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## Privatization Process and Kaizen

From April 1, 2004, all 78 national universities of Japan are converted into private corporations independent from national control as the privatization process (or Min-eika).

This departure from national ownership means sever competition among themselves to survive. Only efficient and well-managed universities can survive because no government protection is guaranteed anymore. It's been widely disputed in Japan that Kaizen implementation is very poor in the three sections of Japanese society : universities, government offices and hospitals because they are overly protected. They did not care about their customers !! They are just snobbish, ego-centric and full of " red tapes". But over 10-15 years many national institutions such as Japan Post, Japan Railway Company were privatized and hospitals are using Kaizen to eliminate Muda. For example, Ohta City of Gumma Prefecture has decided to open libraries 7 days a week to give maximum service to its citizens. One of the last opponents was the national university.

In the United States jails are run by private companies. I don't think it good. It goes too far!!

## 1421-The Year China Discovered the World ----a Revolutionary Book

**90 years before Christopher Columbus discovered America, 100 years before Ferdinand Magellan found a narrow water passage called Strait of Magellan to the Pacific Ocean, a big Chinese ocean-going expedition team with more than 100 huge wood ships and 20,000 people on board explored and inhabited with native American Indians and Australian aborigines in North and South America, and Australia.**

**They even made a circumnavigation around Greenland and went through the Arctic Sea and came out to the Pacific Ocean through the Bering Strait. It's an amazing story.**

Unfortunately after the firing of the Forbidden Castle in Beijing, the expedition was suspended forever---- According to a book I read recently.

The book is "1421-Year China Discovered the World" by Gavin Menzies published by Bantam Press London. I strongly recommend you to read this book and you will change all your ideas about the world history. You can also get information through ([www.1421.tv](http://www.1421.tv)).