APO TOP MANAGEMENT FORUM



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Introduction

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The theme of today

Strategic alliance and capability learning in the global automobile industry.

The competition in the automobile industry exist on the surface and reverse side (behind-the scenes).

Global Reorganization

- Hypothesis of Global Oligopoly
 "Only 5-6 companies can survive."
 "Minimum volume is 4 million units"
- Purpose of reorganizaiton
 - 1. Maintaining scale merit, to pursue global market strategy
 - 2. Brand Strategy
 - 3. Cooperation for the development of technology in the environment & IT

Minimum Volume for a company

- 11 makers exist in Japan
- Par one platform : 250,000 units is enough
 - Stable by 4-5 platforms in one company
 Consequently, a company can survive max.
 2,000,000 units or less

Production capacity(scale) of auto maker is the result of pursuing Quality not by the purpose of Mass Production

Strategic alliance (cooperation)

More than 100 alliance and joint-ventures exist in the world automobile industry (2000)

Strong tie: M&A, major ownership

Gentle tie: J-V, minor ownership, OEM

Current trend

Alliance in the limited area

Overlapped tie-up network

The competition in Auto industry

Surface and reverse side

Surface: Price

Market share

etc



Reverse: Capability building competition

Productivity

Lead time for production

Lead time for development

Quality duration etc



Capability learning and the relationship

- To compete organizational capability
 of the production & development in-depth
- Global Alliance is to complement the capability building competition

Key for Success:

Learning Cycle

Human Relationship

Long Lasting Relationship

Motorshow in Hongkong 1987



FORD-MAZDA

- 1968 J-V JATCO
- 1979 FORD owned 25% of MAZDA stock
- 1993 Strategic Alliance
- 1996 FORD obtained 33.4% of MAZDA stock FORD sent CEO to MAZDA
- 1997 Synchronizing the product cycle and developing common platform of vehicles

Operational Capability Teaching

(What FORD learned from MAZDA 1970s-1990s)

- 1. Product development
- 2. Flexible manufacturing method
- 3. Knowledge about Asian markets
- Severe requirement on quality by Japanese consumer
- Shorter lead time for the production
- Knock-Down production & Export Packing
- Continuation of Business & Human Relationship

Strategic Capability Teaching

(What MAZDA learned from FORD in1990s)

- Strategy for management, product & brand
- 2. Marketing
- 3. Finance
- 4. Human Resource Management
- Restructuring of organization/sales network
- Participation to Japan import car market by the pricing
- Marketing/Operation by Objective

Result

MAZDA enjoy best result from the operation.

 FORD executives who stayed in MAZDA are promoted in the world operation of FORD in US and EU.

