



Ritsuo Shingo

Former President, Toyota China and Hino Motors China

Mr. Ritsuo Shingo is the son of Japanese industrial engineer Shigeo Shingo. The Prize is named after Shigeo Shingo, who distinguished himself as one of the world's leading experts in improving manufacturing processes. Dr. Shingo has been described as an "engineering genius" who helped create and write about many aspects of the revolutionary manufacturing practices which comprise the renowned Toyota Production System.

Mr. Ritsuo Shingo has followed in his father's footsteps, and has been very successful in the automotive industry. Mr. Shingo started his career with Toyota Motor Company in 1970, after earning a law degree from Waseda University. He worked in Toyota's legal, public relations, and purchasing departments for 13 years before transferring to its purchasing department in Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Shingo spent two years at Toyota Motor Kentucky and then returned to the purchasing department in Japan. For three years, he worked for Toyota Motor UK and then returned to China, eventually becoming president of Toyota China in 1998.

After 34 years with Toyota, Mr. Shingo joined Hino Motors China in 2004, and was appointed president and board member in 2007. Mr. Shingo recently retired as president from Hino Motors China in March 2009, but continues to serve as executive officer.

Affiliations:

Inducted into the Shingo Academy:
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