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Why are some companies able to transfer new ideas and better ways of managing across organization boundaries?

High-Impact Learning:

Building and Diffusing Learning Capability

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The current groundswell of interest in learning organizations raises the need for a new kind of learning capability—the ability to move the lessons learned from experience and experiments across boundaries. A few organizations have developed this capability; many have not.

Consider, for example, the recent efforts of several multinational corporations to leverage core competencies by establishing “centers of excellence” around the world. One consumer products firm designated its Australian division as the “center of marketing excellence.” In this center, the firm implemented a number of pilot marketing programs. The success was highly visible, as market share grew 25 percent. But while managers cheered the Australian victory, the lessons never reached the larger European and U.S. markets.

Another firm designated Asia as the location for its organizational center of excellence. Within a year, virtual teams were an integral

part of this region’s culture. In addition to boosting employee morale, the teams were instrumental in improving both the speed and flexibility of the region’s response to customers. Even though the corporation declared the change “a successful organizational transformation,” the lessons from Asia never migrated to other regions. Unclear models of organization and declining morale continued to plague other parts of the corporation.

In both of these cases, and dozens more, we find a similar theme: with great fanfare and enthusiasm, managers celebrate successful experiments in marketing, human resources, or manufacturing. Yet, for whatever reason, the organization lacks the wherewithal to generalize what it has learned. Too often, centers of excellence become sequestered showcases.

Compare this with the experience of a global telecommunications company. Confronted with the need to build a more responsive and adaptive organization, the CEO chal-

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