## <u>Japanese-style Management</u>

The key to the success of management in Japan is the constant improvement of production and control processes. This is the whole philosophical system called "kaizen", which can be best translated as "continuous improvement". Students of Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnic University had a unique opportunity to get to know the "kaizen" system itself and the peculiarities of its implementation on the production floor. On the 18th of March Professor Yo Koji, representative of the Japanese Center in St. Petersburg, consulting adviser, collaborating with leading auto concerns, gave a seminar.



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A separate section of the seminar, held in the frame of open lectures with guest experts invited to the Institute of Industrial Economics and Management, was dedicated to the motivation system within the "kaizen" practice. The professor emphasized, along with the production system in the company it is important to build a material and human resources systems which would function in harmony and increase company's effectiveness. Yo Koji also talked about the differences between motivation systems in Russia and Japan.

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