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TOTAL CONSTRUCTIVE MAINTENANCE (TCM): BEYOND LEGISLATIVE CONTROL FOR EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY

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CHAPTER 1

CASE STUDY OF ACCIDENT

Overview of Accidents arising out of Equipment
& Machinery



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1. CASE STUDY OF ACCIDENT

Sharing of accident cases related to equipment & machinery

- ❖ The falling of the **tower crane** at the Kwai Chung construction site on 7 July 2005 that killed the operator.



Sharing of accident cases related to equipment & machinery

- ❖ The detachment of the **truck wheel** at the Eastern Corridor on the Hong Kong Island on 6 July 2005 that killed the unprotected victim in the park in the vicinity.



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- ❖ If the **material hoist** had been properly maintained, the deceased worker might have been prevented from falling from the landing platform down the hoistway to the ground.



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- ❖ If the **site environment** had been properly maintained before and after the typhoon, the deceased worker might have been prevented from being struck by an object falling from the height.



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- ❖ If the **pressurized piping system** had been properly maintained, the deceased worker might have been prevented from being struck by the metal pipe swinging under pressure.



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- ❖ If the **metal scaffold** had been properly maintained, the deceased cleaning worker might have been prevented from falling with the collapsed scaffold.



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- ❖ If the **lighting system** and **bamboo scaffolding system** had been properly maintained, the deceased worker might have been prevented from plunging to death from 13/F of a building under construction in an evening.



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- ❖ If the **forklift truck** had been properly maintained, the deceased operator might have been prevented from being hit by the detachable counterweight.



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- ❖ If the **falsework** had been properly maintained, the deceased worker might have been prevented from being crushed to death by collapsed structures during concreting work.



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- ❖ If the **switch panel** had been properly maintained, the two deceased electricians might have been prevented from the fatal injuries due to flashover.



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- ❖ If the **fluorescent light panel** had been properly maintained, the deceased worker might have been prevented from being electrocuted during fire services maintenance.

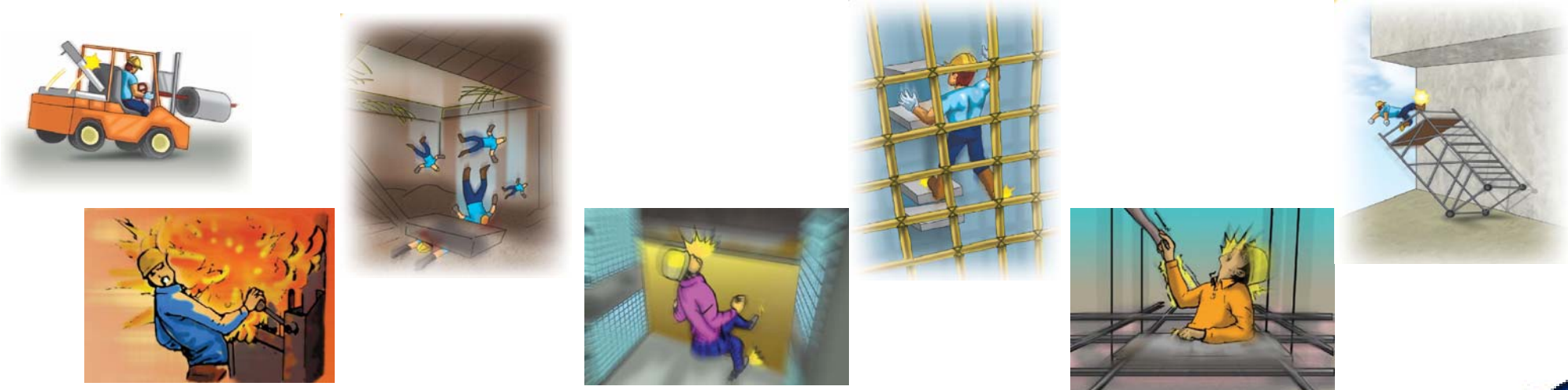


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What lesson can we learn from the cases ?

Failure of critical components of equipment and machinery can cause large consequential accidents and risk for the personnel at the workplace !!!



Sharing of accident cases related to equipment & machinery

- ❖ Judging from the above occupational fatalities, it is easy to conclude that **preventive maintenance** is an effective way to avoid occurrence of industrial accidents.
- ❖ The implementation of this programme is valuable to:
 - a) address **dangerous** conditions and behaviour,
 - b) eliminate any minor and critical **defects** of equipment and machinery,
 - c) change the **wrong perception** of operations.
- ❖ It is certain that the **persevering efforts** made in upholding the programme will prove to be useful in avoiding accidents and will not be in vain.



CHAPTER 2

PHILOSOPHY OF TPM

Useful approach to maintain equipment and machinery on site



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2. PHILOSOPHY OF TPM

Basic concept

- ❖ TPM is both a philosophy and a collection of practices and technique which is widely adopted in the Japanese industry.
- ❖ TPM is built on the **preventive maintenance approach** which involves performing routine inspections and servicing and keeping facilities in good repair.
- ❖ It is helpful to:
 - a) optimize the reliability and effectiveness,
 - b) maintain the integrity,
 - c) eliminate the accidents, defects, breakdowns and the associated losses.



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Basic concept

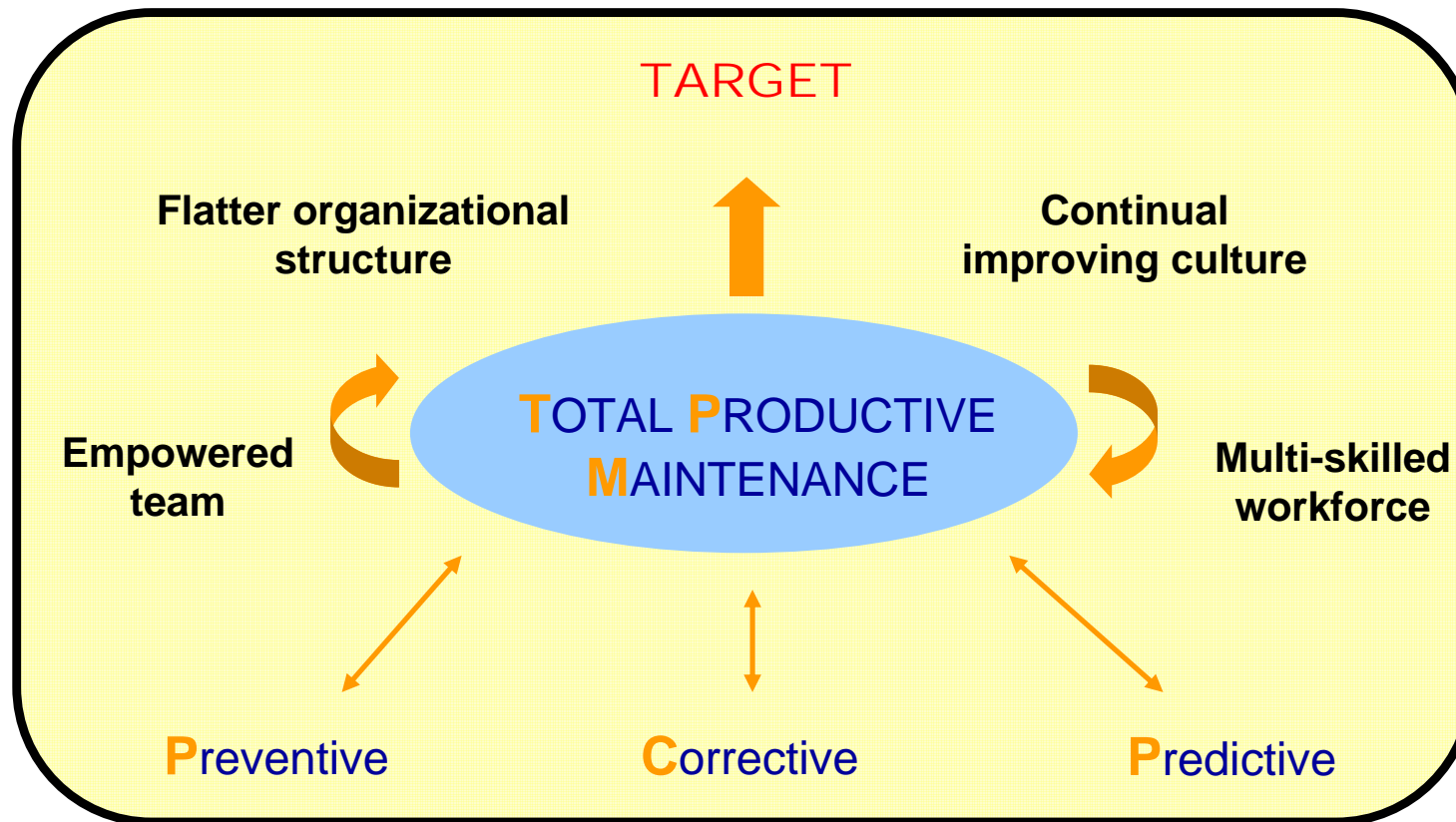


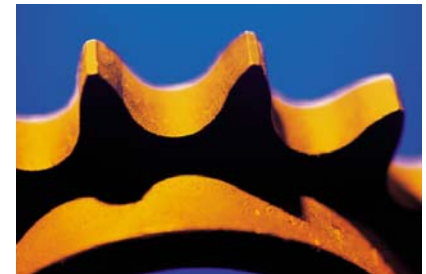
Fig. 1 Conceptual view of total productive maintenance



2. PHILOSOPHY OF TPM

Advantages of TPM

- ❖ TPM uses the **combined skills** to restore deteriorating equipment, maintain basic equipment and operating standards, improve design weaknesses and prevent human errors.
- ❖ Many **potential failures** and **minor defects** are completely identified and eliminated and this results in the elimination of accidents arising out of the minor defects.
- ❖ Full **involvement** of all levels and functions of employees may enhance the maintenance standard and advance the equipment performance.



2. PHILOSOPHY OF TPM

Advantages of TPM

- ❖ The operators will now have a greater **responsibility** and **authority** for maintaining the equipment and a responsible attitude to report the condition and availability of the equipment
- ❖ The **culture** of continuous machinery improvement is developed and all employees can acquire new knowledge and skills regarding equipment care for achieving optimal equipment condition and human performance.



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Advantages of TPM

- ❖ This will end up with the improvement of productivity and the **unproductive costs** arising out of accidents will be eliminated as a return investment for equipment or technological upgrading and good practice development.

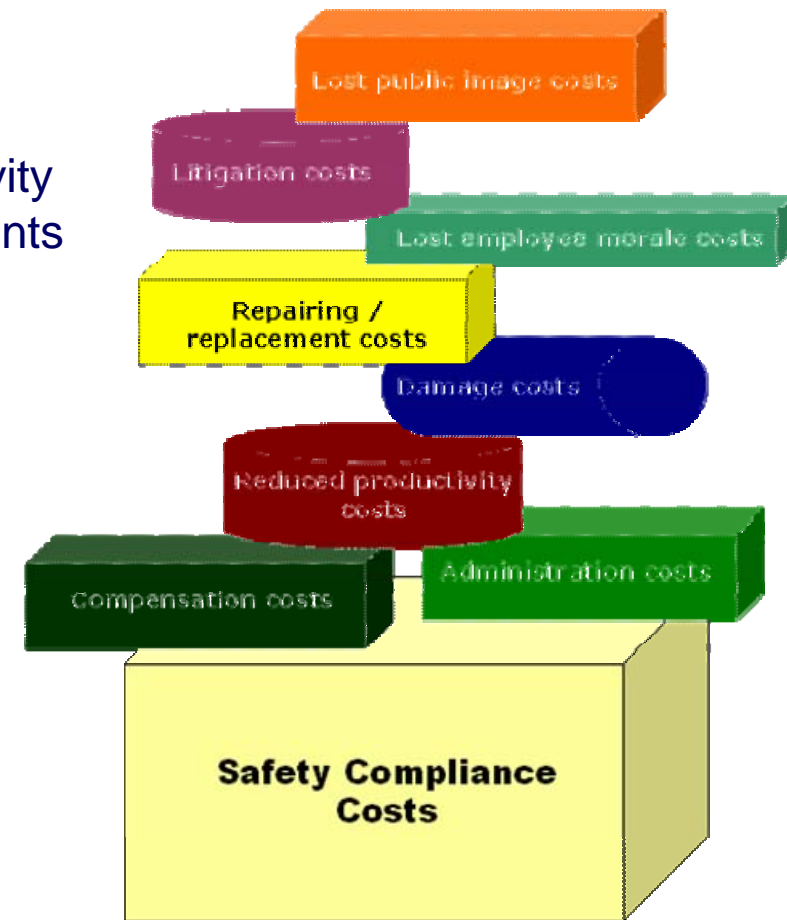


Fig. 2

Full safety costs borne by participants in the industry



CHAPTER 3

ACHIEVEMENT OF TPM

Features for improving safety standards

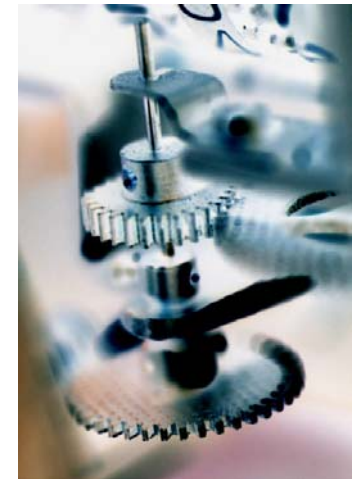


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Identification & investigation of minor faults

- ❖ Any **minor faults** are identified and eliminated while the deterioration is prevented from the equipment and machinery in the construction site.
- ❖ Causes of the faults are investigated systematically and this is crucial for further equipment **upgrading** and **improvement**.



3. ACHIEVEMENT OF TPM

Tidiness & cleanliness of machinery & equipment

- ❖ Clean, tidy and neat **work environment** is maintained which is in line with the popular 5S housekeeping programme for the construction sites.
- ❖ All equipment and machinery are maintained in a **good condition** and the components and protective guards provided are equipped and maintained properly.



3. ACHIEVEMENT OF TPM

New knowledge & skills for equipment care

- ❖ All staff members can acquire **new knowledge** and **skills** regarding equipment care in order to achieve optimal and safe equipment conditions.
- ❖ It is valuable for the promotion of the **safe working cycle** which works at the same pace of the TPM programme.



3. ACHIEVEMENT OF TPM

Monitoring & improving of effectiveness & performance

- ❖ Personnel at all levels and functions such as operators, technicians, supervisors, etc are involved as **daily job routine** to provide support to the maintenance activities and the work methods will be optimized and continuously improving with new safety features.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Future</u>
Failure Prevention Design Improvement Rebuilding	Very Little Done	Engineers / Technicians
Major Repairs Troubleshooting Minor Repairs Minor Adjustments Lubricating Inspecting Tightening Cleaning	Engineers / Technicians	Operators
Operating	Operators	

Fig. 3

*Elevation of human skills
through the TPM*



Self-governing & shared management

- ❖ A new style of management focusing on participation and continuous improvement is cultivated and is useful for developing a **self-regulating attitude**.
- ❖ A **shared ownership** within the workplace is built on a self-governing and independent basis. .



Monitoring & improving of effectiveness & performance

- ❖ Effective **two-way communication** channels are built for all levels and functions of staff members to enhance the cooperation and reduce the confrontation.
- ❖ A **favourable environment** will be developed for continuously improving the safety standards, product quality and work performance.



CHAPTER 4

GETTING LEAN BY TCM

The use of total constructive maintenance for future lean construction



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4. GETTING LEAN BY TCM

Developing Total Constructive Maintenance (TCM) culture

- ❖ In line with the spirit of the self-governing regulations of the F&IU (Safety Management) Regulation, TPM philosophy can further be developed into TCM.
- ❖ Staff members at all levels will now spend less time on simple and unskilled tasks but spend more time on **preventing breakdowns** of every construction process.
- ❖ Cooperative effort creates **job enrichment** and **pride** and this will help maintain a closer working relationship and higher morale and eventually promote partnering.



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Developing Total Constructive Maintenance (TCM) culture

- ❖ Costs involved in **unscheduled breakdowns** of construction processes not only be extremely high but trigger potential unsafe work environment for production.
- ❖ TCM emphasizes **life-cycle costing** because the reliability and maintainability will also be considered systematically over the life cycle.
- ❖ TCM culture strives for improving the effectiveness of both operations and maintenance and ultimately, extends to the **entire supply chain network** of the industry.



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Preparation for lean construction

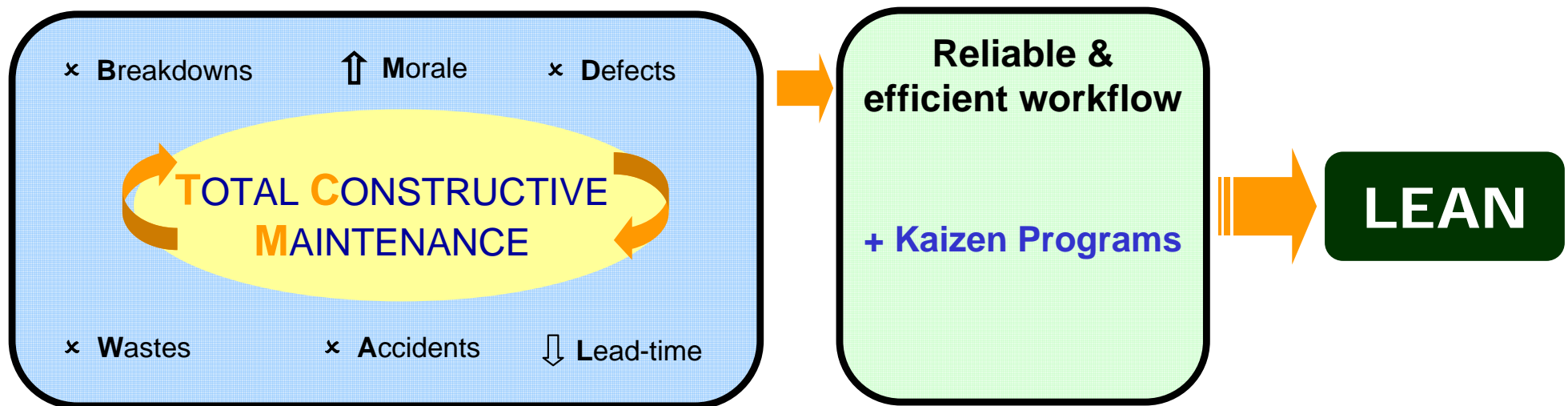
- ❖ The lean construction concept is influential in optimizing the performance of construction activities and identifying and eliminating **unwanted wastes or frictions** in every process.
- ❖ TCM process can greatly reduce **unwanted breakdowns** and **changeover time** of work processes in order to achieve a dual goal of zero breakdowns as well as zero defects.
- ❖ Efficient, clean and tidy work environment is maintained with **good team spirit** and **morale** conducive to a favourable environment for lean production.



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Preparation for lean construction

- ❖ Under the off-site manufacturing of in-process products, it becomes easier to apply lean production techniques as well as different **kaizen improvement programmes**.
- ❖ Difficulty obstructing lean construction is the degree of **commitment**.



CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION



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Preparation for lean construction

- ❖ Legislation can hardly create a **self-governing culture** within enterprises.
- ❖ TPM has many advantages to **reduce accidents** related to machinery and equipment.
- ❖ TCM can further be developed to achieve ultimate goal of **zero accident** and seek for **continual improvement** of construction processes.
- ❖ TCM ends up with **reliable** and **efficient workflow** and create opportunities for lean construction.



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