



ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT NOTIFICATION

8 January 2015

1. **Project Code** 15-IN-19-GE-WSP-B
2. **Title** Workshop on Lean Applications Focusing on the Service Industry
3. **Timing and Duration** 15–19 June 2015 (five days)
4. **Venue** Bangkok, Thailand
5. **Implementing Organizations** Thailand Productivity Institute (FTPI)
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6. **Number of Overseas Participants** Up to 18 qualified participants from Republic of China, Fiji, India, Indonesia, IR Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. However, other member countries with special interest in this project may nominate candidates upon consultation with the APO Secretariat.
7. **Number of Local Participants** Up to six qualified participants
8. **Closing Date for Nominations** 15 April 2015
9. **Objectives**
 - a. To understand the concepts of and strategic planning for the adoption of lean applications and Six Sigma;
 - b. To discuss practices, approaches, and methodologies for lean applications focusing on the service industry;
 - c. To learn how to apply and utilize lean tools in service organizations; and
 - d. To share best practices of applying lean systems in the service sector.

10. Background

Lean manufacturing systems involve the systematic elimination of all types of waste in production and related processes. “Lean” is a set of principles which accelerates the speed of all processes across the enterprise. The process requires identifying and eliminating activities that do not add value to the process of design, production, logistics, and customer relations.

As part of the APO’s strategic direction to strengthen SMEs in member countries, it has

organized e-learning courses and face-to-face training courses related to lean manufacturing systems for nearly 10 years. There has been increasing demand to improve productivity in service organizations, although this is challenging. Lean systems have been widely adopted and applied by the service sector in many countries as they involve the systematic elimination of all types of waste or non value added in processes.

This face-to-face workshop on Lean Applications Focusing on the Service Industry is being organized for the first time and will provide comprehensive information on lean production systems and details of lean applications in service sector. At the end of this workshop, participants will learn how to remove cost and delays from processes effectively and how to capture important data within the service process.

11. Scope and Methodology

Scope

Philosophy and concepts of lean systems, methodologies for lean applications in the service industry, and best practices.

Methodology

The workshop will consist of lectures, presentations of national best practices, group discussions, observational site visits, and presentations of action plans.

The tentative program of the workshop is:

Date/Time	Activity
Sun., 14 June 2015	Arrival of participants in Bangkok
Mon., 15 June	Opening session Presentation of resource papers
Tues., 16 June	Presentation of resource papers
Wed., 17 June	Field visits
Thurs., 18 June	Presentation of resource papers Group discussion and country paper presentations
Fri., 19 June	Summing-up session Presentation of action plans by participants
Sat., 20 June	Program evaluation, closing session Departure of participants

12. Qualifications of Candidates

The participants are expected to possess the following qualifications:

Present Position	Lean practitioners in the service industry and trainers/consultants on lean systems.
Experience	At least five years of experience in the service sector.
Education	Preferably university degree or equivalent qualification from a recognized university/institution.
Language	All proceedings of the project are conducted in English, and participants are frequently required to make oral and written presentations. They must therefore be proficient in spoken and

written English. Those who are not proficient in English will not be accepted.

Health	Physically and mentally fit to attend an intensive project requiring participants to complete a number of individual and group activities and strenuous fieldwork. It is therefore recommended that member countries do not nominate candidates likely to suffer from physical and mental stress.
Age	Candidates who fit the above profile are typically between 35 and 55 years of age.
APO Certificate	Participants are required to attend the entire program to receive the APO certificate of attendance.

13. Financial Arrangements

To be borne by participants or participating countries

- a. Participants' insurance premiums: All participants should be fully insured against accident and illness (including hospitalization and death) for a principal sum equivalent to US\$10,000.00 for the entire duration of the project and travel and must submit to the APO Secretariat a copy of the comprehensive travel insurance certificate before participation. Such insurance should be valid in the host country. This insurance requirement is in addition to existing government insurance coverage in some member countries. If any participant is unable to insure himself/herself as stipulated above, he/she should secure this insurance in the host country at the commencement of the project and pay the premium himself/herself, if necessary, from the per diem allowance provided. Neither the APO nor the implementing organizations will be responsible for any eventuality arising from accident or illness.
- b. All expenses related to visa fees and airport taxes.
- c. Any expenses incurred by participants for stopovers on the way to and from the project venue as well as for extra stay at the project venue before and/or after the official project period because of early arrival or late departure, for example, due to either limited available flights or any other reason.

To be borne by the host country

- a. Per diem allowances and hotel accommodation for up to 18 overseas participants for up to six days at the rate to be specified later.
- b. All local implementation costs.

To be borne by the APO

- a. All assignment costs of overseas resource persons.
- b. Round-trip economy-class international airfare by the most direct route between the international airport nearest to the participants' place of work and Bangkok. As far as practicable, all participants should purchase discount tickets. Please note that the arrangements for the purchase of air tickets should follow the "Guide on Purchases of Air Tickets for APO Participants," which will be sent to the selected participants. It is also available on the APO website and from APO Liaison Officers in member countries.

14. Actions by Member Countries

- a. Each participating country is requested to nominate three or more candidates in the order of preference. Please ensure that candidates nominated meet the qualifications specified under section 12 above.
- b. No form of self-nomination will be accepted. All nominations must be endorsed and submitted by an APO Director, Alternative Director, Liaison Officer, or their designated officer.
- c. Please note that nomination of a candidate does not necessarily guarantee that he/she will be selected. Selection is at the discretion of the APO Secretariat. A basic criterion for selection is the homogeneity of the participants in terms of qualifications and work experience. Nonselection therefore does not mean that the candidates concerned are not competent enough. Sometimes candidates are not selected because they are overqualified for a project.
- d. Each nomination should be accompanied by the necessary documents. A nomination lacking any of these documents may not be considered: two copies of the candidate's biodata on the APO biodata form together with a passport-sized photograph. The biodata form can be downloaded from the APO website (www.apo-tokyo.org). We encourage submitting the biodata form to the APO Secretariat in electronic form as an attachment to a cover e-mail message from the APO Director, Alternate Director, or Liaison Officer. The nomination documents should be sent to the Industry Department, APO Secretariat (e-mail: ind@apo-tokyo.org, fax: 81-3-5840-5324).
- e. The APO Medical and Insurance Declaration/Certification Form. Every candidate must complete and submit a copy of the APO Medical and Insurance Declaration/Certification Form with his/her biodata at the time of nomination. Please note that self-declaration is sufficient for candidates without any of health conditions or illnesses listed on the reverse side of the medical form. However, for all others, medical certification by a licensed physician on the reverse side of the medical form is required.
- f. Necessary documents are to be submitted electronically. In that case, there is no need to send a hard copy by postal mail. However, if the documents are submitted by fax, member countries are requested to mail the originals of the documents to the APO Secretariat as well. If a digital photograph of a nominee is not attached to the electronic biodata form, a hard-copy photograph should be sent to the APO Secretariat by postal mail. Please give the candidate's name and the project code on the reverse side of the photograph.
- g. Member countries are requested to adhere to the nomination deadline given on page 1. The APO Secretariat may not consider late nominations as they have in the past resulted in considerable difficulties to the implementing organization in its preparatory work for the project.
- h. For member countries where nominations are required to be approved by higher government authorities and require a longer time, the APO Liaison Officers/NPOs are urged to send the names of nominees on or before the deadline, indicating that government approval will follow.
- i. If a selected participant becomes unable to attend, he/she should inform the APO Liaison Officer/NPO in his/her country immediately and give the reason for withdrawal. The NPO concerned is requested to transmit that information to the APO Secretariat and the host country promptly.
- j. NPOs are requested to inform the selected participants that they are not to bring

family members or to engage in any private business activities during the entire duration of the project.

- k. Each selected participant should be instructed to arrive at the venue one day before the start of the official project. Also, he/she is expected to return home upon completion of the official project because he/she is visiting the host country for the specific purpose of attending this APO workshop.
- l. NPOs should inform participants that they must attend all five days of the project to qualify for the certificate of attendance.

15. Actions by the APO Secretariat

- a. Under normal circumstances, candidates who are selected will be informed of their acceptance at least four weeks prior to the start of the project.
- b. If some candidates fail to qualify or be unable to participate after selection, or if some member countries fail to nominate any candidate, their slots may be filled by alternates from the same or another member country on a merit basis.

16. Project Preparation

Prior to departure for the project venue, the selected participants will be required to submit a written case study on Best Practices in Lean Applications in the Service Sector. The guidelines will be provided later.

17. Postproject Actions


All participants are required to prepare action plans and share the plans with their NPOs. The APO will also request participants to submit progress reports six months after completion of the workshop.

18. Evaluation of Participants

If the conduct/attendance/performance of a participant is not satisfactory, these will be reported to the APO director concerned.

19. Guide for Participants

Other conditions for participation are given in the *APO Guide for Participants*, which is available from APO Liaison Officers/NPOs in member countries and on the APO website (www.apo-tokyo.org).



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