 1) Engages people at all organizational levels
- 2) Teaches team members to focus on work, material flow & value stream to see waste
- 3) Gives team members deep technical and process knowledge
- 4) Pushes responsibility for management and improvement to the lowest possible level
- 5) Introduces metrics to encourage horizontal thinking
- 6) Creates frequent problem solving loops between themselves and their superior and themselves and their subordinates
- Accomplishes these six leadership responsibilities through application of policy deployment, A3 analysis, standardized work with standardized management and kaizen.

LEADERS AS COACHES

Ask questions about team member's job responsibilities and activities

- 1. What problems are you having?
- 2. Why is this happening?

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- 3. What temporary or permanent counter measures have been considered?
- 4. Why is the implemented counter measure the best choice?
- 5. Show respect for team members' work
- 6. Verify that clear responsibility is assigned for every process and problem

PROBLEM SOLVING TIPS

- When Visible abnormalities appear. "swarm the problems"; this infers that frontline organization structures should be designed similar to Toyota's, which allows group leaders to respond when needed.
- Favor actual observation of problems vs. brainstorming in a conference room; nothing beats being at the scene to keep root-cause identification focused on reality.
- Perform rapid experimentation to implement temporary countermeasures until permanent counter measures/solutions are found and implemented.

PROBLEM SOLVING TIPS

- Stop/fix problems within Takt time to not cause lost time, missed shipments and rescheduling. Violating Takt time has major cost penalty as all plant cost will not be "absorbed" by the unit(s) of product during lost time, resulting in higher fixed cost.
- Take determined action to reach toward achieving target state conditions, as it is the only way to continuously improve quality and reduce defect cost.
- Practice knowledge sharing Yokoten:
 - Horizontal, peer-to-peer sharing of what, how, and replication of improvements
 - Systematic dissemination
 - Knowing "Why" is as important as knowing "How"
 - Sharing methods: 5 minute meetings, team/group meeting, storyboards and learning labs











What are the vital few priorities / attributes that MUST be in place in order for an organization to successfully deliver business results?



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Three Words to Remember









