



# Best Practice Workshop

*with Japanese sensei*

## Mr Furuhashi

### Invitation to host the 2015 Best Practice Workshop with Japanese sensei Mr Furuhashi from 2 – 6 November

#### Host location possibilities

A working organisation with clear processes can be used for the workshop: factories, office settings, municipal service facilities, hospitals, etc.

#### Background

This is a collaborative project involving Lean Institute Africa and Mr Furuhashi from ChuSanRen (Central Japan Industries Association), Japan.

Since January 1996 Prof Norman Faull has organised Best Practice workshops in South Africa, with thirteen taking place in factories, two in hospitals, and one at a mine. These have been conducted by Mr Takeyuki Furuhashi of ChuSanRen, Nagoya, Japan.

The primary objective of the workshop is to train participants in a practical way to improve processes in a short period of time. The workshop does this by transferring shop floor best practices from Japan to South Africa and exposing participants to Kaizen or Kaikaku projects. Mr Furuhashi has over 35 years' experience of training companies in the Toyota Production System. The approach is strictly one of 'learning by doing' in a hands-on manner. **It is expected that the host company derives immediate and sustainable improvements from the projects undertaken in the week. These host company improvements are in addition to the participants' skills development.**

A company is selected to host the workshop and may send up to 12 participants. In addition LIA invites 12 workshop participants from other organisations.

#### Workshop preparation

LIA, in conjunction with the host organisation's management, assists in the selection of the projects and the setting of improvement objectives. Four to six projects are identified in advance of Mr Furuhashi's visit.

There should ideally be 4 teams of 6 participants working on four on-site projects. The documented core methodology is distributed at the workshop. LIA facilitators will assist Mr Furuhashi in conducting the workshop.

### **Workshop structure**

Mr Furuhashi usually arrives a few days prior to the start of the workshop to familiarise himself with the site, the projects and the team structures.

The workshop runs over 5 days as follows:

**Monday** – Lectures by Mr Furuhashi, introduction of projects and their objectives.

**Tuesday to Thursday** – Project work with on-site oversight by Mr Furuhashi and LIA facilitators.

**Friday** – Presentation of project results to senior management by project teams.

### **Workshop Costs (exclusive of VAT)**

12 participants from the host organisation @ R12 000 each (excl. VAT)

**Total to host company:** R144 000 (excl. VAT)

The host company will be responsible for organising the venue, refreshments, lunches and conference facilities. Direct costs of refreshments and lunches are reimbursed by LIA.

12 participants from organisations outside the host company @ R15 000 each (excl. VAT).

**Workshop dates:** 2 – 6 November 2015

### **Indication of interest**

Should your organisation be interested in being the host for this event, please contact us on [leaninfo@gsb.uct.ac.za](mailto:leaninfo@gsb.uct.ac.za) or 021 4061226.

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