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This book is characterized by the following features.

- 1. Comprehensiveness
 - Empirical studies on the effectiveness of Kaizen implementation in industrializing countries
 - Targeted <u>countries</u> differ in economic growth stage, like Malaysia, Indonesia and Myanmar in Asia.
 - The researches introduced in this book cover industrializing countries in different <u>regions</u> including Asia, Latin America and Africa.
 - Targeted <u>businesses</u> cover both big businesses and SMEs in industrializing countries.

2. Reader-friendly

- Easy-to -understand English
- Overview of the book and conclusion in each chapter is included.
- Brief introduction of research method like interview, questionnaire and so on
- Each author's argument is supported by data obtained in the researched and illustrated by a number of graphs and charts

3. Challenging notion and schemes are introduced.

- Government-led Kaizen model in Malaysia and Private sector-led model in Indonesia
- Diffusion of Kaizen approaches from multinational enterprises to local suppliers in Mexico
- Employability enhancement of young workforces through Kaizen in South Africa

Effectiveness of Kaizen

Indonesia : Private sector-led Indonesian

JICA 2017 survey in Indonesia to 262 companies

Kaizen Engagement Index (KEI) =

 Kaizen/5S implementation: How far a company implements Kaizen/5S by themselves.

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2. Access to information/service/support for Kaizen/5S via its customers.

4.Further study on this subject I hope should be explored by researchers

- Identification of inhibiting factors to Kaizen dissemination like work culture and HRM practices in each country
- Kaizen practices not only in factories, but also in sales, administration and research divisions should be targeted.
- Kaizen approaches in digitalized business culture
- Researches conducted by non-JICA related organization to eliminate biases

5.Implications to training providers such as BDS (business development services) providers

- This book suggests that outcome of training course sponsored by JICA and implemented by Central Japan Industries Association (ChuSanRen) may be validated by the research method introduced in the book
- The research conclusions may explain benefits of Kaizen training sponsored by JICA to Japanese taxpayers.

Output and Outcome of BDS training course



Kaizen:

Removing root cause to prevent its reoccurrence of the problem to achieve higher quality and productivity

