
Editorial

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Increasingly, during the last couple of years, firms around the world are experiencing the impacts of economic crisis on a massive scale. These global economic conditions have resulted in recession, downsizing, loss of jobs and created greater challenges for global supply chains. The theme of the 4th International Supply Chain Management: Symposium and Workshop in Madrid, Spain, 22–24 September 2010 (SCMMadrid, available at <http://symposiumscm2010.ie.edu/>) addressed these challenges as well as opportunities for improving supply chain performance in these turbulent times.

Thus, the articles in this special issue of the *International Journal of Procurement Management* address emerging procurement practices in turbulent times including procurement leadership in supply chains, strategic procurement for global networks, effective procurement cost management in the supply chains, coordination of functional strategies for strategic procurement effectiveness, research issues of procurement practices, socio-political issues in procurement management, technological challenges in global procurement, role of governments in global procurement, and procurement for implementation of green supply chains. In addition to the papers initially presented in Madrid, Spain, several other papers were submitted after the conference. Thus, for this special issue, all these papers have been subjected to multiple and rigorous reviews at all levels of submission (conference and journal). Over 40 professors participated in the review process and deserve special recognition for their service and their dedication to quality. The end result is a special issue of exceptional quality.

Tomino et al. conduct an analysis of strategic procurement of Japanese manufacturers. They examine the issue from the integration of customer requirements into manufacturing processes by effective insourcing and outsourcing practices. Specifically, this study looks at strategic procurement practices via the build-to-order systems in Nissan, Toyota and Honda companies. They compare Nissan Production Way (NPW) with BTO of Toyota and Honda Motor Company. To achieve short turnover time, strategic procurement requires long-term manufacturing process planning based on responsive customer information systems and supplier integration. Theoretical and managerial implications are also discussed.

Whitelock discusses the alignment between green supply chain management strategy and business strategy. Using Simpson and Samson's typology of green supply chain management strategy and Miles and Snow's typology of business strategy through, this

paper develops a conceptual framework for the alignment between these two concepts. It also identifies four green supply chain management strategies of risk-based, efficiency-based, innovation-based, and closed-loop that theoretically aligns with Miles and Snow's four strategic business types of reactors, defenders, analysers and prospectors. It also explores the impact of green supply chain management – business strategic alignments on business performance.

Hong and Kwon review emerging issues of procurement management. In today's dynamic environment, the focus of the procurement has been extended from short term cost minimisation to long term value creation and delivery. In this paper, they examine the procurement literature and present a framework for evolving patterns of firms' strategic procurement practices. The review shows that the procurement has evolved from specialised functional orientation to more integrative and strategic approaches. This article provides summaries of the procurement literature in terms of its key dimensions and emerging patterns.

Park et al. examines the global expansion and supply chain integration issues using case studies of Korean firms. As global firms expand their business into emerging markets, supply chain integration has been crucial interests in recent years. This study examines global expansion and supply chain integration of Korean firms through the case studies of LG Electronics, LG Display and Hyundai-Kia Motor Company. The characteristics of the global production system of LG Electronics and Hyundai-Kia Motor Company can be summarised into two aspects – the implementation of the global standard production system (GSPS) and expansion of global businesses through cluster-based supply chain integration (CBSCI).

Kang et al. examine effective organisational control for sourcing risk from the perspective of small companies in China. This paper looks at sourcing risk management issues faced by foreign invested small companies (FISCs) that operate in China. Using a case study approach, this paper investigates the relationship between perceived sourcing risk and organisational control. They show that foreign invested small companies operating in China exercise different types of organisational control to mitigate different sourcing risks.

Esqueda discusses a teaching case of developing a global logistic hub in multiparty collaboration and negotiation. This pedagogical case simulates a multiparty negotiation based on a port city in Europe where the mayor of the city proposes a 20-year infrastructure investment plan to convert the city into global logistic hub. The case is useful for practitioners in supply chain, operation managers, procurement officers, MBA students and participants in management development programs who need to acquire skills and strategies to reach the wide support for logistic infrastructure projects. The details of the investment plan are also presented in the case as well as the main reasons why each stakeholder is either opposed to or in favour of the plan.

Pearcy and Dobrzykowski conduct a service-dominant logic analysis of fair trade procurement management. They explore the use of fair trade procurement management (FTPM), grounded in service-dominant logic (SDL), as an approach to achieving sustainability. They propose a framework that models a number of key antecedents and consequences of FTPM, specifically examining the role of public policy, stakeholder pressure, and corporate social responsibility in retailers' procurement of FT products as well as the role of awareness and availability of FT products in the purchasing behaviours of end-consumers. The framework includes ten propositions related to FT in the procurement field.

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