

Kaizen implementation has increased export income in leather sector

Ethiopian kaizen Institute has indicated that implementation of kaizen philosophy in manufacturing sector especially in leather sector has played a great role in increasing export income.



Ato Getahun Tadesse, Director General of Ethiopian Kaizen Institute, raised this issue while the middle and lower managerial groups from LIDI discussing the performance of 2006 budget year in leather sector. In this discussion, those factories that have a good record in implementing Kaizen in their tannery and shoe factories, such as Awash

tannery and Peacock shoe factory have presented their achievement since the implementation of Kaizen.



The managers of these two companies have said that after they have implemented Kaizen, a fundamental change has been observed in increasing productivity, in minimizing cost, in reducing waste and in improving quality of production.

The 2006 E.C Kaizen cup winner, Peacock shoe factory deputy manager, Ato Dawit Rubsa disclosed that, since the implementation of Kaizen in his company, there is a great change in producing high quality shoe, in minimizing cost, and lastly in increasing productivity in the company. And this in its turn has assisted the company to increase its monthly export. This,

company began exporting its products to six European and Asian countries other the first recipient countries before the implementation of Kaizen.

Ato Yeshiwas Tadesse clarified in his presentation beginning on October 2006 E.C the company has saved birr 2 million from waste, and in improving quality of production.

The manager and deputy manager of Awash Tannery and Peacock Shoe Company responded to the question raised by the participants saying that ***“dose Kaizen brought any behavioral change on your workers?”*** *yes, it has brought attitudinal change to our workers and we are observing this change. The workers began to own not only the work but also the remedy to the problems they phase in their working environment and this is the result of implementing Kaizen.*

Ato Wendu Legesse, Director General, Leather Industry Development Institute, on his part said, LIDI has done a lot in implementing Kaizen. But our institute has to be a model institute for those shoe factories and tanneries in establishing kaizen as a change tool.



In June 2007 E.C LIDI expected to be graduated in implementing the first phase of kaizen. And LIDI must strengthen the already implemented Kaizen right after June 2007 said,

Ethiopian Kaizen Institute Director General.