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**Program Outline
&
Participation Requirements
of
The Practical Improvement Program for Factories
[PIPF]**

To become a profit-generating factory

Please note that the program contents have been fully revised for this year.

25 October - 7 November 2006

Osaka, Japan

1. 1. BACKGROUND OF THE PROGRAM:

AOTS - the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship - is a non-profit association run with Japanese government subsidies from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). Since its establishment in 1959, AOTS has been conducting various technical and management training programs in Japan for the people of developing countries. The total number of participants in past AOTS training programs amounts to almost 122,000 from about 170 developing countries and regions. These former participants are playing very important roles in industry and contributing greatly to the economic development of their respective countries.

At the request of former participants of AOTS training programs as well as the industrial and business circles in developing countries, and to meet the needs for human resource development in Japanese affiliated companies, AOTS has been organizing various training programs.

The Practical Improvement Program for Factories (PIPF) has been implemented since 1994, focusing on productivity enhancement of manufacturing industry in developing countries through continual improvement or kaizen. This year, the entire program was revised for its 13th implementation.

2. COUNTRY AND NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:

24 participants

3. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

Participants should have the following qualifications

- (1) Participants should be, in principle, middle to senior managers, supervisors and/or engineers responsible for work area management at manufacturing companies, etc., with a basic knowledge of production control. (Those who are not engaged in actual production/factory management are ineligible for participation.)
- (2) Participants should be between 25 and 60 years of age.
- (3) Participants should be university graduates and/or have equivalent professional experience.
- (4) Participants should have a sufficient working knowledge of English.
- (5) Participants should be healthy enough to undergo an intensive training program in Japan.
- (6) Participants should be residing in developing countries or regions.
- (7) Participants should not be students or armed forces personnel.

Notes:

- (1) AOTS ex-participants who have recently been awarded an AOTS Scholarship and participated in an AOTS training program in Japan are not entitled to apply for any program which starts within six months (183 days) after they have returned home from Japan.
- (2) Family members are not allowed to accompany the participants to Japan.
- (3) Participants shall not request AOTS to arrange, nor arrange by themselves, any additional programs, and shall leave Japan and return to their home country soon after the completion of the program.
- (4) The Guarantee Letter, which is one of the invitation documents to be issued by AOTS, shall be used only for the purpose of obtaining a training visa and shall not be used for any other purposes, such as participants' business.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Applicants should apply to AOTS by submitting the following documents to reach AOTS Head Office **no later than 30 June 2006**.

- (1) AOTS Training Application Form, Applicant's Personal Record and Medical Check Sheet (AOTS official form)
- (2) 2 copies of a photo (4 cm x 3 cm)
- (3) Brochure of the applicant's company/organization
- (4) Photocopy of a passport, an election card, a driver's license or any other identification document issued by a public organization of the applicant's country containing, in Roman letters, the applicant's name in full, a photo of the applicant and his/her home address
- (5) Pre-Training Report
- (6) Consent Form of Overseas Travel Insurance

The application documents will be forwarded to the AOTS Screening Committee, which will be held on 24 August 2006, for official approval of participation. Those who have successfully passed the screening process will be notified when they receive the invitation documents.

Notes: If the number of participants is less than 13 as of 30 June, AOTS may postpone or cancel this program.

5. OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM:

- OBJECTIVES

The objective of the program is to acquaint participants with effective approaches and managerial techniques, with which they can make their factories to produce higher profits.

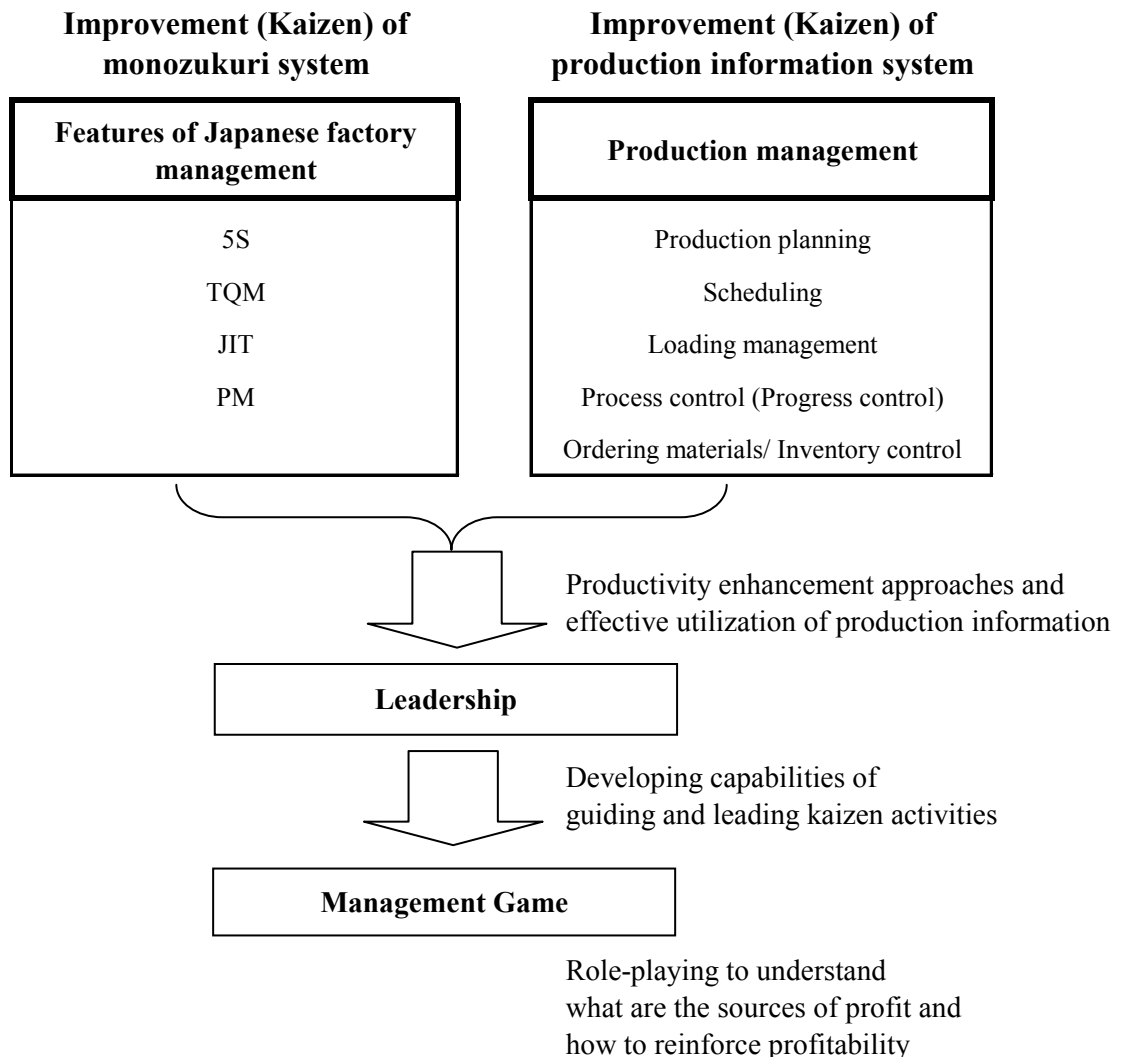
- DURATION

25 October - 7 November 2006 (2 weeks)

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This program has been designed to provide corporate managers, who wish to attain higher profitability via better factory management, with knowledge required to promote kaizen of *monozukuri* (making things) system and of production information flow to support *monozukuri*. Also the program is aimed at enhancing participants' leadership capabilities to execute kaizen plans and to make appropriate decisions in the process.

Course Design



A typical daily schedule consists of a 3-hour morning session and a 3-hour afternoon session. Some evening sessions may also be organized.

Please refer to the Tentative Schedule for further details.

- LANGUAGE

All lectures, company visits and exercises will be conducted in English or Japanese with translation into English. The program documents and training materials will be prepared in English.

- PROGRAM DIRECTORS

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Mr. Wada is a management consultant and specializes in manufacturing systems (production system) and production management systems (information system). He has guided many companies in introducing factory improvement, operation improvement, 5S, IE, QC, VE/VA, JIT, TQM, PM, etc. With the growing need for Japanese companies to gain ISO9000 and ISO14000 certification, he has provided his expert guidance to companies in preparation for these international standards. He is often invited as a speaker/lecturer at corporate seminars on production management, quality management, and related subjects.

- TRAINING LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATION

The program will be held at the following AOTS Training Center.

AOTS Kansai Kenshu Center (KKC)

7-5, Asaka 1-chome, Sumiyoshi-ku, Osaka 558-0021, Japan

Tel: 81-6-6608-8260 (Reception) Fax: 81-6-6690-2678

Please refer to item 6 for further information on accommodation.

**Tentative Schedule
of
The Practical Improvement Program for Factories [PIPF]**

□□ 25 October - 7 November 2006 AOTS Kansai Kenshu Center

Date	Morning Session	Afternoon Session	
24 Oct. (Tue.)	□Arrival in Japan□		
□ 25 (Wed.)	Orientation Opening Ceremony	LECTURE: Evolution and Features of Japanese Factory Management	LECTURE: 5S as a Foundation for Work Area Management
□ 26 (Thu.)	LECTURE: Concept and Implementation of TQM in Work Area	COMPANY VISIT: Work Area Management in a Japanese Manufacturing Company	
□ 27 (Fri.)	LECTURE: Concept and Implementation of JIT (Just-in-Time) Practice		
28 (Sat.)	Day off		
29 (Sun.)	Day off		
□ 30 (Mon.)	LECTURE: Concept of Equipment Management and Productive Maintenance		
31 (Tue.)	LECTURE: Concept and Implementation of Production Control and Process Control		
1 Nov. (Wed.)	LECTURE: Concepts of Materials Ordering Control and Inventory Control	LECTURE: Leadership for Managers	
□□ 2 (Thu.)	COMPANY VISIT: Work Area Management in a Japanese Manufacturing Company (incl. discussion with Japanese managers)		
□□ 3 (Fri.)	LECTURE/EXERCISE: Management Game -1 - Making decisions to generate profits -What are expenses incurred in factory management? -What are sources of profits? -What are measures to generate profits?		
4 (Sat.)	Day off		
□ 5 (Sun.)	Day off		
6 (Mon.)	EXERCISE: Management Game -2		
□ 7 (Tue.)	LECTURE: Implementation of Work Area Improvement	LECTURE: Consultation about Participants' Individual Challenges	Evaluation of the Program Closing Ceremony
□□ 8 (Wed.)	□Departure from Japan□		

Remarks: (1) The above schedule is subject to change for the convenience of lecturers and cooperating companies, or for other unavoidable reasons.

(2) Several group discussion sessions will be arranged in the evening.

(3) Though Saturdays and Sundays are days off in general, lectures may be scheduled if deemed necessary.

6. ACCOMMODATION:

During the training period, participants will be accommodated at an AOTS Kenshu Center. AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation in a single room to the value of ¥8,700 per day with meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast).

Please note that AOTS Kenshu Center Canteen will be closed on Sundays. The participant will receive ¥2,700 in cash per day for meals to cover this day.

Participants in principle are requested to arrive in Japan the day before the commencement of the training program and leave Japan the day after the final day of the program.

7. TRAINING COSTS:

1) Outline

AOTS training programs are financed by Official Development Assistance (ODA) subsidies from the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) together with the Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant) from the participants themselves.

Participants shall pay the Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant) in cash to AOTS after their arrival in Japan.

The Training Costs will vary in accordance with the actual airfare, and participants' staying days. Therefore, the Participation Fee will be finalized after their arrival in Japan.

The Estimate of the Participation Fee for Less Developed Countries (LDCs) and Least among Less Developed Countries (LLDCs) is shown in Table 1-1 and 1-2.

Note: Least among Less Developed Countries (LLDCs) is shown in Table 2.

Please note that the subsidy from the Japanese government will be applicable from the day before the commencement of the training program to the final day of the training program in principle.

2) Breakdown

1. Training Costs

The Training Costs are the total amount of expenses to invite a participant for the training program in Japan. It is the sum of (1) Allowance Costs, (2) Course Implementation Costs (3) Domestic Travel Allowance.

(1) Allowance Costs

International Travel Expenses

Participants from China will not have their International Travel Expenses subsidized.

Participants will purchase their own round-trip air tickets, concerning which there are no restrictions pertaining to boarding class.

The subsidy from the Japanese government will cover the actual airfare up to the Standard Airfare Limits (the AOTS's Standard Airfare limits is shown in Table 2).

Please refer to "Guidelines for Purchase of Air Tickets by the Participant" for the arrangement and the method of reimbursement for details.

A participant is not allowed to overstay at city(ies) of a third country between participant home country and Japan by any reasons other than flight convenience. In such case, AOTS might not reimburse the International Travel Expenses to the participant.

Accommodation and Meal Allowance

AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation to the value of ¥8,700 per day with meals (lunch, dinner and breakfast), while the participant stays at the AOTS Kanshu Center.
For the arrival day, AOTS will provide a participant with accommodation to the value of ¥7,900 per day with dinner and breakfast at the AOTS Kanshu Center.

Personal Allowance

AOTS will pay ¥1,200 per day in cash to a participant.

(2) Course Implementation Costs

Course Implementation Costs, which is the cost to carry out a 3-week AOTS Management Training Program, is ¥370,000.

(3) Domestic Travel Allowance

AOTS will pay ¥1,720 in cash to a participant for the cost of travel between Kansai Airport and AOTS Kansai Kanshu Center (KKC).

2. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)

The Participation Fee, which consists of Contribution to Allowance Costs, Contribution to Course Implementation Costs and Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs, is the amount participants should bear.

Each participant will be requested to pay the Participation Fee to AOTS in cash after his/her arrival in Japan.

- (1) The Contribution to Allowance Costs for the participants from Least Developed Countries (LDC) is 25% of the Allowance Costs. The Contribution to Allowance Costs is not set up for the participants from Least among Less Developed Countries (LLDC).
- (2) The Contribution to Course Implementation Costs is ¥134,000 for a 2-week AOTS Management Training Program.
- (3) The Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs is ¥1,800 per day for the participants from LDC, and ¥1,000 per day for the participants from LLDC, and covers administrative expenses.

3. The Amount to be paid in cash to participants by AOTS

The subsidy for international travel expenses (when they are claimable for subsidy), Personal Allowance (1,200 x staying days) and Domestic Travel Allowance will be paid in cash as per Table 1 by AOTS to each participant after his/her arrival in Japan.

[Table 1-1] Estimate of the Participation Fee for LDC

Country: Thailand

International Travel Expenses: Bangkok/Thailand - Kansai/Japan, Roundtrip

Management Training Course: 2-week Course

1. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)

(Japanese Yen)

The amount mentioned below will be paid in cash by participant to AOTS after his/her arrival in Japan.

		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) Contribution to Allowances Costs	[A] x 0.25	52,525	39,100
(2) Contribution to Course Implementation Costs (3-week)		164,000	164,000
(3) Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs	@ 1,800 x 15 days =	27,000	27,000
Total		243,525	230,100

2. Training Costs

(1) Allowance Costs

		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy	
International Travel Expenses		53,700	0	*[1] (paid)
Accommodation and Meal Allowances	@ 7,900 x 1 day =	7,900	7,900	(paid)
at the AOTS Kenshu Center	(Arrival Day)			
	@ 8,700 x 15 days =	130,500	130,500	(paid)
Personal Allowance	@ 1,200 x 15 days =	18,000	18,000	*[2] (paid)
Sub Total		210,100	156,400	[A]
(2) Course Implementation Costs (2-week course)		370,000	370,000	
(3) Domestic Travel Allowance (Kansai Airport - KKC)		1,720	1,720	*[3] (paid)
Total		581,820	528,120	

*[1] The maximum amount of airfare claimable for subsidy to the air ticket's purchase. Air ticket will be purchased by participant. AOTS will subsidize the amount in accordance with rules & regulations.

3. The amount to be paid in cash to participant by AOTS

The amount mentioned below will be paid in cash by AOTS to participant after his/her arrival in Japan.

		With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
1) Allowances			
(1) International Travel Expenses subsidy (provided if an air ticket and its receipt satisfy required conditions; not provided if unsatisfying conditions or for a free ticket)	*[1]	53,700	0
(2) Personal Allowance	*[2]	18,000	18,000
	[SUM1]	71,700	18,000
2) Expenses during training course & Transportation			
(1) Domestic Travel Allowance in Japan	*[3]	1,720	1,720
(Expenses for a part of transportation fee between Int'l Airport in Japan and AOTS Kenshu Center)			
	[SUM2]	1,720	1,720
Total	=[SUM1]+[SUM2]	73,420	19,720

[Table 1-2] Estimate of the Participation Fee for LLDC**Country: Bangladesh****International Travel Expenses: Bangladesh - Kansai/Japan, Roundtrip****Management Training Course: 2-week Course****1. Participation Fee (Contributions from Participant)**

(Japanese Yen)

The amount mentioned below will be paid in cash by participant to AOTS after his/her arrival in Japan.

	With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
(1) Contribution to Allowances Costs [A] x 0	0	0
(2) Contribution to Course Implementation Costs (3-week)	164,000	164,000
(3) Contribution to AOTS's Administration Costs @ 1,000 x 15 days =	15,000	15,000
Total	179,000	179,000

2. Training Costs**(1) Allowance Costs**

	With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy	
International Travel Expenses	93,200	0	*[1] (paid in cash)
Accommodation and Meal Allowances @ 7,900 x 1 day = at the AOTS Kenshu Center (Arrival Day)	7,900	7,900	(paid in kind)
@ 8,700 x 15 days =	130,500	130,500	(paid in kind)
Personal Allowance @ 1,200 x 15 days =	18,000	18,000	*[2] (paid in cash)
Sub Total	249,600	156,400	[A]
(2) Course Implementation Costs (2-week course)	300,000	300,000	
(3) Domestic Travel Allowance (Kansai Airport - KKC)	1,720	1,720	*[3] (paid in cash)
Total	551,320	458,120	

*[1] The maximum amount of airfare claimable for subsidy to the air ticket's purchase. Air ticket will be purchased by participant. AOTS will subsidize the amount in accordance with rules & regulations.

3. The amount to be paid in cash to participant by AOTS

The amount mentioned below will be paid in cash by AOTS to participant after his/her arrival in Japan.

	With International Travel Expenses subsidy	Without International Travel Expenses subsidy
1) Allowances		
(1) International Travel Expenses subsidy (provided if an air ticket and its receipt satisfy required conditions; not provided if unsatisfying conditions or for a free ticket) *[1]	93,200	0
(2) Personal Allowance *[2]	18,000	18,000
[SUM1]	111,200	18,000
2) Expenses during training course & Transportation		
(1) Domestic Travel Allowance in Japan *[3] (Expenses for a part of transportation fee between Int'l Airport in Japan and AOTS Kenshu Center)	1,720	1,720
[SUM2]	1,720	1,720
Total =[SUM1]+[SUM2]	112,920	19,720

Table 2 Standard Airfare Limits (FY 2006)

* Mark indicates the LLDC countries and region.

A: Total training days are 30 days or less. B: Total training days are 31 days or more. Unit: Japanese Yen

Area	Country	Place of Departure	Place of Arrival	A	B	Area	Country	Place of Departure	A	B	
Southeast Asia	Indonesia		□	78,400	98,000	Central and South America	Argentina		168,700	295,300	
	* Cambodia			82,500	102,800		Uruguay		164,000	307,100	
	Singapore			48,900	90,800		Ecuador		167,800	314,400	
	Thailand	Bangkok			53,700		76,200	El Salvador		146,600	274,600
		Chiang Mai			56,900		80,700	Guatemala		146,600	274,600
	Philippines	Cebu	Narita		59,000		72,600	Costa Rica		157,700	301,100
			Kansai		56,900		70,000	Colombia		155,600	410,200
			Chubu		58,100		81,700	Jamaica		196,600	368,200
		Manila	Narita		55,600		68,500	Chile		172,300	360,300
			Kansai		52,600		74,100	Dominican Republic		220,200	412,400
			Chubu		54,800		77,000	Trinidad and Tobago		218,900	410,000
	Viet Nam		□	86,500	99,500		Nicaragua		160,000	282,600	
	Malaysia	KuaraLumpur			73,800		92,000	* Haiti		217,400	407,100
		Kota Kinabalu			59,200		81,000	Panama		172,000	272,400
* Myanmar			93,800	108,200	Paraguay		154,600	289,600			
* Laos		□ □	69,100	86,100	Barbados		248,700	465,900			
Northeast Asia	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	Narita	109,000	159,600	Brazil		137,600	220,100		
			Kansai	97,700	143,000	Venezuela		178,900	357,900		
Middle Asia	*Afghanistan			185,700	201,400	Peru		159,000	212,000		
	Kazakhstan			191,900	208,200	Bolivia		163,700	306,500		
	Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Narita	166,800	180,900	Honduras		146,600	274,600		
Kansai			154,700	160,500	Mexico	Guadalajara	188,400	314,100			
South Asia	India	Calcutta		89,900		113,900	MexicoCity	170,700	263,900		
		Cochin		108,500		137,500	Monterrey	172,700	267,000		
		Chennai		93,700	118,700	Algeria		222,900	539,500		
		Thiruvananthapuram		108,000	148,800	* Uganda		91,200	220,800		
		Delhi		96,800	120,500	Egypt		66,400	132,800		
		Hyderabad		108,000	136,800	* Ethiopia		95,100	230,100		
		Bangalore		102,700	130,100	Ghana		193,500	468,200		
	Mumbai		102,100	132,700	Cameroon		195,800	474,000			
	Sri Lanka			65,800	106,100	Kenya		85,300	206,500		
	* Nepal			97,700	142,300	* Zambia		242,900	587,900		
Pakistan			91,800	127,500	Zimbabwe		132,500	254,500			
* Bangladesh			93,200	127,400	* Sudan		104,400	252,800			
* Maldives			147,700	215,000	Seychelles		106,800	258,500			
* Bhutan			110,300	160,600	* Senegal		221,200	535,400			
Oceania	Fiji			88,100	219,100	* Tanzania		89,600	216,800		
	Papua New Guinea			128,700	320,000	Tunisia		170,900	413,800		
	* Samoa			69,800	173,500	Nigeria		112,400	272,200		
	* Vanuatu			104,800	242,500	* Madagascar		104,800	253,800		
Europe	Ukraine			96,500	205,100	* Mozambique		107,500	260,100		
	Slovak Republic			124,600	264,800	Mauritius		60,200	145,800		
	Czech Republic			129,000	286,100	* Mauritania		138,400	335,000		
	Turkey			92,300	134,600	Morocco		252,100	610,000		
	Hungary			86,200	129,300	South Africa		151,100	272,100		
	Bulgaria			123,000	261,500	Iran		92,600	121,600		
	Poland			116,800	248,200	Oman		135,300	187,700		
	Macedonia (Former Yugoslav Rep. of)			123,000	261,500	Saudi Arabia		133,600	204,200		
	Romania			123,000	184,600	Jordan		157,200	218,000		
						Syria		142,800	198,000		
					Bahrain		168,300	233,300			
					Lebanon		191,300	265,200			

Guidelines for Purchase of Air Tickets by the Participant

1. Arrival and Departure Dates:

Arriving in Japan on the day before the commencement of the program and departing on the day after the closing day of the program or the nearest days to be allowed by the flight schedule within two days before and/or after the program.

2. Method of Reimbursement:

During the training program in Japan, participants should present to AOTS their air tickets and submit official receipts of air ticket purchase for reimbursement. The sum of the following items (1) and (2) will be subsidized. In principle, an economy class air ticket purchased for a round-trip on the standard route according to the criteria of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) is defined as the standard airfare to be covered.

- (1) Actual round-trip airfare within the Standard Airfare Limits (the limits of AOTS's standard round-trip airfare amount) specified for the respective area (country).
- (2) The departure tax, airport tax and other taxes indispensable to the usual flight route defined by IATA subject to the submission of evidence.

[NOTE] A participant is not allowed to overstay at city(ies) of a third country between participant's home country and Japan by any reasons other than flight convenience. In such case, AOTS might not reimburse the International Travel Expenses to the participant.

3. Official Receipts:

AOTS will confirm the air ticket and official receipt and calculate the actual yen value of the air ticket with the exchange rate on the date of the ticket's issue.

- (1) AOTS can only accept the official receipts duly issued by the issuer in which a breakdown of the total airfare is explicitly described, such as airfare, tax (the departure tax, airport tax and other taxes indispensable to the usual flight route defined by IATA) and commission. It should also contain the name of the issuer's representative, address, telephone number and facsimile number.
- (2) Neither Invoice nor Calculation Sheet will be accepted as the receipt. However, an Invoice/Calculation Sheet using the letter-head of the air ticket issuer stating the word "Received" or "Paid" and including the signature of the air ticket issuer may be accepted.

***If any participant fails to submit the official receipt duly issued by the relevant airline company or travel agent, the participant will not receive any subsidy towards his/her airfare and will be required to pay the full amount of the Participation Fee in cash to AOTS.**

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Pre-training Report

- The Practical Improvement Program for Factories-
[PIPF]

Please fill in the following items by using a personal computer or similar equipment, or by handwriting in block letters. AOTS will duplicate and distribute it to lecturers and other participants as a reference material for the group discussion and the presentations to be held during the program.

Your name				
Country				
Organizational profile	Name			
	Products			
	Size of business	Number of employees		
		Production volume		
		Sales turnover		
		No. of business establishments, factories, etc.		
	Position in the market			
	Your position (preferably by attaching an organizational chart indicating your position)			
Production process of major product(s)				

Major problems perceived with respect to production activities	Problems directly related to the production process
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	<p>Choose three items from the following problems, and number them from 1 to 3.</p> <p>1 → Most critical problem/the first priority 2 → The second most critical problem/the second priority 3 → The third most critical problem/the third priority</p> <p>() Frequent occurrence of defects □□□ () Increased work-in-process (WIPs) () Increased inventory () Material shortage/excess () Delivery delays () Unattained cost reduction () Unattained energy saving () Poor production efficiency () Other □□□□□□□□□□□□□□□□</p>
	<p>Problems related to the overall organization, other than the ones listed above.</p> <p>Please specify your problems.</p> <p>□ e.g. □</p> <p>() Workers' lack of interest in production () Lack of teamwork () Lack of communication between engineers and managers () Prevailing tardiness and absence without notice</p>
<p>Describe your expectations and purpose in participating in the program in relation to the above listed problems.</p>	