1. Goal
Discussions and information exchanges among researchers and engineers through observing the current application of measurement, control, and information technologies to real worlds and societies

2. Problem
SICE Kansai chapter had one-day technical visit twice a year before; however, the visit made it difficult to draw many participants because several societies in Kansai area plan the similar technical visits.

3. Strategy
To make a difference from other societies and to work out the various attractive plans, SICE Kansai chapter has been taking two-day technical visit since 2007.

4. Activity Plan
- **Schedule:** October 2 and 3, 2009
- **Theme:** Cutting edge of automation technologies supporting daily lives
- **Program**
  - **Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.,** Itano factory, Tokushima
    Visit to the manufacturing line of both medical supplies and food and to the latest automation facilities
  - **Shikoku Kakoki Co., Ltd.,** Anan factory, Tokushima
    Visit to the manufacturing line of tofu, soybean milk, and lactic drinks
  - **Shikoku Electric Power Co., Inc.,** Tachibana-wan Thermal Power Station, Tokushima
    Visit to the plant facilities
  - **Awa-odori Kaikan,** Tokushima
    To watch Awa odori dance and to learn its history

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**Theme of Past Technical Visit**
- Medical care and bio-mechatronics enhancing daily lives and health
- State-of-the-art technologies; airplane and nuclear power station
- Urban space in the next generation
- Challenge to disaster prevention and development of advanced industrial robots
- Symbiosis of human beings and nature
- Communication between human and machines
- Intelligent transport systems
- Energy supply in new era
- Future city: aero city and dome city
- Industrial technology towards the 21st century: amusement, kansei, and robotics

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