XI International GEMBAKAIZEN® Congress in Poland

This year’s GEMBAKAIZEN Congress took place on October 21-22 in Wroclaw. It was our 11th Congress. Over the last 11 years 141 lectures were held, over 350 companies participated with more than 1’790 participants, 64 Benchmark Tours were offered, and 8 books about KAIZEN® were published in Polish. We are very proud of the success of the GEMBAKAIZEN Congress.

The main topic of the Congress was “KAIZEN Culture vs KAIZEN Toolbox”. 200 participants joined the Congress. Masaaki Imai opened the Congress, followed by 6 speakers such as Tommy Bengtsson (VOLVO), Agata Zywiolek and Agata Zabielska (Mondelez), Michal Furgol and Agnieszka Bednarska (US Pharmacia), Carlo Ratto (Kaizen Institute Italy) and Jon Miller (Kaizen Institute Consulting Group). Also additional workshops of different KAIZEN themes were offered (case studies and best practices from GATES Poland, EQ System, Kaizen Institute Consulting Group and Kaizen Institute Italy).

A Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony completed the first successful Congress day. The main TOP KAIZEN POLAND 2014 award was presented to FIAT Auto Poland. Other companies that were also awarded for their successful implementation of kaizen methodologies were: Anpharm, Mondelez, LEONI, VOLVO, DANONE and Whirlpool.

During the Benchmark Tours on the second day the following companies that have been implement-ed kaizen tools were visited: PHILIPS Lighting, Mondelez, GATES, DANONE, VOLVO, US Pharmacia, Whirlpool and TAKATA Parts. Masaaki Imai had meetings with the top management of two of our partner companies: Capgemini Poland and DB Schenker.

The event was held under the honourable patronage of the Lower Silesia Governor and the Mayor of the Wroclaw City.

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