Lean Manufacturing aka “The Toyota Way” is a Japanese invention and enriches our vocabulary.

**Genba**
Actual Place

Best known in the phrase “Gemba Walk”, which means to **go where the work is done** and observe. This is not just a management activity.

**Genchi Genbutsu**
Actual Place, Actual Thing

Often translated as “**go and see**”. It means to gather facts and consensus for goal achievement at best speed (not necessarily the fastest).

**Kaizen**
Incremental Change

Kanban strives for this kind of small, continuous improvement.

**Kaikaku**
Radical Change

Introducing Scrum is one example for a sudden, disruptive improvement initiative.

**Hansei**
Self Reflection

Contains 2 parts: Recognizing the mistake yourself & pledge improvement

**Muda**
Wasteful Activity

**Mura**
Imbalance

**Muri**
Overburden

**Poka Yoke**
Mistakeproof

Japanese variant of KISS

**Japanese Terms in Lean**

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