

TPM Study Mission to Japan

21-27 October 2018

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Institute of Quality (IQ) organized a TPM Study Mission to Nagoya, Japan in collaboration with JMA Consultants Inc. (JMAC), Japan from 21-27 October 2018. The week-long Mission aimed at stimulating ideas and share best practices through real-life scenarios and learning. It provided all delegates with the vision of how to achieve measurable improvements within their own organizations. The purpose of this Mission was to demonstrate the best manufacturing practices in well-known Japanese Companies like Toyota, Meiwa Industries and Aichi Machines, in addition to visit to the prestigious Toyota Museum.



The Participants during their visit to Japan

The Mission members also had the opportunity to visit the famous Karakuri Kaizen Exhibition organized by Japan Institute of Planned Maintenance (JIPM) on 25th and 26th October.

At this exhibition people who work at actual manufacturing sites introduce and display models and actual examples of low cost automation (LCA) improvements which they have developed themselves, by improving their technologies and skills, to address the problems they face in their own work (work efficiency, quality defects, negative workplace environment factors, etc.)

This year's exhibition featured numerous examples of unique ideas and playful improvements of participating companies. This year around 75 companies participated to present total of around 400 Karakuri kaizens.

A total 18 delegates from 11 Companies of various Manufacturing, Food Processing & services sectors in India took part in this Mission. They are from different background and portfolio from their companies having different learning aspirations.

Overall the Mission was a great successful and it met the purpose and expectations of the delegates. The feedback from the delegates are encouraging. They will act like ambassadors in bringing the best manufacturing practices in Indian companies. It encourages us to organize many such Missions every year by implementing the learnings from this Mission.