The Impact of Culture:
Creating and Sustaining High Performance

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“There is growing concern that companies cannot live by numbers alone... The one thing that set the top ranking companies apart is their robust cultures.”

“Most Admired Companies”
*Fortune Magazine*

A company’s culture, like a person’s character, drives reputation. It should come as no surprise that the companies whose cultures honor customers, employees, and shareholders alike have excellent reputations.

“Culture is one of the most precious things a company has. So, you must work harder at it than anything else.”

Herb Kelleher
CEO, Southwest Airlines
Leadership That Shapes The Future...

In its most ideal form, leadership provides the fuel for the successful, efficient operation of contemporary organizations...

The most effective leaders tap into the talents and potential of others and create a culture of shared responsibility...

At the same time, these leaders shape the future of their organizations by emphasizing personal and professional growth, individual and organizational improvement, and continuous learning.
Leadership - a critical factor to achieve sustained success...

- “Leadership is a process that gives people a genuine sense of purpose and energizes them to willingly put forth their individual and collective efforts to achieve that purpose.”

- Leadership can be felt throughout an organization. It gives pace and energy to the work and empowers the workforce...

- Leadership does not have to be imposed like authority, rather it is welcomed and wanted by the people we lead.

- ...Everyone believes that he or she makes a difference to the success of the organization.
Theoretical Model

Environmental/Organizational Factors

**External Environment**
(simple/complex, placid/turbulent)
- Economic
- Technological
- Social
- Legal
- Competitive

**Organizational**

“Foundations”
- Leadership philosophy, assumptions, power, continuity
- History – “tests of time”

“Emergent”
- Missions, goals, strategies
- Policies
- Size/Logistics
- Structures/Systems

Organizational Culture

**Culture**
(direction, intensity, potency)

Shared values and beliefs

Norms and expectations (OCI styles)

Factors Leading to and Reinforcing Norms and Expectations

“Culture Bearing Mechanisms”
- Managerial/Supervisory Styles
- Reward Systems
- Performance Appraisal Systems
- Decision-Making/Influence Structures
- Communication Structures
- Oral/Written Communications, Language
- Training and Development

Outcomes

**Individual Level**
- Motivation to Perform
- Role Clarity/Conflict
- Stress/Strain
- Job Satisfaction
- Intention to Leave

**Group Level**
- Cooperation
- Trust
- Problem-Solving
- Effectiveness
- Coordination
- Creativity

**Organizational Level**
- Efficiency
- Reliability
- Adaptability
- Quality of Products & Services
Team Member Expectations...

- To be given meaningful, challenging tasks that contribute to organizational success
- To learn, develop, and apply specific skills of interest to them
- To be a contributing part of the team
- To be a respected member of the team

Team member job satisfaction does not result in better performance.
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- Reflective Listening and Learning
- Tolerance of Ambiguity and Uncertainty
- Resilience
- Broad Perspective
- Commitment
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leadership processes
Trust
Teamwork and Collaboration

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**Leadership Skills**
- Interpersonal & Organizational Communication
- Coaching, Mentoring, & Developing Others
- Empowering & Motivating Others
- Problem Solving
- Decision-Making
- Teambuilding
- Managing Conflict
- Planning and Organizing
- Strategic Thinking
- Political Savvy

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