

Kaizen Working Towards Continuous Improvement

"Toyota Kata gets to the essence of how Toyota manages continuous improvement and human ingenuity, through its improvement kata and coaching kata. Mike Rother explains why typical companies fail to understand the core of lean and make limited progress—and what it takes to make it a real part of your culture." —Jeffrey K. Liker, bestselling author of *The Toyota Way* "Toyota Kata is] one of the stepping stones that will usher in a new era of management thinking." —The Systems Thinker "How any organization in any industry can progress from old-fashioned management by results to a strikingly different and better way." —James Womack and Daniel Tais, authors of *The Machine That Changed the World* "Practicing the improvement kata is perhaps the best way we've found so far for actualizing PDCA in an organization." —John Shook, Chairman and CEO, Lean Enterprise Institute This game-changing book puts you behind the curtain at Toyota, providing new insight into the legendary automaker's management practices and offering practical guidance for leading and developing people in a way that makes the best use of their brainpower. Drawing on six years of research into Toyota's employee-management routines, Toyota Kata examines and elucidates, for the first time, the company's organizational routines—called kata—that power its success with continuous improvement and adaptation. The book also reaches beyond Toyota to explain issues of human behavior in organizations and provide specific answers to questions such as: How can we make improvement and adaptation part of everyday work throughout the organization? How can we develop and utilize the capability of everyone in the organization to repeatedly work toward and achieve new levels of performance? How can we give an organization the power to handle dynamic, unpredictable situations and keep satisfying customers? Mike Rother explains how to improve our prevailing management approach through the use of two kata: Improvement Kata—a repeating routine of establishing challenging target conditions, working step-by-step through obstacles, and always learning from the problems we encounter; and Coaching Kata: a pattern of teaching the improvement kata to employees at every level to ensure it motivates their ways of thinking and acting. With clear detail, an abundance of practical examples, and a cohesive explanation from start to finish, Toyota Kata gives executives and managers at any level actionable routines of thought and behavior that produce superior results and sustained competitive advantage.

What does it take to manage an organization to success? No matter what industry you are in, an organization is primarily a group of people. This book focuses on that ever-important human element. In the rush to get 'lean', many organizations focus solely on tools for increasing productivity, but where do these tools come from? In this book, Collin McLoughlin and Toshihiko Miura look back on their decades of international consulting experience to examine how organizations around the world have transformed on a cultural level by respecting the people who work within them and leveraging their creativity to solve problems. As our workforce becomes more knowledgeable, skilled, and more perceptive of their needs and wants as employees, the ability to reach the true potential of an organization becomes more and more difficult. Managers must look at each individual element of an equation like this in order to fully understand how to achieve an answer. They must begin to answer more focused questions, such as: 1. How productive is the existing work climate and culture? 2. How do employees, as individuals, navigate the existing work climate? (How do they deal with day-to-day issues with each other?) 3. Where and how are individuals and their work processes assessed? 4. What obstacles do employees face every day, and are they empowered to fix these obstacles? 5. What role does leadership play at each level of the organization (looking at the organization in layers of management.) To address these challenges, this book focuses on three main aspects of leadership and management: 1. Exploring and Improving the Perspective of Management — The ideas presented in this book are not limited to a certain industry or field of work, but can be applied in any setting because they speak to a universal human element. 2. Exploring and Improving Work Climate — Organizations are social entities, operating within their own controlled environment. This book will explore the factors that contribute to, and encourage, a positive work climate. 3. Observing and Eliminating Wasteful Work Processes — Observing wasteful activities and work processes requires a refined perspective. The case studies presented illustrate the How and Why to help refine expertise. This will also lead to the joy and benefits Kaizen (Ky'zen), the Key to Japan's Competitive Success New York : Random House Business Division

FOSTER AND SUSTAIN A "KAIZEN" CULTURE IN YOUR ORGANIZATIONFORWARD BY JOHN TOUSSAINT, CEO OF THEDCARETransforming a culture is far more about emotional growth than technical maturity. Co-written by leaders at the Kaizen Institute, "Creating a Kaizen Culture" explains how to enable an adaptive, excellent, and sustainable workplace by engaging culture "makers" and the behaviors they generate. The proven methods presented in this book will dramatically increase your chances of success in implementing a "kaizen" culture by closing the biggest gaps in the correct understanding of: WHAT KAIZEN CULTURE IS, WHAT WE NEED IN OUR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, EVERYDAY CAN PRACTICE "KAIZEN" EVERY DAY THE LEADER'S ROLE IN TURNING KAIZEN CULTURE INTO COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGEBased on more than 50 years of combined experience from experts who have successfully used "kaizen" to lead real transformation in a wide variety of industries, "Creating a Kaizen Culture" reveals how to propel rapid and sustainable performance improvement. It provides a detailed and illustrated road map to organized "kaizen" implementation through kaizen events. Real-world examples demonstrate "kaizen" culture in action at Toyota, Zappos, Wiremold, and many other companies. Featuring valuable insights from Kaizen Institute leaders, this practical resource covers: WHY WE NEED A "KAIZEN" CULTURE THE TRUE MEANING OF "KAIZEN" THE ORIGIN OF THE "KAIZEN" EVENT "KAIZEN" AS A STRATEGY IN PRACTICE DAILY "KAIZEN" SUSTAINING A "KAIZEN" CULTURE ORGANIZATIONAL READINESS FOR "KAIZEN" TRANSFORMATION FACING UP TO THE KAIZEN MONSTER CASE STUDIES OF REAL-WORLD "KAIZEN" IMPLEMENTATION IN ORGANIZATIONS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND INDUSTRIES.

Blue-collar Kaizen A Zero-Waste Environment with Process Automation Kaizen The Idea Generator The Spirit of Kaizen: Creating Lasting Excellence One Small Step at a Time Creating a Kaizen Culture: Align the Organization, Achieve Breakthrough Results, and Sustain the Gains Toyota Kaizen Methods

Why Kaizen? Development of necessity. Improvement has to happen on the fly in our rapidly changing world. This book is about using the resources, people, and schedules already in place to get things done. Modular Kaizen is the counterpart to a kaizen blitz, in which team members are confined in a room to hammer out an opportunity or a solution to some problem-driven environment of many organizations. It is simply not possible to remove critical players from normal operations for any length of time. Grace Duljic draws on 40 years of experience to incorporate techniques, innovations, and lessons learned in pursuit of effective continuous and breakthrough improvement. Part 1 provides the conceptual model along with steps for improvement in an extremely busy and interrupt-driven workplace. Part II offers three case studies—from manufacturing, healthcare, and aerospace—to show how the techniques work in real time. If you are looking for proven approaches to integrating quality improvement into daily work, this is your book. It is written for those of us who have to "get it done," not sleeves and dig in. Kaizen Events are an effective way to train organizations to break unproductive habits and adopt a continuous improvement philosophy while, at the same time, achieve breakthrough performance-level results. Through Kaizen Events, cross-functional teams learn how to make improvements in a methodological way. They learn how to quickly study a process. The essential guide to kaizen—the art of making great and lasting change through small, steady steps—is now in paperback. Written by Dr. Robert Maurer, a psychologist on the staff of both the University of Washington School of Medicine and Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center, and an expert on kaizen who speaks and consults nationally, One Small Step Can Change the World is a potent way to effect change. It is for anyone who wants to lose weight. Or quit smoking. Or write a novel, start an exercise program, get out of debt, or conquer shyness and meet new people. Beginning by outlining the all-important role that fear plays in every type of change—and kaizen's ability to neutralize it by circumventing the brain's built-in resistance to new things, the 7 Small Steps: How to Think Small Thoughts, Take Small Actions, Solve Small Problems, and more. He shows how to perform mind sculpture—visualizing virtual change so that real change comes more naturally. Why small rewards lead to big returns by internalizing motivation. How great discoveries are made by paying attention to the little details most of us overlook. A thousand-year-old wisdom of the Tao Te Ching—"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"—here is the way to change your life without fear, without failure, and to begin a new, easy regimen of continuous improvement.

The goal of this book is to guide improvement activities throughout the organization: to use creative ideas from all employees to serve both internal and external customers, to unlock the hidden potential of every single employee, and to bring new excitement and joy into the workplace. Based on the concept of kaizen, this book discusses how every team member

Effective Continuous Improvement A Simplified Approach to Process Improvements Healthcare Kaizen Guiding Continuous Improvement Through Employee Suggestions Management's Role in Improving Work Climate and Culture Lean Management and Kaizen Six Steps to Improvement

The definitive, fully up-to-date guide to continuous improvement in the workplace "An updated version of a classic book that shares a wealth of new healthcare examples and case studies from around the world. The methods in this book will help you improve quality and safety, reduce waiting times, and improve the long-term financial position of your organization. Highly recommended!" —Mark Graban, author of *Lean Hospitals* and coauthor of *Healthcare Kaizen* "Every business faces the iron triangle of quality, cost, and delivery. Conventional thinking claims you cannot have all three. Not only does Mr. Imai turn that thinking on its head, but he shows you exactly how to do it." — Matthew E. May, author of *The Elegant Solution and The Laws of Subtraction* "Masasaki Imai has done it again. The second edition of his famous book not only describes all the tools necessary for any type of business to implement a lean strategy but also includes a large number of excellent case studies." -- Art Byrne, author of *The Lean Turnaround* Written by Masaaki Imai, pioneer of modern business operational excellence and founder of the Kaizen Institute, Gemba Kaizen, Second Edition is an in-depth revision of this renowned, bestselling work. The book reveals how to implement cost-effective, incremental improvements in your most critical business processes. Global case studies from a wide range of industries demonstrate how gemba kaizen has been successfully used to: Maximize capacity and reduce inventory at Unga Limited, one of Kenya's largest flour-milling operations Change the IT culture at Achmea, a large European insurance firm Exceed customer expectations at Walt Disney World in the United States Improve quality at Inoue Hospital in Japan Transform retail processes at Sonae MC, Portugal's largest employer Practice daily kaizen at Turk Ledervin, a weaving plant in Brazil Stamp out mud at Sunclipse, an industrial packaging distributor in the United States Manage quality improvement by total workforce involvement at Xujl Group Corporation, an electrical manufacturer in China Implement gemba kaizen at many other companies worldwide to thrive in today's competitive global economy, organizations need to operate in a more proactive and adaptable manner. Developing problem-solving abilities, improving productivity, and reducing waste are essential success factors. Proven strategies for achieving these goals are included in this pioneering guide. This comprehensive resource offers detailed coverage of important gemba kaizen topics, including: Quality, cost, and delivery in the gemba The five steps of workplace organization Identifying and eliminating muda--any non-value-adding activity Visual management Supervisors' roles in the lean workplace Gemba managers' roles and accountability in sustaining high performance Just-in-time and total flow management The CEO's role in leading a kaizen culture The methods presented in Gemba Kaizen, Second Edition reveal that when management focuses on implementing kaizen (incremental, continuous improvement) in the gemba (the worksite) unique opportunities can be discovered for increasing the success and profitability of any organization.

Written by a recognized leader in the manufacturing industry with nearly two decades of experience working for Toyota, this book supplies a firsthand account of the realities behind implementing the Toyota Production System (TPS). The Toyota Kaizen Continuum: A Practical Guide to Implementing Lean presents

insightful insights into how to achieve the best results. Is Your CI Delivering Results? Continuous Improvement, or CI, is a heavily used term that often doesn't deliver the results that are hoped for. Common approaches to CI often focus on supporting businesses to eliminate their immediate problems and just become 'OK' in terms of business performance. However, most people find that it is much more difficult to use these same approaches to move from 'good' to 'excellent'. Furthermore sustaining the improvement approach can be difficult if you don't have some kind of systematic approach. A Simple Systems Approach From his past work with clients who have previously struggled to make the move from 'good' to 'excellent', Giles Johnston, a business improvement consultant, has devised a simple method to systematically generate new improvements ideas. Even if your team have never heard of 'lean manufacturing' or 'kaizen' before, this approach can help your staff to identify and generate ideas that can streamline, simplify and improve your business. From the most junior person to the most senior within your business this simple and straightforward approach can provide new insights and ideas almost immediately. Downloadable Templates Included This short book gives you a step by step guide to using this approach and ideas on how to best use it for your business. Quick start templates are also provided (via a download link in the resources section) so you can get started straight away with this method.The book includes: Five strategies to generate improvement ideas in your business, so that you won't ever struggle to come up with more ideas for improvement. Ideas on managing the improvements once they have been identified, so that the expected benefits become a reality. Simple strategies to help you make the most of these approaches. Look Inside So, if you want some new ideas for improving your business and need to get your team involved then this concise book is for you. Use the 'Look Inside' option to view some of the early pages of this book (by clicking on the cover above), or download a free sample to get started right away.Continuous improvement doesn't have to occur in uncontrolled fits and bursts, it really can be a meaningful part of your business improvement strategy.

The results of the quality revolution have been mixed. Global competition has elevated the most successful companies, in terms of providing goods and services, but even then initiatives such as total quality, business process re-engineering and Six Sigma have been heralded as the solution, only to have been replaced with the next 'big thing' when it came along. Hoshin Kanri is not the next big thing in quality, it is a strategic approach to continuous improvement that provides a context for all of the individual elements such as Six Sigma or Lean Manufacturing. David Hutchins' Hoshin Kanri shows you how to develop a dynamic vision for continuous improvement; to implement effective policies to support it; to link key performance indicators to Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing and Kaizen and to sustain a strategy-led programme for improving business performance.

A Practical Guide to Implementing Lean The Kaizen Way Hoshin Kanri True Kaizen Strive for Perfection Leading Lean & Lean Teams How to Do Kaizen

Part of the Lean Tools for Healthcare series, this user-friendly book will help to improve your understanding of kaizen. It describes exactly what a kaizen event is and details all the phases necessary for implementing continuous improvement practices in your healthcare organization.Kaizen Workshops for Lean Healthcare walks you through the steps o The Toyota Way Fieldbook is a companion to the international bestseller The Toyota Way. The Toyota Way Fieldbook builds on the philosophical aspects of Toyota's operating systems by detailing the concepts and providing practical examples for application that leaders need to bring Toyota's success-proven practices to life in any organization. The Toyota Way Fieldbook will help other companies learn from Toyota and develop systems that fit their unique cultures. The book begins with a review of the principles of the Toyota Way through the 4Ps model-Philosophy, Processes, People and Partners, and Problem Solving. Readers looking to learn from Toyota's lean systems will be provided with the inside knowledge they need to Define the companies purpose and develop a long-term philosophy Create value streams with connected flow, standardized work, and level production Build a culture to stop and fix problems Develop leaders who promote and support the system Find and develop exceptional people and partners Learn the meaning of true root cause problem solving Lead the change process and transform the total enterprise The depth of detail provided draws on the authors combined experience of coaching and supporting companies in lean transformation. Toyota experts at the Georgetown, Kentucky plant, formally trained David Meier in TPS. Combined with Jeff Liker's extensive study of Toyota and his insightful knowledge the authors have developed unique models and ideas to explain the true philosophies and principles of the Toyota Production System.

If you feel that things are not going well and a turnaround is need, then Kaizen can certainly make things work for you. In this book we are going to be taking a closer look at how you can implement the Kaizen methodology and philosophy in order to grow your empire. Whether you are a brand-new entrepreneur or a seasoned veteran, Kaizen can help you achieve continuous improvement through the implementation of strategies and techniques which can help you attain one very important thing: greater efficiency. When you are able to develop greater efficiency in your business, you will be able to get better results. This means that you will be able to save time and resources, while cutting costs down and improving upon your overall bottom line. Nevertheless, Kaizen is not a prescribed set of steps which you can implement to get improved results. Kaizen is all about a shift in mindset in such a way that you will be able to improve your organization's philosophy. What this means is that you will be able to think is a different way. Thus, your team will be able to take proactive steps in achieving exactly what your organization intends to achieve as a whole. Inside you'll learn: Continuous improvement through Kaizen Definition of Kaizen and how it is used to implement a culture of continuous improvement SMART goals Definition of SMART goals and how to set them How to use Kaizen to maximize your business' processes Improving process efficiency and reducing waste (time, materials, money) Case study Examples of how to maximize efficiency in a small business The Kaizen process takes areas for improvement and turns them into goals which an organization can transform into attainable and measurable results. Therefore, Kaizen is about getting everyone on board. When this occurs, you will be able to make things happen as a team. Sure, individual performance is still paramount. Nevertheless, achieving a collective goal will become the most important task for the organization. So, let's get started on the road that will lead to your organization's continuous development and improvement.

Strive for perfection this book is a practical and accessible guide to understanding and implementing Kaizen, providing you with the essential information and saving time. In 50 minutes you will be able to: Understand the uses of Kaizen in the search for improvement through small, continuous changes. Identify the management methods that can be used alongside Kaizen to improve its outcome. Analyze the different applications of Kaizen in areas of your business such as quality management, production and working conditions. 50 MINUTES provides the tools to quickly understand the main theories and concepts that shape the economic world of today. Our publications are easy to use and they will save you time. They provide elements of theory and case studies, making them excellent guides to understand key concepts in just a few minutes. In fact, they are the starting point to take action and push your business to the next level.

Harnessing the Kaizen Approach to Create a System for Effective Change Continuous and Breakthrough Improvement Agile Kaizen Kaizen (Ky'zen), the Key to Japan's Competitive Success A New Avenue for Industrial Development The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen Kaizen Workshops for Lean Healthcare

The Kaizen approach is a systematic way of implementing a culture of continuous improvement. This book provides tools and techniques to help the reader adopt a philosophy of getting better in life, work and business. The philosophy of kaizen, which simply means continuous improvement, needs to be adopted by any organization seeking to implement lean improvements that go beyond cost cutting. Kaizen events are opportunities to make focused changes in the workplace. Kaizen for the Shopfloor takes readers through the critical steps for conducting a very effective kaizen event: one that is well planned, well implemented, and well documented. As the newest addition to the Shingo Prize Winning Shopfloor Series, Kaizen for the Shopfloor distills the complexities of jump starting lean processes into an easily accessible format for those frontline employees who make lean possible. About the Shopfloor Series: Put proven improvement tools in the hands of your entire workforce! Progressive shopfloor improvement techniques are imperative for manufacturers who want to stay competitive and to achieve world class excellence. And it's the comprehensive education of all shopfloor workers that ensures full participation and success when implementing new programs. The Shopfloor Series books make practical information accessible to everyone by presenting major concepts and tools in simple, clear language and at a reading level that has been adjusted for operators by skilled instructional designers. One main idea is presented every two to four pages so that the book can be picked up and put down easily. Each chapter begins with an overview and ends with a summary section. Helpful illustrations are used throughout.

Healthcare and health systems are facing many challenges, including shrinking reimbursements and the need to improve patient safety and quality. A growing number of healthcare organizations are turning to the Lean management system as an alternative to traditional cost cutting and layoffs. "Kaizen," which is translated from Japanese as "good change" or "change for the better," is a core pillar of the Lean strategy for today's best healthcare organizations. Kaizen is a powerful approach for creating a continuously learning and continuously improving organizations. A Kaizen culture leads to everyday actions that improve patient care and create better workplaces, while improving the organization's long-term bottom line. The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen is the perfect introduction to executives and leaders who want to create and support this culture of continuous improvement. The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen is an introduction to kaizen principles and an overview of the leadership behaviors and mindsets required to create a Kaizen culture or a culture of continuous improvement. The book is specifically written for busy C-level executives, vice presidents, directors, and managers who need to understand the power of this methodology. The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen shares real and practical examples and stories from leading healthcare organizations, including Franciscan St. Francis Health System, located in Indiana. Franciscan St. Francis' employees and physicians have implemented and documented 4,000 Kaizen improvements each of the last three years, resulting in millions of dollars in hard savings and softer benefits for patients and staff. Chapters cover topics such as the need for Kaizen, different types of Kaizen (including Rapid Improvement Events and daily Kaizen), creating a Kaizen culture, practical methods for facilitating Kaizen improvements, the role of senior leaders and other leaders in Kaizen, and creating an organization-wide Kaizen program. The book contains a new introduction by Gary Kaplan, MD, CEO of Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Washington, which was named "Hospital of the Decade" in 2012. The Executive Guide to Healthcare Kaizen has been the subject of the highly acclaimed book Engaging Front-Line Staff in Sustainable Continuous Improvements (2012). Healthcare Kaizen is a longer, more complete "how to" guide that includes over 200 full color images, including over 100 real kaizen examples from various health systems around the world. Healthcare Kaizen was named a recipient of the prestigious Shingo Professional Publication and Research Award. Check out what the experts at the Franciscan St. Francis Health System have to say about Healthcare Kaizen. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcGmP5GLE0x&feature=c4-overview&list=UU7JITx4nKzM0E5tBf0U9w>

The book provides a holistic and practical approach to lean management throughout the business value chain. The lean management framework and tools demonstrate the optimal design and use of methods, tools and principles for companies and organizations. The author describes comprehensively how lean management enables companies to concentrate on value-adding activities and processes to achieve a long-term, sustainable competitive advantage. A wealth of best practices, industry examples and case studies are used to reveal the diversity and opportunities of lean management methodologies, methods and principles. Moreover, the book shows how lean management principles are ultimately applied in industries like automotive, healthcare, education and services industries.

Toyota Kata: Managing People for Improvement, Adaptiveness and Superior Results The Toyota Way of Dantotsu Radical Quality Improvement

The Kaizen Event Planner The Toyota Way Fieldbook Applying Kaizen To Achieve Personal And Professional Success: Continuous Improvement Take Steps to Create Success, Change Your Life and Experience Continuous Improvement Through Kaizen: Leadership Skills, Lean, Kanban, Scrum, Agile Project Management and More!

Agile teams have been struggling with the concept of continuous improvement since the first Agile frameworks were developed, and still very little has been written about the practice of continuous improvement in Agile environments. Although team retrospectives have been prescribed and some practices have been introduced in order to implement and facilitate them, the truth is that most Agile teams are conducting dual retrospectives that end with a list of things that have been done wrong, just to repeat the same list two weeks later at the next meeting. Instead of listing hundreds of Japanese-labeled tools, this book gives you practical insights into how to spot improvement opportunities, how to plan for improvement and how to engage everyone in your company in the Kaizen process. In addition, it will also provide you with 27 proven practices and 12 bonus activities to introduce into your retrospectives in order to keep them fresh, creative and exciting, so you can promise a team that, in a year's time, no two retrospectives will be alike. This book helps you as a manager, team leader, change agent or consultant in any type of organization to unleash the real power of Kaizen culture - no matter what kind of organization, market, product, technology, vision, goal or size. It provides you with the background, tools and practical hints on how to engage your organization in a process of continuous quest for new and better ways of performing.

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How to Succeed in School Without Spending All Your Time Studying; A Guide for Kids and Teens An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones Out of the Crisis, reissue Personal Success Through Self Knowledge and Continuous Improvement Quick and Easy Kaizen Transforming Healthcare Care Scheduling and Access Lean Kaizen

In this book, author Sadao Nomura taps into his decades of experience leading and advising Toyota operations in a wide variety of operations to tell the story of radical improvement at Toyota Logistics & Forklift (TL&F). This book tells in great detail what the author did with TL&F, how they did it, and the dramatic results that ensued. TL&F has long been a global leader in its industry. TL&F is part of Toyota Industries Corporation, which was founded by Toyota Group founder Sakichi Toyoda almost 100 years ago. Sakichi Toyoda is legendary in the Lean community as the originator of the all-important "JIDOKA" pillar of TPS, which ensures 1) built-in quality and 2) respect for people through ensuring that technology works for people rather than the other way around. Although TL&F seemed to be performing well, insiders knew that, as the founding company of the Toyota group, it needed to do better, especially in the quality performance of its global subsidiary operations. But improvement would not be easy in a company that already prided itself in its history as an exemplar in providing highest quality products and services. In 2006, TL&F requested assistance from Sadao Nomura. The initial request was for Mr. Nomura to support quality improvement in three global operations that had become part of TL&F through acquisition: US, Sweden, and France. Improvement was expected at these affiliates, but the dramatic nature of the improvement was not. Further, the improvement activities were so powerful that they were also instituted at the parent operations in Japan. Over a period of almost ten years, the company with the 20 Keys has helped many manufacturing companies integrate top manufacturing improvement methods into a coordinated system for drastic and continual improvement in involvement, quality, and productivity. This program provides the strategies necessary to achieve ambitious goals through a five-level scoring system. The revised edition is improved with upgraded criteria for the five-level scoring system to guide your company to world-class status. New material and updated layout make implementation even easier. Two valuable case studies demonstrate effective use by both a Japanese company and an American manufacturer.

At present, how to develop industries is a burning issue in Africa, where population growth remains high and economic development has thus far failed to provide sufficient jobs for many, especially young people and women. The creation of productive jobs through industrial development ought to be a central issue in steering economic activity across the continent. The authors of this book, consisting of two development economists and five practitioners, argue that the adoption of Kaizen management practices, which originated in Japan and have become widely used by manufacturers in advanced and emerging economies, is decisively the most effective first step for industrial development in Africa. This open access book discusses what Kaizen management is, why it is applicable to Africa, and why it can provide Africa with a springboard for sustainable economic growth and employment generation.

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