Chapter 1

Basic Concepts of Strategic Management

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Strategic Management

- Set of managerial decisions and actions that determines the long-run performance of a company
- As opposed to "strategic planning"?



Benefits

- Clearer sense of strategic vision for the firm
- Sharper focus on what is strategically important
- Improved understanding of a changing environments



Learning Organization

- An organization skilled at creating, acquiring, and transfering knowledge, and at *modifying its behavior* to reflect changes in new knwoledge
- Organization adjust defensively to changing environment
- And, offensively use knowledge to improve organizations position in environment
- Very critical to gain competitiveness...!



Skills of Learning Organization

- Solving problems systematically
- Experimenting with new approaches
- Learning from own & other's experiences
- Transfer knowledge quickly through the organization

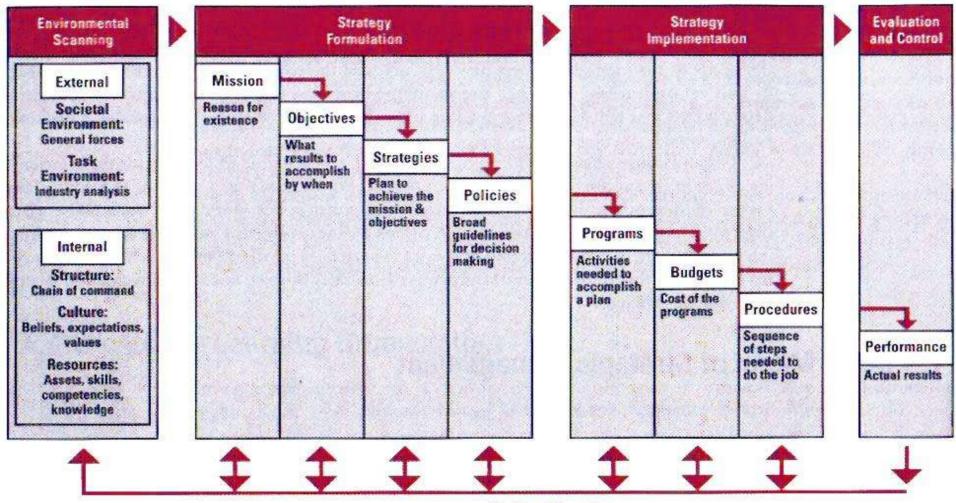


Basic Model of Strategic Management

- Environmental scanning
- Strategy formulation
- Strategy implementation
- Evaluation & control



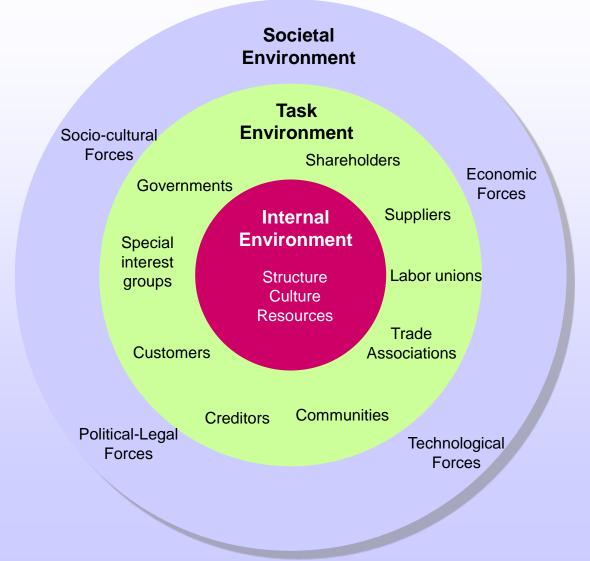
Strategic Management Model



Feedback/Learning



Environmental Variables





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- What the company does in a long term overall purpose?
- Reason for organization's existance.
- Not to broad... not to narrow!



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- What will the company look like in the future?
- Example:
 - "To be the world mobile communication leader (VISI), enriching the lives of individuals and business customers in the networked society (MISI)"



Objectives

- Measurable targets that the organization is setting to move towards its vision.
- Characteristics of an objective:
 - unambigous & result oriented
 - measurable, verifiable and not too numerous
 - relevant, achievable
 - consistent with higher level objectives
- Contoh:

"Reduce manufacturing cost by 10% each year for the next five years".



Strategies

- Corporate strategy
- Business strategy
- Functional strategy



Corporate strategy

- General attitude toward all of its business
- Typically fit in these categories:
 - Stability
 - Growth
 - Retrenchment



Business strategy

- At business unit or product level
- Improvement of competitive positioning in market
- 2 category:
 - competitive strategy
 - cooperative strategy



Functional Strategy

- Taken by functional area (R&D, marketing, IS, HR) to achieve business unit objectives
- Use distinctive competence
- Example:
 - R&D: invent vs innovate vs immitate
 - Marketing: pull by advertising



Policy

- Broad guidelines for decision making that links the formulation of strategy to implementation
- Example:
 - Cannibalize existing product line to introduce new products (supports Intel's strategy of market leadership)
 - "No questions asked" for return policy (supports differentiation by excellent customer service)
 - Project that will reduce quality, even it reduces cost, will not be approved (supports product quality strategy)



Trigger Event

Change of strategy may be triggered by:

- New CEO
- External intervention
- Change of ownership
- Performance gap
- Strategic inflection point: when a major change to the environment (technology, regulation, etc.)



Characteristic of Strategic Decision

- Rare: unusual
- Consequential: demand substantion resource & commitment
- Directive: sets precedents for future decision & actions



Strategic Decision Making Process

