

PORT ELIZABETH SUPPLIERS WELCOME TPS TRAINING FACILITATED BY JAPANESE EXPERTS

Supervisors, trainers and production engineers from a range of Eastern Cape Manufacturers were trained in the globally acclaimed Toyota Production System by two former Japan-based Toyota Production managers with over 80 years of Toyota service between them.

Now contracted by JICA, Messrs Hayashi and Suzuki, together with US, are mandated to present South African industry with training in the Toyota Production System (TPS).

Representatives from SPM, Steelbest, Zealous, Air Liquide, Q-Plas, Benteler, Schaeffler, Feltex Fehrer and Duys Components benefitted from both theoretical and practical sessions pertaining to a range of lean manufacturing and continuous improvement methodologies, over two days.

Shopfloor visits and consultations would follow with those organisations formally part of JICA's programme to impart knowledge to SA manufacturers.

Our Executive Hoosain Mahomed said the Material Flow Information Diagram, unique to TPS but similar to value-stream mapping was of particular value in its ability to assist in identifying Kaizens.



Participants at the Toyota Production Systems Training, with Mr Suzuki and Mr Hayashi on the bottom right.

"Industry in South Africa has a lot to gain from the longstanding success of the Toyota Production System and its philosophies which has become a natural part of Japanese manufacturing culture."

"The learnings embellish the efforts of those companies that have begun TPM or Lean Manufacturing Programmes," Mahomed said.



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