



MR. AKIRA TAKENAKA JOINS LVSI



Thomas E. Deforge, a Principal Partner of Lean Value Solutions, International is pleased to announce that Mr. Akira Takenaka, a world renowned Lean Manufacturing Sensei, has joined our organization as a Senior Consultant and Advisor.

Mr. Takenaka started his career at Toyoda Gosei. During his tenure, he was appointed to their KAIZEN promotion office, which was led by the founder of the Toyota Production System, Taiichi Ohno. After many years of service in this role, he was promoted to Executive Vice President of Toyota Motor Corporation. In this role, he worked even more closely for Mr. Ohno who became an executive at Toyota as well.

In 1987, he became a partner with Iwata Yoshiki and Chihiro Nakao, and together they started the Shingijutsu Co., a Lean manufacturing consultant group. Crafting their skills under the tutelage of Taiichi Ohno throughout their careers, The Shingijutsu Co. and their consultants are arguably known as the best implementers of a lean enterprise business strategy.

As a founding member of Shingijutsu, Mr. Takenaka has consulted extensively with large and small corporations around the world.

Some of the most notable clients Mr. Takenaka has worked with are the Danaher Corporation, and their very first client, Wiremold, two companies known as the first successful companies in the US to integrate a successful Lean Business Strategy.

LVSI partners Thomas Deforge, Mark Long, and Stephen Crane state that they are extremely excited and honored to have Mr. Takenaka as part of the team. Deforge says, "His integrity and knowledge of lean manufacturing is second to none. Our greatest honor is when he stated that he is happy to join a group that practices and believes in the Lean Manufacturing principles taught by Taiichi Ohno."

Mr. Takenaka is currently assisting our clients in Asia and Japan. He will be available for US Consulting work in 2008.

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