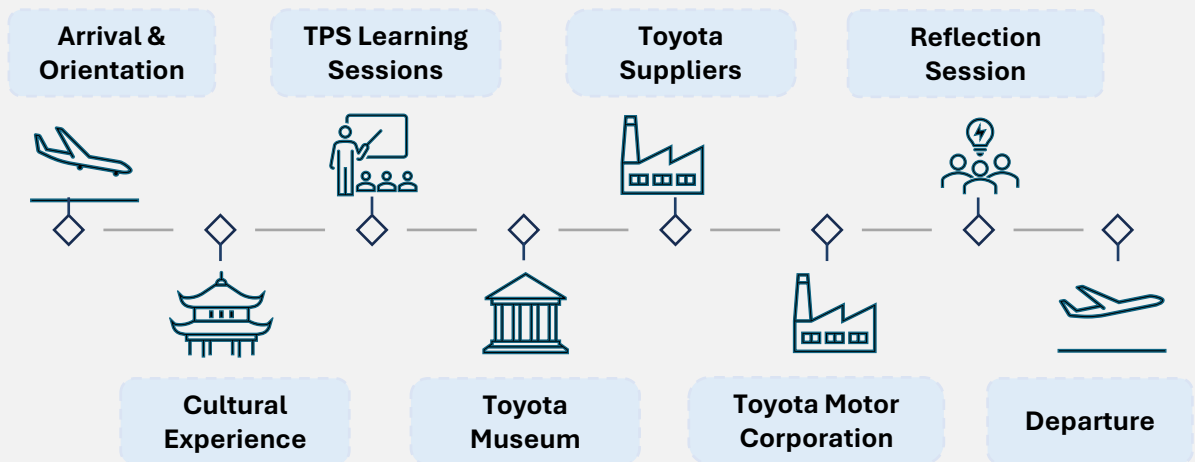




TPS Study Mission to Toyota Japan

TPS Study Mission - Overview

The TPS Study Tour offers an immersive introduction to the Toyota Production System for participants at any level. It begins with Japanese cultural orientation and hands-on training with TPS senseis, followed by visits to Toyota's suppliers and museum. The highlight of the program is the visit to the Toyota assembly plant, where participants witness TPS in action. The tour concludes with a reflection session and cultural sightseeing in Tokyo.



- Arrival to Nagoya
- Orientation & Cultural Experience
- TPS Fundamental Workshops
- Toyota Museum Visit
- Toyota Supplier Visits



TPS Study Mission - Itinerary

Date	Schedule
Day 01 – Sun	Arrival & Orientation Orientation to the program & Japanese Culture. Experience Japanese Traditional Tea Ceremony
Day 02 – Mon	TPS Essentials - Workshop 1 TPS Essentials Classroom Session and Hands-on Experience with a Simulation Activity by Sensei Mr. Koichi Kai
Day 03 - Tue	TMS Essentials - Workshop 2 Introduction to Toyota Management System (TMS), a Half-Day Workshop by Sensei Mr. Matsudaira Site Visit 1 – Guided Visit to Toyota Commemorative Museum of Industry and Technology by Sensei Mr. Matsudaira
Day 04 - Wed	Factory Tours Factory Visit 2 – Toyotake: Tier 2 Toyota Supplier Factory Factory Visit 3 – AVEX: Tier 2 Toyota Supplier Factory
Day 05 - Thu	Factory Tours Factory Visit 4 – Somic Ishikawa Inc – Tier 1 Toyota Supplier Factory or Mifune Inc, Tier 2 Toyota Supplier Factory. <i>In the Afternoon: Travel to Sendai via Tokyo on Shinkansen</i>
Day 06 - Fri	Factory Tours Site Visit 05 - Toyota Motor Corporation. Study Mission Reflection with Sensei Mr. Matsudaira, Certificate Awarding & Travel to Tokyo
Day 07 - Sat	Hansei and Sightseeing in Tokyo, Japan
Day 08 - Sun	Departure to Home Country

* Toyota supplier factories and visiting dates may vary based on availability.





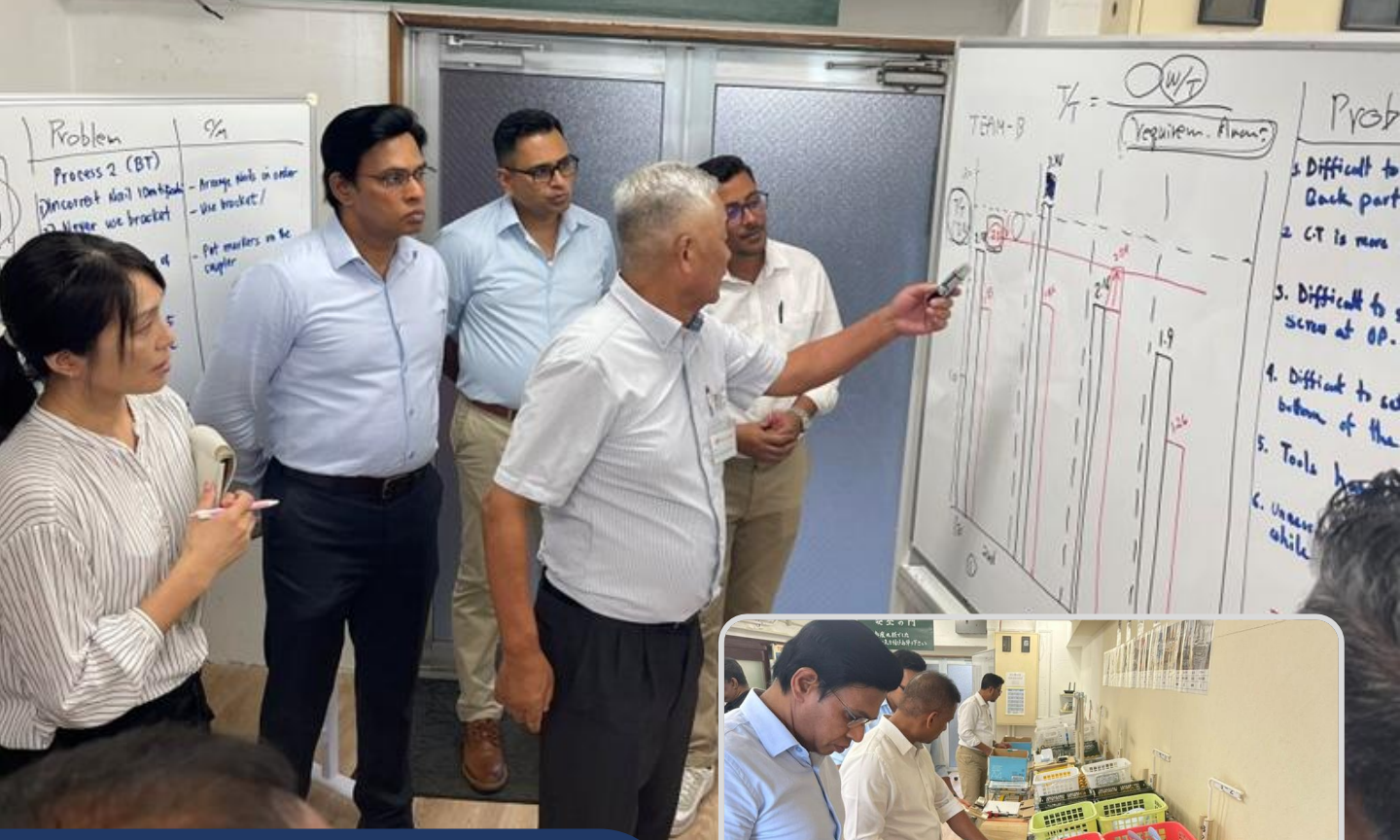
Arrival & Orientation

We begin the day with an icebreaking session to get to know each other, followed by an opportunity to have an engaging discussion on the Toyota Development System with Sakurai Sensei, Former Chief Engineer at Toyota, and Yabe San.

Afterwards, we experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony to gain insight into Japan's rich cultural traditions. The day concludes with an authentic Japanese dining experience.



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TPS Essentials with Hands-on Simulation Activity

Hands-on fan assembly activity with a lecture conducted by Koichi Kai-san.

Participants will gain practical understanding of the fundamental principles of the Toyota Production System, including Standardized Work, Kaizen, and Yamazumi.

This session prepares them for deeper learning during the upcoming factory visit



TMS Essentials Workshop



Sensei Mr. Matsudaira conducts a session on the Toyota Management System (TMS), highlighting leadership, visual management, and problem-solving as the soft elements that sustain TPS. He also guides participants through the Toyota Museum, sharing his insights as a founding member and passionately narrating the rich history of Toyota.

Toyota Museum – Site Tour





Factory Visit – Toyota Motor Corporation

Assembly Line & Welding shop for Aqua, LBX, Yaris, Yaris Cross, Sienta



Toyota Motor Corporation operates an advanced assembly plant in the Tohoku region, producing compact cars and key components with a focus on quality and innovation.



This factory represents the pinnacle of productivity and operational excellence, where the Toyota Production System is practiced in its purest form.



Visiting this site is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for participants to witness Just-In-Time, Jidoka, and Kaizen in action across Toyota's world-class assembly lines.

Factory Visit – Toyotake Industry Co. Ltd

Vehicle Seat Cover Manufacturer



Toyotake Industry Co., Ltd., located in Aichi Prefecture, Japan, has evolved from an apparel manufacturer into a leading producer of automotive seat covers.

With over five decades of experience, the company applies exceptional craftsmanship and the Toyota Production System to deliver world-class quality.

Participants will have the opportunity to observe key TPS applications such as Heijunka (production leveling), Karakuri (mechanical ingenuity), and Pull production systems effectively adapted to an apparel-style manufacturing environment.





Factory Visit – Avex Inc.

A/T valve, brake, transmission, and engine parts



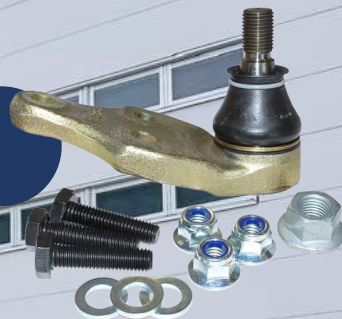
Avex Nagoya is a precision manufacturer specializing in ultra-fine cutting and grinding of high-accuracy small parts, supporting automotive systems and other advanced applications.

They blend craftsmanship (monozukuri) with TPS methods to maintain flexibility and high quality even in small series production.

Visitors may be able to observe TPS practices such as pull production (Just-In-Time), jidoka with autonomous automation, and continuous kaizen embedded into their machining processes.

Factory Visit – Somic Ishikawa Inc.

Ball Joint Manufacturer



Somic Ishikawa Inc., established in 1916, is a renowned manufacturer of automotive steering and suspension components, including ball joints and link assemblies.

The company integrates advanced automation with human craftsmanship to achieve exceptional quality and reliability.

Visitors can witness flow production, visual management systems, and mistake-proofing (Poka-Yoke) applied throughout their manufacturing lines, reflecting the true spirit of the Toyota Production System.





Factory Visit – Mifune Inc.

Automotive part pressing, welding and mold manufacturing

Mifune Corporation is a Japanese metal-parts manufacturer based in Toyota City, Aichi Prefecture, producing stamped, welded, and molded components for the automotive industry.

The company handles over 4,000 part types and ships 300,000–400,000 pieces daily from its tandem press lines. Visiting Mifune offers a rare glimpse into servo-press integration, line pacing with tandem stamping, and in-house tool & die fabrication at scale—truly a window into TPS applied in heavy production.



Network Beyond Borders



Organizations Represented

Participant Organizations



Investment

Investment per Participant

USD 4950

Notes:

- All related costs, including workshops, factory tours, three-star single-room hotel accommodation, all meals, and study mission-related travel within Japan, are included in the package price.
- The package price does not cover airfare to and from Japan, visa-related expenses, travel to the Nagoya hotel from the arriving airport and travel from the Tokyo hotel to the departure airport, or any personal expenses incurred during the study mission.
- If required, Toyota Engineering Corporation will issue invitation letters to assist participants with their visa applications.

What They Say



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About Toyota Engineering Corporation (TEC)

Toyota Engineering, established in 2002, stands as a premier TPS consulting firm.

With over 35 years of collective experience, a team of TPS professionals specializes in implementing Total-TPS solutions. Their expertise has been instrumental in driving quality enhancements, productivity boosts, and talent development at Toyota Motor Corporation and its partner organizations.

Toyota Engineering Corporation conducts factory diagnostics using Global Benchmarking metrics (*GBM), honed through the analysis of over 1,000 diagnostic records.

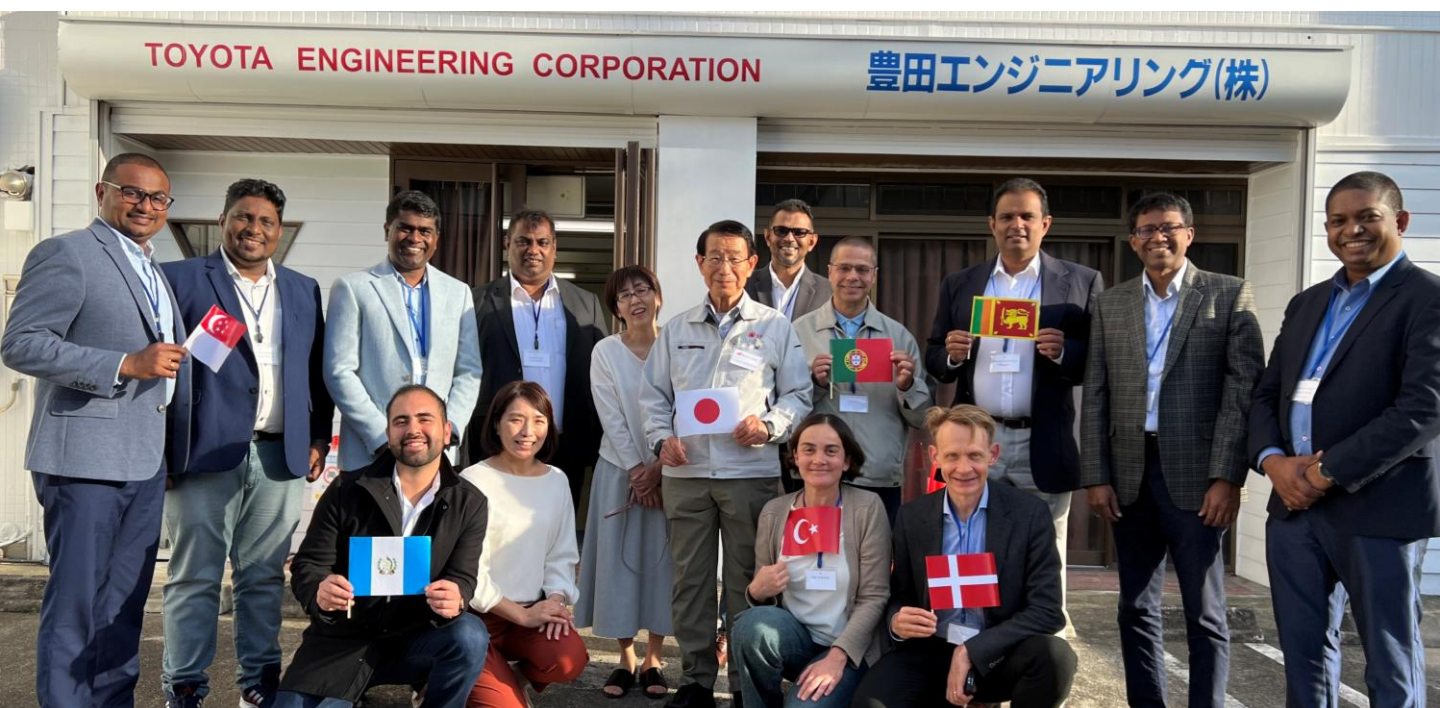
Furthermore, Toyota Engineering Corporation is supporting the sustainable development of companies through TPS Kaizen, employing tools such as the Obeya-system and Visual management. They offer comprehensive support, ranging from establishing frameworks for HRD systems to implementing improved education and training programs. Through their expertise and dedication, Toyota Engineering Corporation empowers organizations to navigate and excel in today's competitive landscape.



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Our Vision: Systematically drive business evolution by redefining operational excellence through Smart lean Transformation

Since our establishment in 2019, we have emerged as a leading one-stop solution provider for Smart Lean and Process Innovation, offering organizations a seamless journey through total lean transformation. Our team of highly skilled professionals employs proven methodologies to drive operational excellence across diverse industries.

We have extensive experience implementing lean solutions in both manufacturing and service sectors, delivering significant profit savings and capacity improvements. Our global partnerships, including collaboration with the esteemed Toyota Engineering Corporation in Japan, further enhance our ability to deliver exceptional value. To date, we have certified over 300 TPS practitioners and organized 5 study missions to Japan, enabling participants to witness the application of Toyota Production System (TPS) practices firsthand.

We have worked with 15+ industries worldwide, providing tailored lean solutions that align with their unique challenges. Our expertise extends beyond traditional lean practices, incorporating digital lean systems developed by our in-house software team. This capability enables us to integrate cutting-edge technology into lean transformation journeys for enhanced efficiency and engagement.



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