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The failing strategies of Sony Routledge

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Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports John Wiley & Sons

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 16th International Conference on Product-Focused Software Process Improvement, PROFES 2015, held in Bolzano, Italy, in December 2015. The 18 revised full papers presented together with 10 short papers and 18 workshop papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 50 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on lessons learned from industry-research collaborations; instruments to improve the software development process; requirements, features, and release management; practices of modern development processes; human factors in modern software development; effort and size estimation validated by professionals; empirical generalization; software reliability and testing in industry; workshop on processes, methods and tools for engineering embedded systems; workshop on human factors in software development processes; and workshop on software startups: state of the art and state of the practice.

Market Entry Strategies IPGenix LLC

Seminar paper from the year 2013 in the subject Business economics - Operations Research, grade: A, University of Houston, language: English, abstract: It has become critical in the dynamic marketing environment for any company to understand the parameters which are key and that affect its market. This will help understand the trends in the market and shifting demands of the customers, technological changes and most important the ability to make a profitable timing and

secure a competitive advantage in the market. Creation and implementation of marketing strategies should ensure that they bring a positive impact to the success of the business in the market comparing the operational levels and chances of success to its competitors. Understanding the market trends remains a vital key in remaining a market leader and sustaining achieved competitive strategies. Sony, being a market leader failed to address these major issues in marketing hence resulting to the downfall experienced with the up-rise of the iPods. Failure to understand the opportunities presented at a particular time in the market results to creation and adoption of poor marketing strategies and giving an advantage to the competitors to position themselves well in the market as it has been the case of Apple in embracing iPods technology.

Made in Japan World Scientific

Seminar paper from the year 2002 in the subject Business economics - Business Management, Corporate Governance, grade: 1,0 (A), Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, course: Int. Management/Culture- and Social Studies, 7 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: "It's a Sony " - When looking around in your household you will probably see that this once used advertisement slogan in fact is true. No matter if television, radio, video recorder or Walkman - the name Sony is one of the most recognized brands on electronic entertainment devices. No surprise that the Sony corporation is one global player in electronic business. It is a leading manufacturer of audio, video, communications, and information technology for consumer and professional markets world-wide. The company, headquartered in Tokyo, in March 2002 employed 168,000 people all over the world. In 1946, when the two founders of Sony, the Japanese electrical engineers Masaru Ibuka and Akio Morita, decided to create their own company in Tokyo, they started with 20 employees. In the past there were a lot of companies who conjured their subsidiaries out of nothing, and this is where often they very soon returned to. In contrast, the Sony corporation gave an impression on what is possible with the proper strategy. This impressive story of global success was only possible through a unique vision that was influenced a lot by Japanese habits and culture, by the way of operating and doing things "the Japanese way". What is so special about the Japanese way? How did the Sony corporation and especially Akio Morita, who could undoubtedly be seen as the uncrowned head of the company, successfully manage to transfer it to subsidiaries world-wide? In my opinion, many aspects of the Sony strategy and philosophy could also be transferred to many Western companies today. To investigate all these aspects was the goal of this work.

The Routledge Companion to Innovation Management Psychology Press

Innovation contributes to corporate competitiveness, economic performance and environmental sustainability. In the Internet era, innovation intelligence is transferred across borders and languages at an unprecedented rate, yet the ability to benefit from it seems to become more divergent among different corporations and countries. How much an organization can benefit from innovation largely depends on how well innovation is managed in it. Thus, there is a discernible increase in interest in the study of innovation management. This handbook provides a comprehensive guide to this subject. The handbook introduces the basic framework of innovation and innovation management. It also presents innovation management from the perspectives of strategy, organization and resource, as well as institution and culture. The book's comprehensive coverage on all areas of innovation management makes this a very useful reference for anyone interested in the subject.

New Knowledge Creation Through ICT Dynamic Capability S. Chand Publishing

The book provides new theoretical concepts and knowledge to existing leadership theory. Through in-depth international case studies, it develops a new leadership theory of practitioners who promote strategic knowledge creation activities to achieve business innovation and new practical insights.

Japanese Management: Market Entry, Crisis And Corporate Growth DIANE Publishing

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) is a topical issue in many countries. What are the drivers for

the global spread of explicit CSR – practices that are demonstrated to the outside – even in countries where companies had addressed CSR implicitly? What catalyzes organizations to adopt CSR and how does their adoption influence other companies' likelihood to adopt CSR? This book approaches the recent world-wide adoption of CSR practices as part of the global spread of management concepts. The trend to adopt CSR is examined among Japanese companies, because they have rapidly adopted CSR practices in the last two decades. Existing empirical research on CSR in Japan that has focused mainly on anecdotal evidence on a small number of outstanding companies is extended by employing both qualitative and quantitative empirical research methods. Analyzing drivers for the adoption of CSR practices, organizational characteristics of adopting companies, and how increasing adoption influences the likelihood to adopt provides insights into how Japanese institutions and stakeholders facilitated rapid CSR adoption and the process of CSR diffusion.

Handbook of Media Management and Economics CRC Press

In recent years 'culture' has become a central concern in a wide range of fields and disciplines. This book introduces the main substantive and theoretical strands of this 'turn to culture' through the medium of a particular case study: that of the Sony Walkman. Using the example of the Walkman, the book indicates how and why cultural practices and institutions have come to play such a crucial part in our lives, and introduces some of the central ideas, concepts and methods of analysis involved in conducting cultural studies.

Sony Corporation Patent Landscape Analysis – January 1, 1994 to December 31, 2013 Oxford University Press

This handbook provides a synthesis of current work and research in media management and economics, and establishes an agenda for future activities. It will serve as a foundational resource for scholars and students in media management and economics.

Adoption of Corporate Social Responsibility by Japanese Companies Elsevier

The following analysis illustrates the underlying trends and relationships of U.S. issued patents of the subject company. The analysis employs two frequently used patent classification methods: US Patent Classification (UPC) and International Patent Classification (IPC). Aside from assisting patent examiners in determining the field of search for newly submitted patent applications, the two classification methods play a pivotal role in the characterization and analysis of technologies contained in collections of patent data. The analysis also includes the company's most prolific inventors, top cited patents as well as foreign filings by technology area.

Strategy Coursework - Sony Corporation McFarland

With today's communications industry experiencing major changes on an almost daily basis, media managers must have a clear understanding of the different delivery platforms, as well as a grasp of critical management, planning, and economic factors in order to stay current and move their organizations forward. Telecommunications Management helps current and future media professionals understand the relationship and convergence patterns between the broadcast, cable television, telephony, and Internet communication industries. Author Richard A. Gershon examines telecommunications industry structures and the management practices and business strategies affecting the delivery of information and entertainment services to consumers. He brings in specialists to present the finer points of management and planning responsibilities. Case studies from the International Radio and Television Society (IRTS) competition supplement the main text and offer an invaluable perspective on management issues. Developed for students in telecommunications management, electronic media management, and telecommunication economics, this volume also serves as a practical reference for the professional manager.

Sony - a Japanese Company Going Global GRIN Verlag

The progress of broadband ICT is having a big impact on individual lifestyles and corporate activities. For corporate strategy, broadband use goes beyond improving management efficiency to contributing to enhancing customer services and developing new markets. In addition, the

shape of corporate organizations and their behavior is changing along with recent changes in the business environment and development of broadband networks. It will become increasingly important for future business strategies to go beyond resources limited by business units within conventional corporate organizations to take positive initiatives with knowledge and competences outside the company as well as with the dynamic use of ICT, through such means as external strategic alliances, virtual corporations, mergers and acquisitions, and outsourcing. This book describes that the full utilization of ICT based on fixed and mobile wireless broadband communication platforms supports managerial speed and excellence, while making it possible to formulate new business models. Chapter 1 describes business process innovations and new e-business that activates the concepts and technology of video-based information networks (VIN) based on the leading broadband and wireless technologies of multimedia communication networks. Dynamic activities with VIN as a future network strategy support tool will enable business innovation through strengthening corporate competitiveness and enhancing customer services. Chapter 2 considers theoretical frameworks related to "ICT dynamic capability" for companies that have employed ICT. "ICT dynamic capability" comprises the three elements of context architecture, boundaries consolidation, and ICT application capabilities, and is discussed from the viewpoint of the new knowledge creation process. The interaction among actors' dynamic use of VIN tools and the community knowledge creating cycle simultaneously enhances knowledge effectiveness and creativity. Chapter 3 goes on to consider the decision-making process that introduced and activated VIN tools within the company, aimed at the acquisition of ICT dynamic capability, from the perspective of a strategy-making process. Chapter 4 demonstrates community management frameworks exploiting VIN in the company through in-depth case study. The top-down approach through the innovative leadership of community leaders who comprehensively manage the business community spread within and outside the company will enable the dynamic use of ICT by community members. In Chapter 5, looking at the creation of business linking industry and academia, the author considers cases of VIN development through a bottom-up approach involving members in the strategic community, and shows analysis from the viewpoint of ICT dynamic capability created from dynamic interaction of context and knowledge with customers who have crossed the organizational boundaries among industries. In Chapter 6, through emergent strategies for small and medium-sized companies, the book justifies new knowledge in-house after its creation from a trial-and-error process using a bottom-up approach, and the author looks at the feelings and behaviour of actors undertaking to improve in-house productivity and customer services as a strategy for the entire company. In Chapter 7, the author takes up a case study of Sony, and looks at an example of VIN tools adoption by means of Sony's deliberate strategy using a top-down approach. Moreover, learning from Sony's trial & error method, the author considers the process of a successful VIN adoption from a bottom-up approach through emergent strategies centered on worksite organization. In Chapter 8 the author considers successful case studies of VIN adoption by large companies. The author considers the processes that productively resolve internally generated friction and conflict and transform corporate culture through the use of both top-down and bottom-up approaches. Finally, in Chapter 9, the book provides new insights derived from the case studies and theoretical and managerial implications related to new knowledge creation by ICT dynamic capability. Bridging theory and practice and providing international scope, this book will be invaluable to academics and students with an interest in business, management, ICT, and to managers in high-tech industries.

Developing Holistic Leadership ScholarlyEditions

"Sony vs. Samsung is business history at its best! It explores the divergent fortunes of these two

electronics giants in the last decade and identifies the true reasons behind Sony's decline and Samsung's rise. Contrary to popular belief, Chang shows that success (or failure) does not simply arise from different strategies. Rather, it emerges from major decisions that are deeply rooted in the companies' organizational processes and their executives' political behavior. This book is a must-read for any senior executive." —Constantinos Markides, Robert P. Bauman Professor of Strategic Leadership and Chairman, Strategy Department, London Business School "Sea-Jin Chang has produced that rarity in a business book—one that is as valuable to practicing managers as it is insightful to academic researchers. In this fascinating comparison of two modern global giants, he applies his high resolution research microscope to their changing fortunes by dissecting their contrasting strategies, and providing interesting insights into their divergent organizational processes and management practices. This is a very valuable contribution to the international business literature. It will end up in as many corporate boardrooms as faculty seminars."

—Christopher A. Bartlett, Thomas D. Casserly Professor Emeritus, Harvard Business School "Sea-Jin Chang has written a fascinating comparison of Sony and Samsung that will be valuable to anyone interested in strategy, organizations or international business. The interwoven and very detailed case studies of two very different companies in overlapping industries illuminate problems such as adaptation to technological change (analog to digital), organizational flexibility and globalization. His attempt to analyze both strategic development and implementation is successful and very useful. Both academics and practitioners will learn a lot from this book." —Stephen J. Kobrin, William Wurster Professor of Multinational Management, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania "Refreshingly original and entertaining, this book analyzes major strategic decisions of Samsung and Sony and highlights organizational processes and top management leadership that have shaped their performances. This is a must-read for all executives who want to understand the strengths and weaknesses of Asian competitors. It also provides penetrating insights to other Asian companies with global ambitions." —Myoung Woo Lee, President and CEO, Iriver

Doing Cultural Studies SAGE Publications

Co-founded 40 years ago, by a young engineer named Akio Morita, Sony is now one of the most powerful and respected multinational corporations in the world, and Morita is its outspoken chairman. This autobiography charts the growth of the company, from the initial attempts to make a tape recorder to the sales of Walkman.

Out of the Lab and On the Market Elsevier

It has been decades since many business schools outside India adopted the case study methodology for teaching almost all branches of management studies. This trend has been seen in India, too, where top management institutes have implemented the case study-based methodology as an important pedagogical tool in business education. The major issue in India, however, is a severe shortage of Indian case studies through which business schools can provide industry insights to students. This volume fills that gap. It has twenty Indian cases related to different aspects of business management. The cases cover some of the prominent disciplines of management like marketing, finance, human resource management, strategy management, operations management, accounting, and mergers and acquisitions. These cases best serve the purpose of adoption of 'case methodology' in classroom teaching or online lecture sessions for the faculty and students of business management.

Science, Technology, and Energy Development in Japan and China John Wiley & Sons Tetsu Natsume of Sony Computer Science Labs (Sony CSL) has been pioneering technology promotion for a decade. As he seeks marketplace opportunities for ground-breaking research, he plays the role of a Technology Producer -- a role that will be increasingly important as

organizations seek optimally efficient and effective applications of basic research. Natsume's task has been greatly facilitated by his association with Sony CSL, a research lab founded by co-author Mario Tokoro. While CSL is owned by SONY, it nevertheless operates almost entirely independently. At CSL, a diverse, cosmopolitan group of talented researchers are free to explore any idea that might one day change the world. Natsume's task is to optimise that process by identifying the best path to the market for the new insights that pour out of CSL. Functioning somewhat like a movie producer, Natsume has blazed a trail for technology promoters the world over. He explains his techniques for overcoming challenges and embracing opportunities. His "10 core principles of technology promotion", which offer the reader an especially valuable framework for moving between the very different worlds of the lab and the marketplace, cover the importance of appropriate timing, speed, commitment and mindset, while being rigorously simple and boldly ambitious. This book is an eye-opening primer for anyone interested in realising and optimising the commercial value of basic research.

Retail Market Study 2016 IUDICIUM Verlag

Research Paper (undergraduate) from the year 2007 in the subject Business economics - Marketing, Corporate Communication, CRM, Market Research, Social Media, grade: 1,0, University of applied sciences, Munich, language: English, abstract: Sony has a strong brand name and the company was successful with the Cassette, CD and MD Walkman in the 80s and 90s. However, the company missed the rapid development in the hard battled MP3 player market. In this study the Sony's portable audio devices were analyzed by using Boston Consulting Group approach and Product Life-Cycle. Sony arranges now gradual phasing out of DOGs like Cassette, CD and MD Walkman and has a new challenge by growing the STAR MP3 Walkman. A benchmark of a current Sony's MP3 player (Walkman NWZ-A818) to a competitor product (Apple's iPod Touch) was accomplished. The "4 P's" marketing mix method (Product, Price, Promotion and Place) was applied for the product comparison. Apple's iPod scores in modern design with touch screen and multi-functionality while Sony's Walkman convinces for excellent sound quality and high technical standards. Moreover the Sony's brand leverage strategy, in particular the brand extension strategy like category and line extension, was assessed. Despite of its strong brand name and high quality, Sony's Walkman is out of the market leader and outrider role due to some failures: too late entry to the MP3 player market, strong focus only on technical features and missing out to make the MP3 player a fashion article. In the future, Sony has to maximize the market share in this growth stage. A proposed portable audio device for the future could be an all-in-one device with multi-functionality for multimedia. "After a match is before a match" is a good slogan for the future. The winner is someone who has strength in speed, innovation and global impact. Sony should continue making innovation and expanding its demographic market as well as considering and fitting the customer needs.

Strategic Planning for Sony Corporation Springer

John Nathan uncovers the secrets of Sony's success in this thorough and entertaining history of the company that rose out of the ashes of World War II and came to embody Japan's postwar resurrection.

Examination of U.S. Inbound and Outbound Direct Investment, Staff Research Study

#26 Cambridge University Press

This volume is devoted to those areas that can advance our understanding of international business. It contains contributions from intellectual leaders of the field, using cutting edge research to explore frontier topics in international business, and to look at where international business is going.