



HOSTED BY AME AUSTRALIA

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Dates: February 22 - 27, 2026
- Key Locations: Nagoya, Osaka, Kyoto
- Investment: AME Member \$10,000 USD / Non Member \$12,000 USD

WHO CAN BENEFIT?

- Designed for: Executive and senior leaders committed to continuous improvement.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE & FORMAT

- Insights from: From former Toyota Executives - Darril Wilburn (USA), Barry McCarthy (AUS) Hiroyoshi Yoshiki (JAP)
- Peer-based cohort for shared learning and reflection
- Pre-trip orientation and preparation, in-country program, post-trip reflection tools

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation, transport within Japan, most meals, translation and facilitation



AME Japan Experience

OVERVIEW

This immersive leadership experience offers more than just site visits, it creates space for deep reflection, peer connection, and meaningful conversations that link Lean principles with people, purpose, and culture.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Site Visits

Visit leading Japanese organisations and observe daily practices that bring Lean philosophy to life. Guided interpretation helps bridge culture and practice with leadership insights you can apply.

Leadership Conversations

Learn from experienced Japanese leaders and expert facilitators who have spent decades translating Lean thinking into real-world impact. Understand the "why" behind the "what" through focused dialogue and storytelling.

Shared Reflection and Connection

Engage in small group discussions and peer debriefs throughout the journey. These daily touchpoints support shared learning and help translate your experience into meaningful actions.



WHY JOIN

- See Lean principles practiced at the source, deeply embedded in culture and leadership
- Reflect with fellow leaders on common challenges and new ways forward
- Experience a thoughtfully designed program that blends cultural immersion with practical leadership development
- Gain new insight into people-led systems of improvement and sustainable business transformation

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Submitting an expression of interest signals your interest in participating and receiving updates, as well as a meeting with our team. Once confirmed, you'll be invited to formally register and submit your deposit.

We are excited to offer this exceptional opportunity and look forward to supporting your leadership journey through this immersive learning experience in Japan.

NEXT STEPS

Once your completed registration form is received, AME will issue an invoice for your 50% deposit. Your registration is confirmed upon receipt of payment. Further details regarding itinerary, preparation materials, and travel arrangements will follow.

NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU REGISTER

- Places are limited – secure your spot early.
- A 50% deposit is required once your participation is confirmed.
- Final balance is due three months before departure.
- Cancellations: More than 3 months out = 25% fee; Within 3 months = 50% fee. Remaining funds may be credited to a future AME trip.
- The program may change based on availability and group size.
- Participants arrange their flights, documents, insurance, and personal expenses.
- Respectful, professional engagement with hosts and fellow participants is expected.

