

Name: Takao Kasahara

Nationality: Japan

**Present Position:** Managing Director, Streamline Strategy Japan, Inc.

**Expert Areas:** Lean manufacturing/service strategy and implementation, Computer and network system design and implementation

## **Educational Qualifications:**

- · Master's Degree in Chemical Engineering, 1972, University of Tokyo, Japan.
- Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering, 1970, University of Tokyo, Japan.

## **Professional Experience:**

- · Managing Director, Streamline Strategy Japan, Inc. (1999-present)
- Visiting Professor, Global Information and Telecommunication Institute (Graduate school),
  Waseda University, Japan (1999-2005)
- Managing Director(1997-1999) and partner (1986-1997), Management & Technology Japan, Inc.
- · Chief consultant, Arthur D. Little (Japan), Inc. (1984-1985)
- · Process Systems Engineer, Toyo Engineering Corporation(1972-1984)

## **Activities and Achievements:**

- Has been working in design and implementation of lean manufacturing, supply chain system in manufacturing and service industries since 1986
- · Has worked in more than 150 factories and 50 companies in more than 20 countries
- Has worked in wide varieties of manufacturing industries including automotive, auto parts' suppliers, aerospace, light and heavy machinery, appliances, consumer goods, electronics, pharmaceuticals and medical devices, as well as in service industries such as car and truck services, non-bank finance and healthcare.
- · Always achieved performance improvement in output, productivity and quality simultaneously
- Trainer of in APO Training Course on Development of Productivity Practitioner Advanced Program (2009-2012)