Isao Yoshino's "10 Principles" Credo

Isao Yoshino documented his leadership credo for his people when he was a manager in Toyota Motor Corporation's Human Resources Department in Nagoya, Japan. Yoshino has translated his original handwritten leadership credo, written on April 18, 1991, here for you.

- 1. Take a long-term perspective and have foresight.
- 2. Look at your own job from a company-wide view.
- 3. Always carry a questioning mind and sense of curiosity.
- 4. Try to see through the true nature of things.
- 5. Practice genchi-genbutsu-shugi (go to gemba).
- 6. Be conscientious (keep your promises, be punctual) and humble (take someone else's view).
- 7. Communicate (talk to subordinates at least once a day). Listen to them carefully.
- 8. Give constructive criticism (a clue to kaizen).
- 9. Try to find out your subordinates' strong points, give praise, and develop them.
- 10. Stay cheerful (particularly when you are in trouble).





