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PRACTICE KAIZEN

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New Work Habits
for a Radically Changing World

Continuous improvement—the Japanese call it *kaizen*—offers some of the best insurance for both your career and the organization. *Kaizen* (pronounced ky'zen) is the relentless quest for a better way, for higher quality craftsmanship. Think of it as the daily pursuit of perfection.

Kaizen keeps you reaching, stretching to outdo yester-day. The continuous improvements may come bit by bit. But enough of these small, incremental gains will eventually add up to a valuable competitive advantage. Also, if every employee constantly keeps an eye out for improvements, major innovations are more likely to occur. The spirit of kaizen can trigger dramatic breakthroughs.

Without *kaizen*, you and your employer will gradually lose ground. Eventually, you'll both be "out of business," because the competition never stands still....

Nobody can afford to rest on a reputation anymore. Circumstances change too quickly. Competition gets tougher and more global all the time. What we consider "good" today is seen as "so-so" by tomorrow.

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