



# THREE GENERIC STRATEGIES

## STRATEGIC ADVANTAGE

STRATEGIC TARGET	Uniqueness perceived by the customer		Low Cost Postion
Industrywide	DIFFERENTIATION		OVERALL COST LEADERSHIP
Particular segment only	FOCUS		



# COMPETITIVE SUCCESS = UNIQUENESS!

Potential  
approaches  
to achieve  
competitive  
advantage

MANY

FRAGMENTED

SPECIALIZATION

FEW

STALEMENT

VOLUME

SMALL

LARGE

Size of advantage



# STRATEGY AND OPERATIONS

## Strategy

**CLEAR**

**UNCLEAR**

**EFFECTIVE**

**Success**

- Past
- Future

**Past Success**  
**Future doubtful**

**Operations**

**INEFFECTIVE**

**Past Success**  
**(short run)**  
**Future Failure**

**Failure**

- Past
- Future



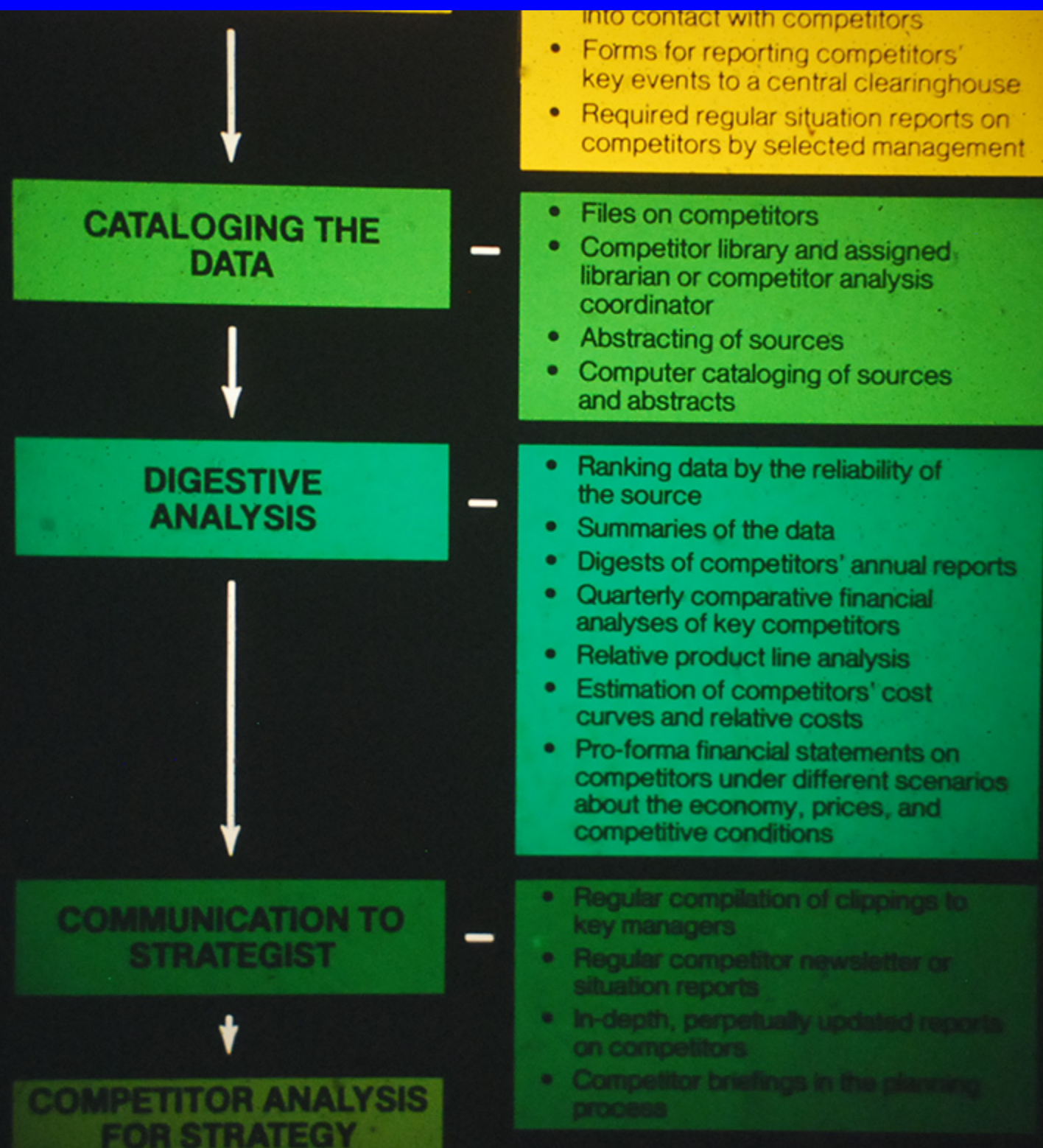
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# Understanding Societal-Corporate Linkage

	Macro Societal	Micro Corporate
Hardware (Technology)	<p>Tax Policy (Depreciation)</p> <p>Science Policy (R and D)</p> <p>Energy Policy (Raw Materials)</p>	<p>R and D</p> <p>Plant &amp; Equipment</p> <p>Production Processes</p>
Software (People)	<p>Cultural Values</p> <p>Business and Government</p> <p>Educational Policy</p>	<p>Corporate Philosophy</p> <p>Organizational Structure</p> <p>Career Systems</p>





**HARDWARE?**

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# BUSINESSMEN'S EVALUATION OF JAPAN'S TECHNOLOGY

(71 INDUSTRIAL SECTORS)

**Technological Level  
(number of sectors)**

**U.S.**

**W.Eur.**

Japan superior to

2

2

Japan equal to

41

55

Japan inferior to

26

8

Not rated

2

6

Source: Vision of Industrial Policy in the 1980s,  
pp. 279-80



# **SOCIAL VALUES**

## **U.S.**

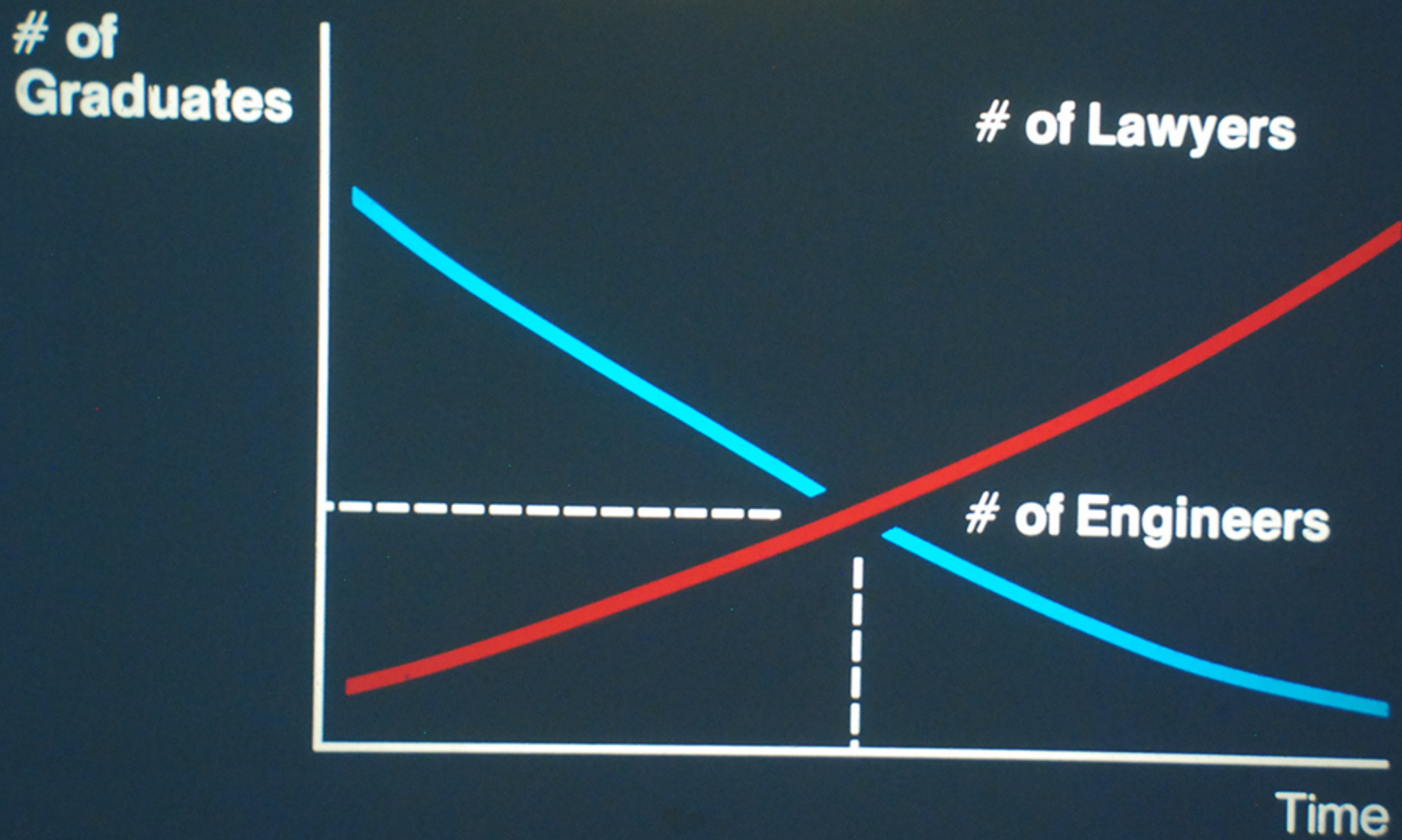
Individualism  
Equality  
Mobility  
Competition  
Liberalism

## **JAPAN**

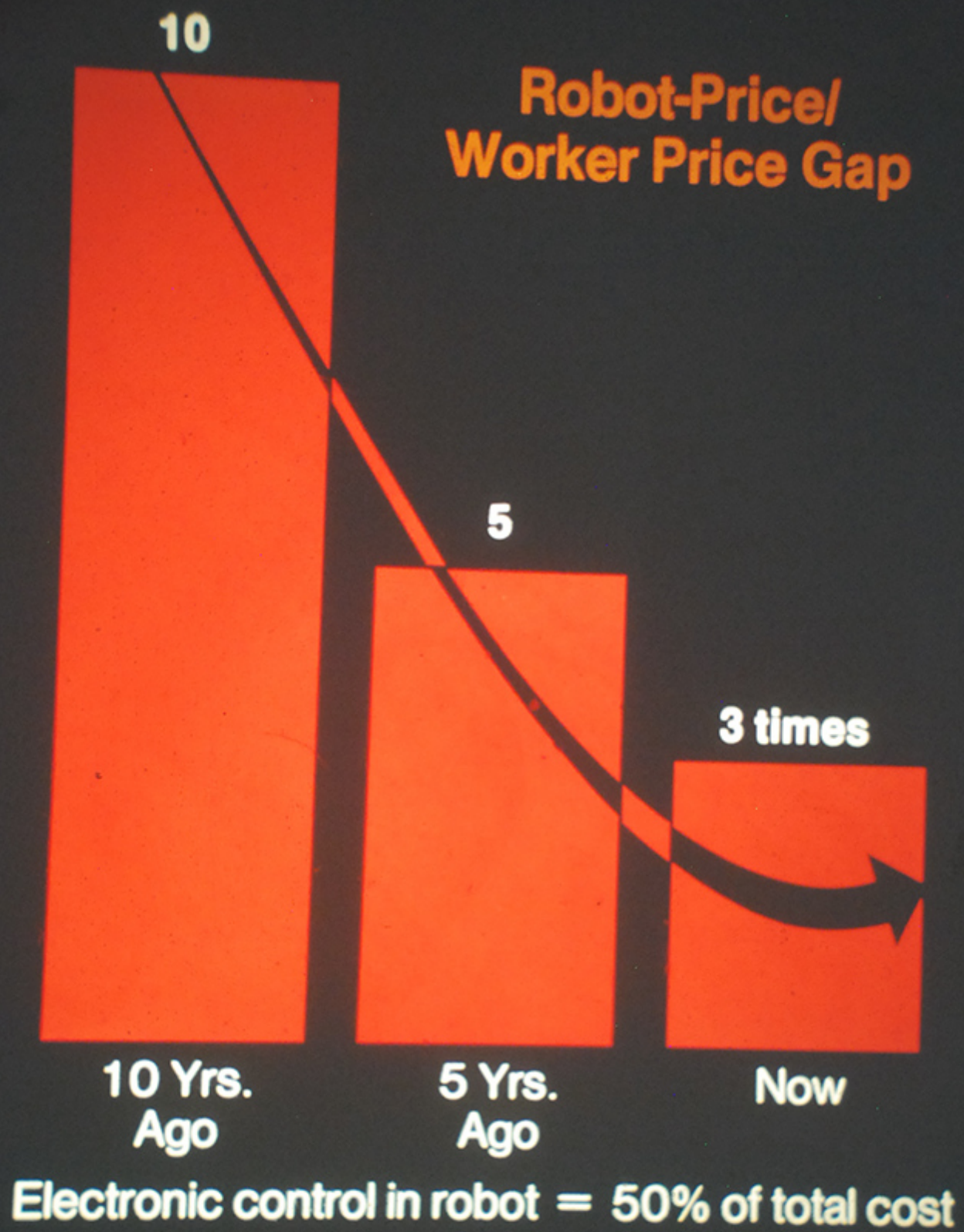
Groupism  
Hierarchy  
Stability  
Harmony  
Conservatism



# DECLINING PRODUCTIVITY (Engineers)









## Four phases in the evolution of strategic planning (cont'd)

**Phase III**  
Externally oriented  
planning

**Phase IV**  
Strategic management

**Increasing response to  
markets and competition**

Thorough situation analysis and competitive assessment

Evaluation of strategic alternatives

Dynamic allocation of resources

**Orchestration of all  
resources to create competitive advantage**

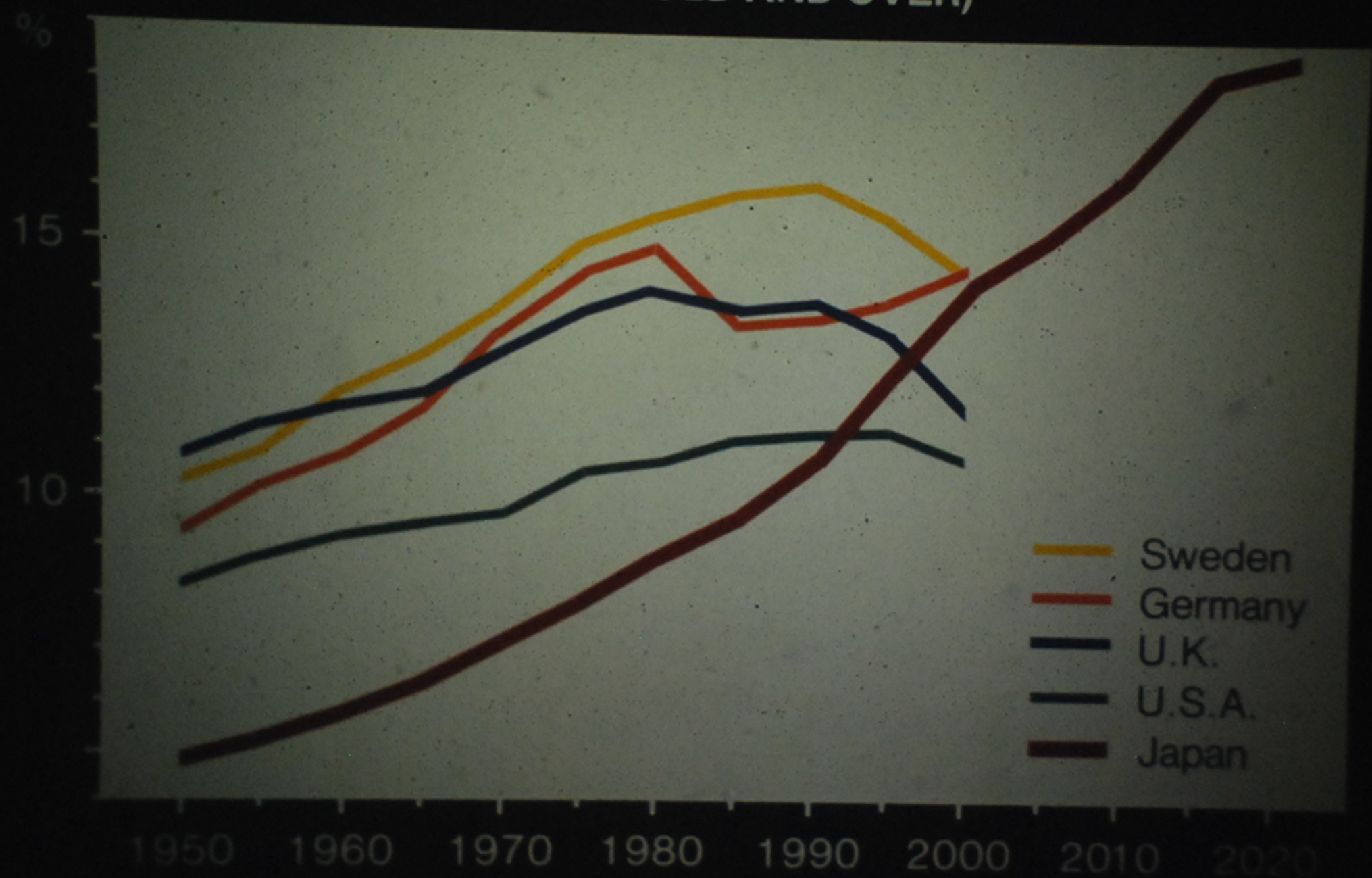
Strategically chosen planning framework

Creative, flexible planning processes

Supportive value system and climate



# COMPONENT RATIO OF ELDERLY POPULATION (65 YEARS OLD AND OVER)





# INDICATORS OF JAPAN'S PRODUCTION EMPHASIS

Wide definition of robots (sequence machines),  
Narrow (playback robots)

Japan — Eight times West Germany  
Fourteen times the U.S. 6.7 Times  
1.4 Times

Japan	14,000
U.S.	3,255
W. Germany	850
Sweden	600
Italy	500



# Industrial Competitiveness — No Contest





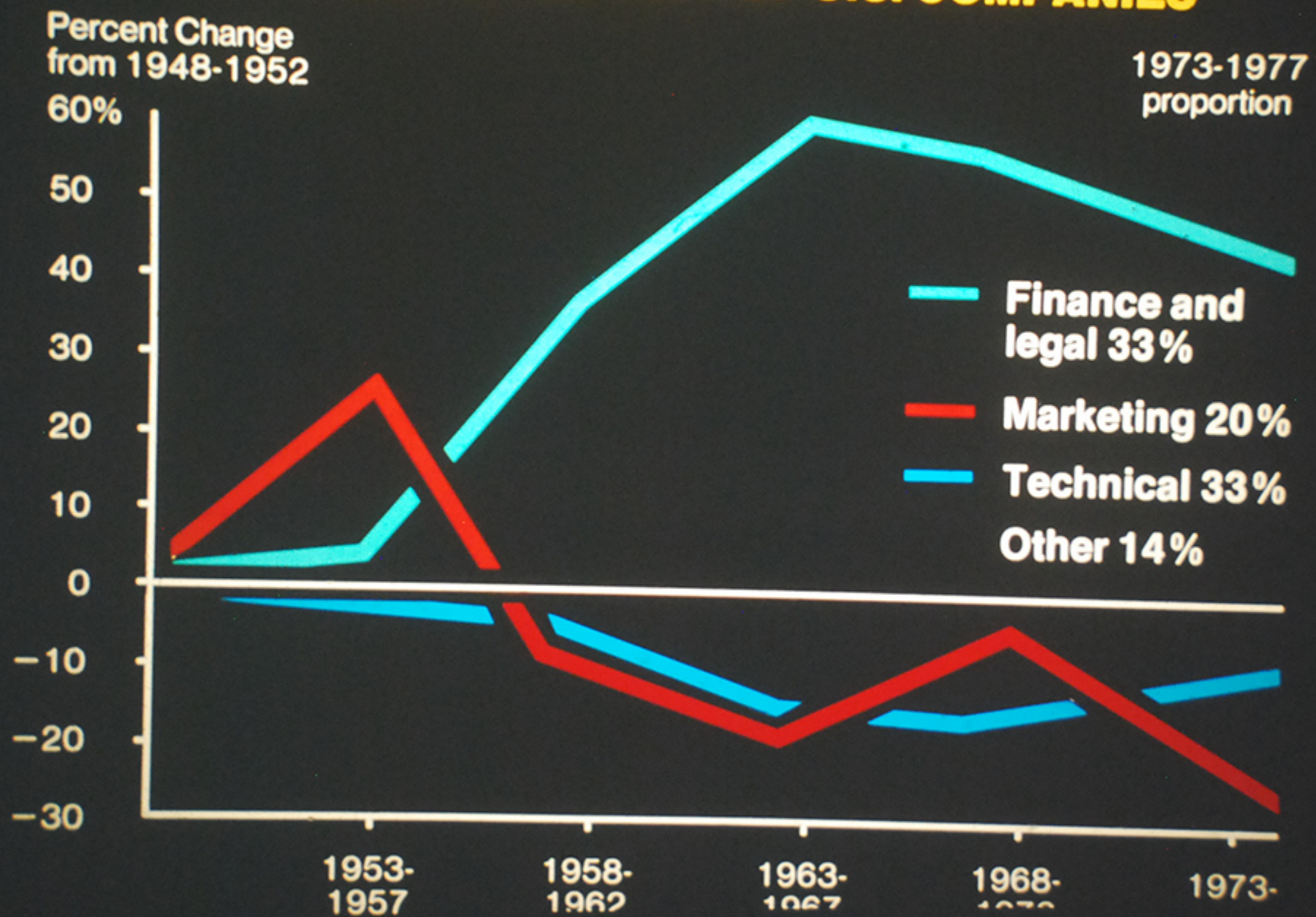
# UNDERSTANDING JAPAN:

## WHY?

- Fastest growing major economy
- Canada's second largest trading partner
- Major investor in Canada
- Key country in Pacific rim
- Competitor in Canada's major market: the U.S.
- Source of new management techniques



# CHANGES IN THE PROFESSIONAL ORIGINS OF CORPORATE PRESIDENTS FOR 100 TOP U.S. COMPANIES

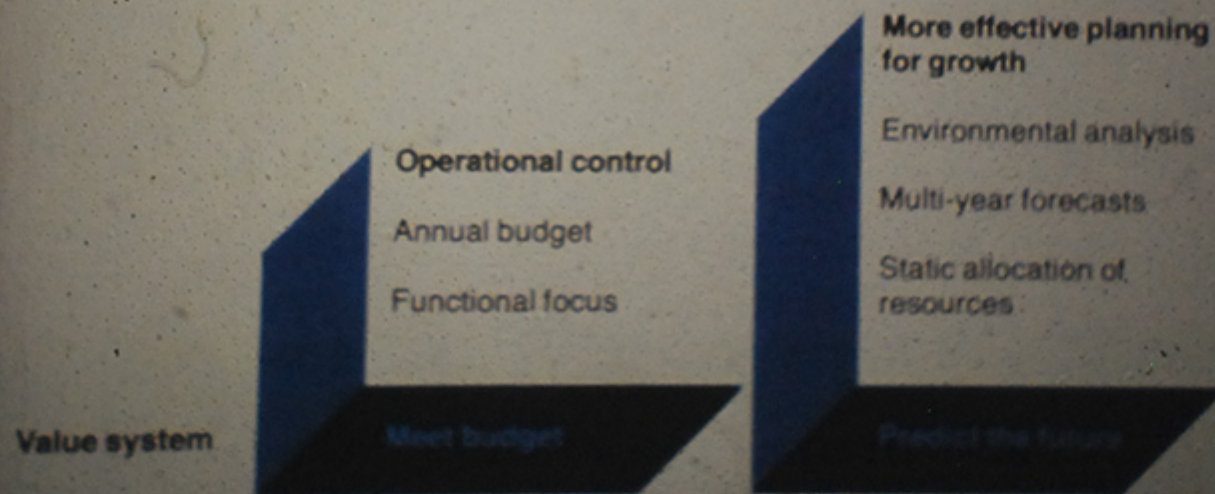




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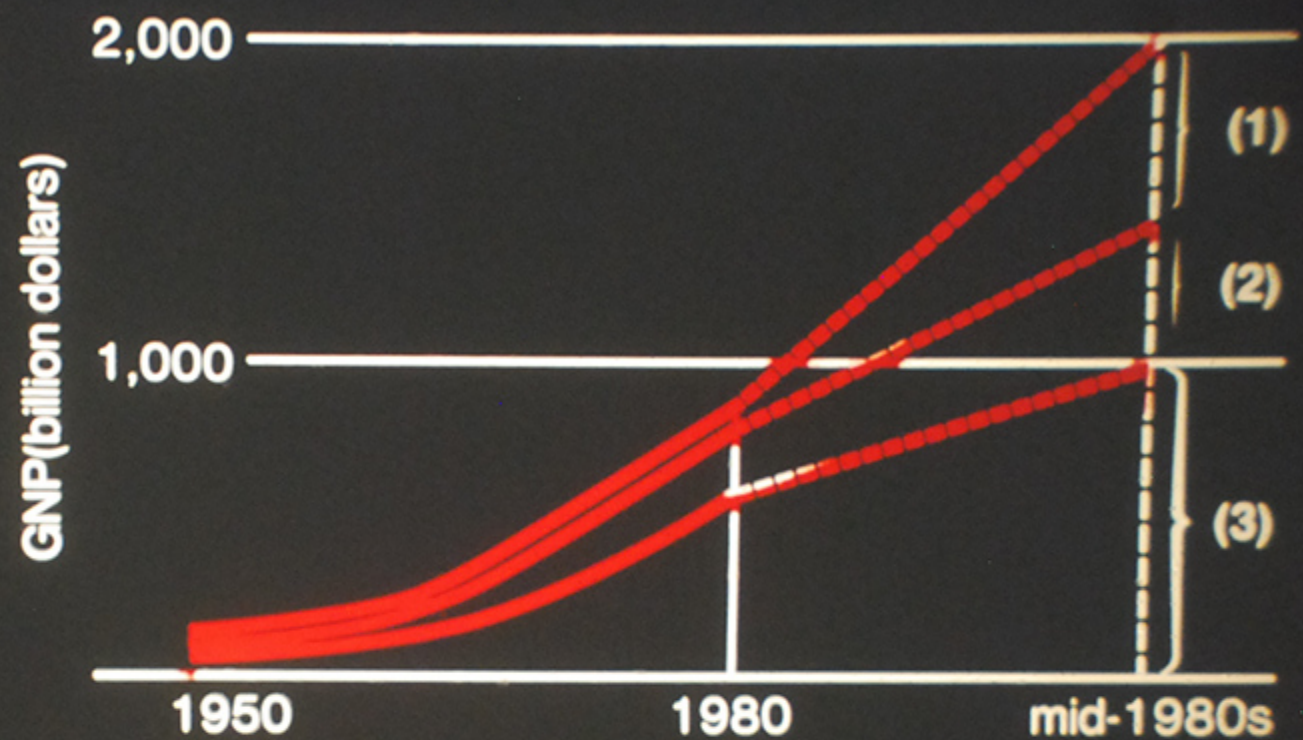
Phase I	Phase II
Basic financial planning	Forecast-based planning

Effectiveness of formal  
business planning





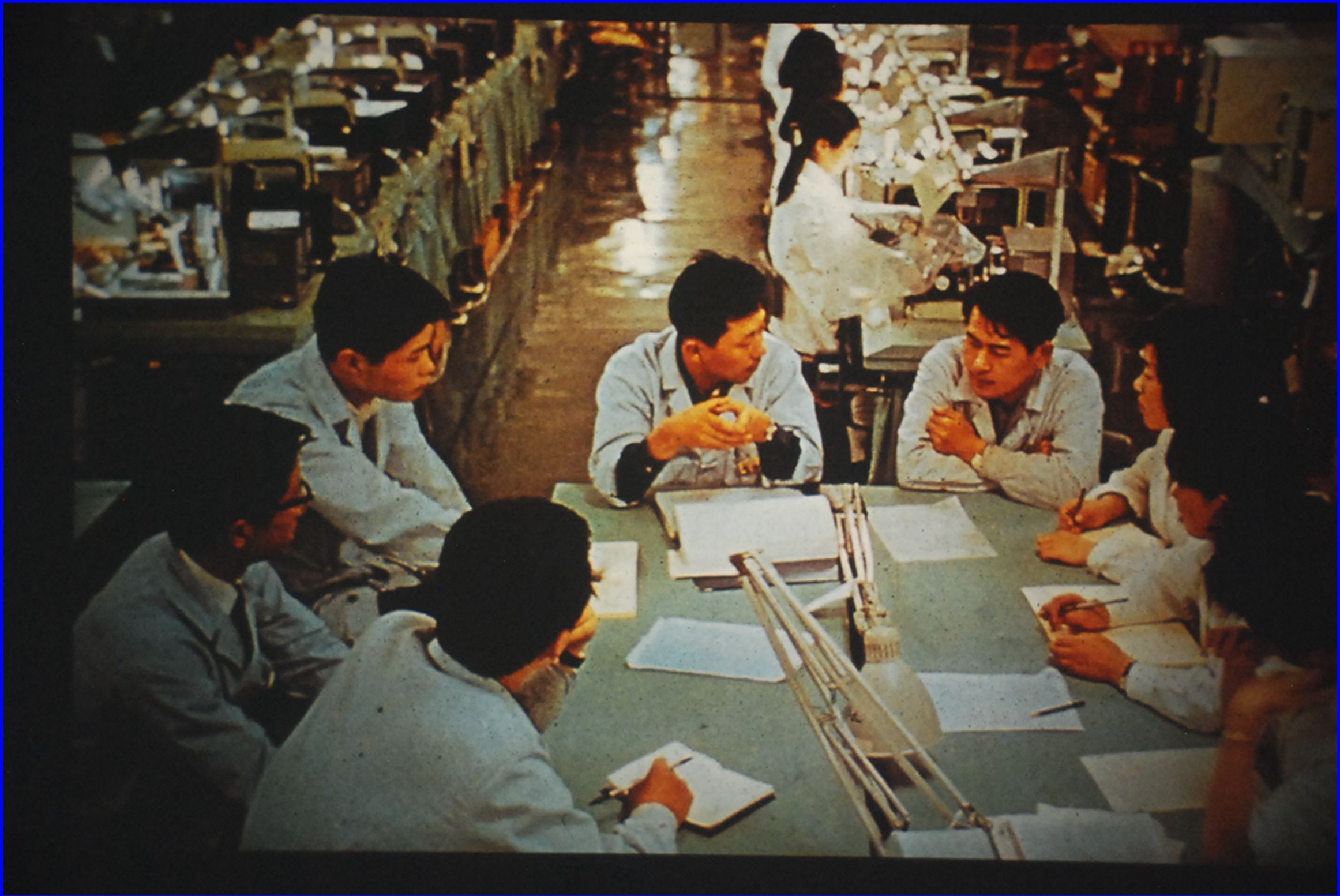
## FORECAST SHIFT IN JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE



1. **High-tech industries (15-20% of GNP)**  
Aircraft/Space, data processing, electronics, new energy, life sciences, new basic materials, etc.
2. **Key industries (15-20% of GNP)**  
Steel, automotive, electric machinery, chemical, etc.
3. **Other industries:**  
Agriculture and fishery, construction, electric power and gas, wholesale and retail, finance and insurance, services, etc.

Source: MITI

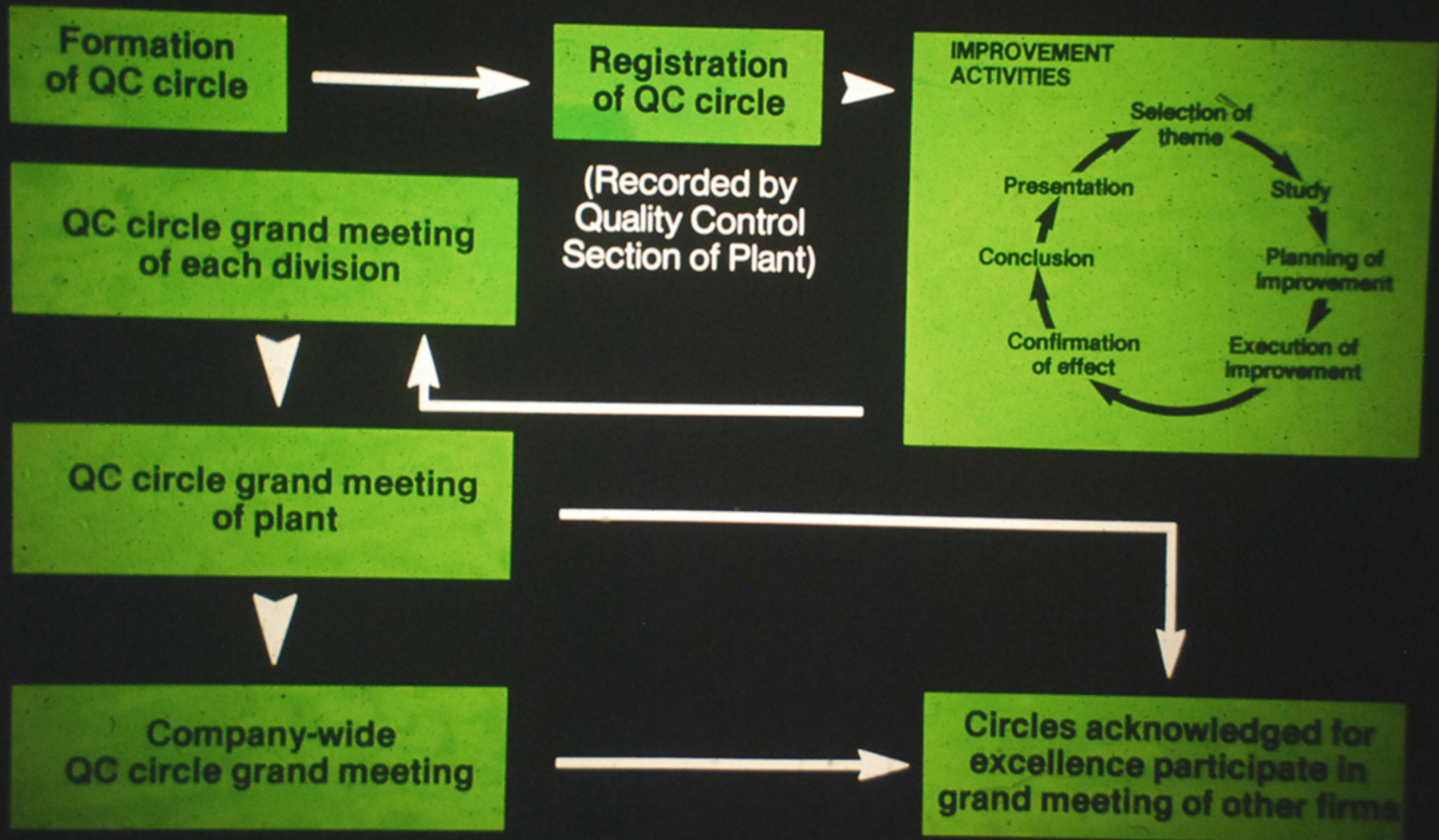




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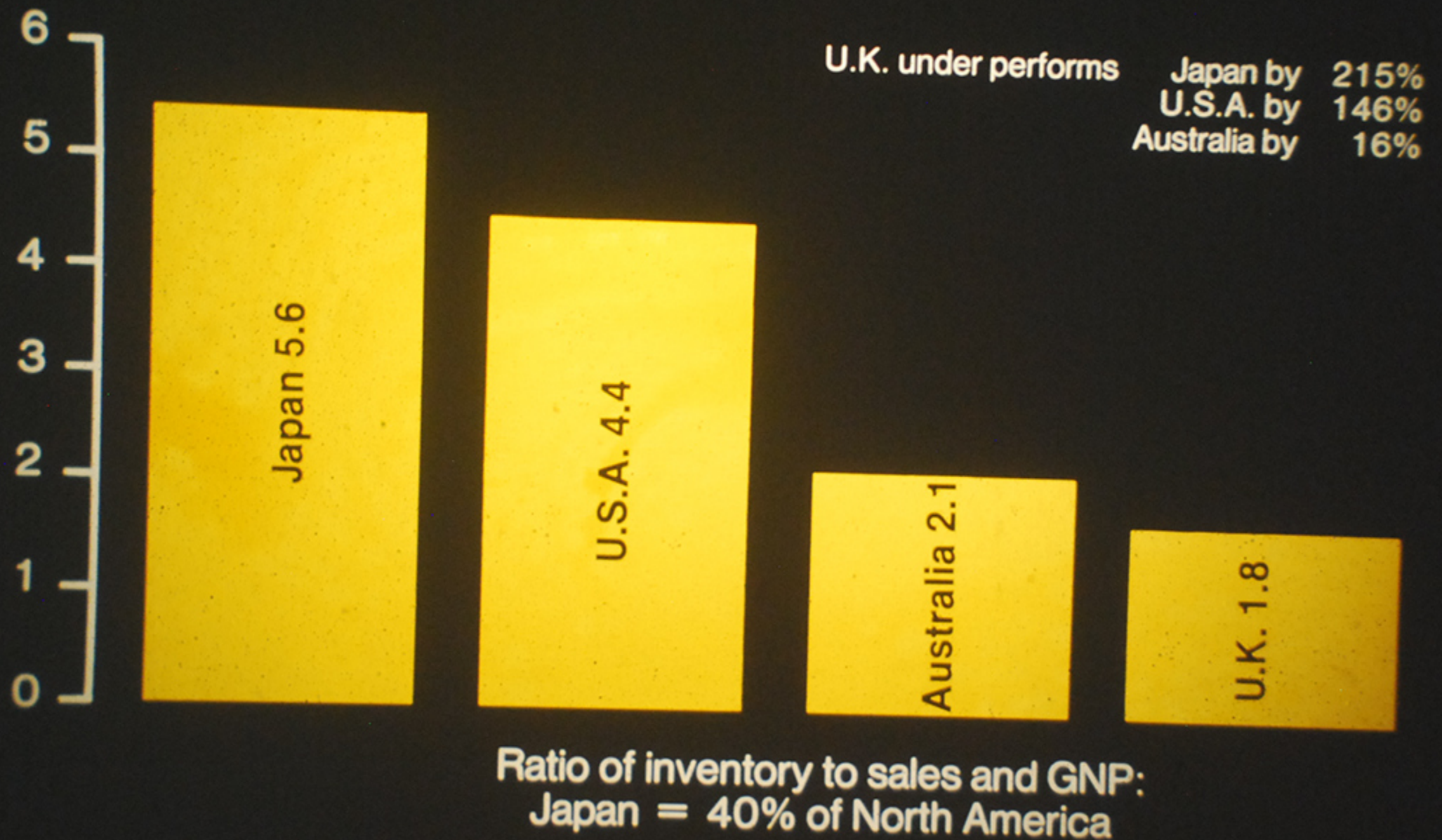


# How QC Circles Work





## Stockturn of Motor Vehicles (1973)





# **STOCKTURN:**

## **TOTAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY**

		<b>U.K. Under- performance</b>
Japan	3.1 times	72%
West Germany	3.0 times	67%
U.S.A.	3.0 times	67%
Australia	2.3 times	28%
Denmark	2.3 times	28%
United Kingdom	1.8 times	—



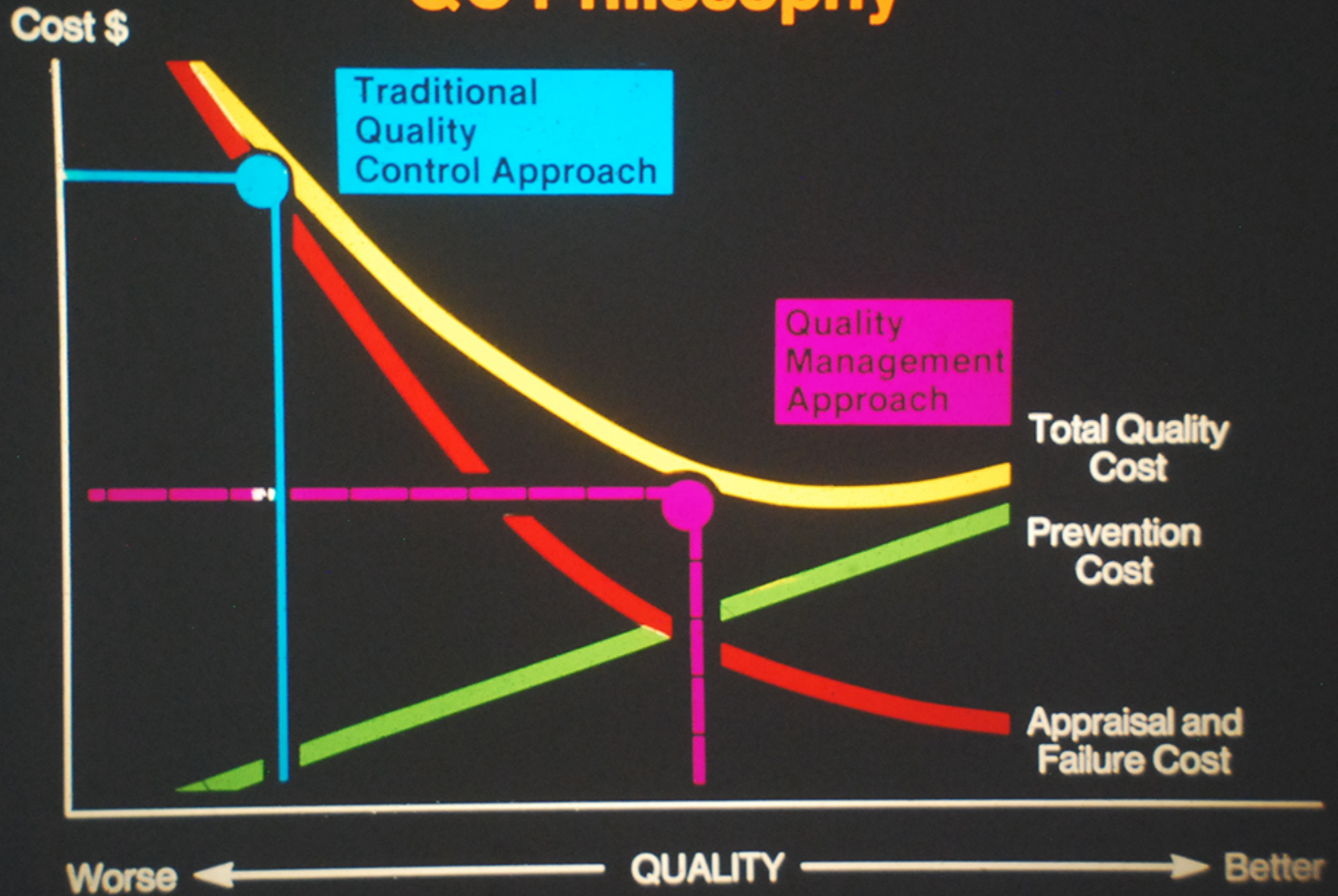
# JAPANESE PLANNING:

## PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE SECTORS

Sectors	Primary Sector	Intermediate	Secondary Mfg.
	Minerals  Fuels  Food Commodities	Iron and steel  Petrochemicals  (Micro circuits)	CARS Consumer goods Appliances Plastics Cameras Industrial equipment Etc.
Policy Issues	Transportation Logistics Infrastructure	Technology Global economics Cost elements	Marketing info R & D support Tariffs



# QC Philosophy





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## MACHINE TOOLS:

Rating of numeric control machine tools to total machine tool production: U.S. and Japan

	1973	1974	1976
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# The Labour Market Model

## Environmental Demands

### External

Market trends  
Social values  
Business cycle

Organizational consequences

### Internal

### Open Entry, ease of entry/exit: Labour cost flexibility

Labour force policies

Hiring, firing of workers  
Mobility influenced by labour market wages  
Low training

High employee turn-over  
High tardiness

Low job satisfaction  
Employee commitment

Adoption of technology

Onus on management to apply knowledge

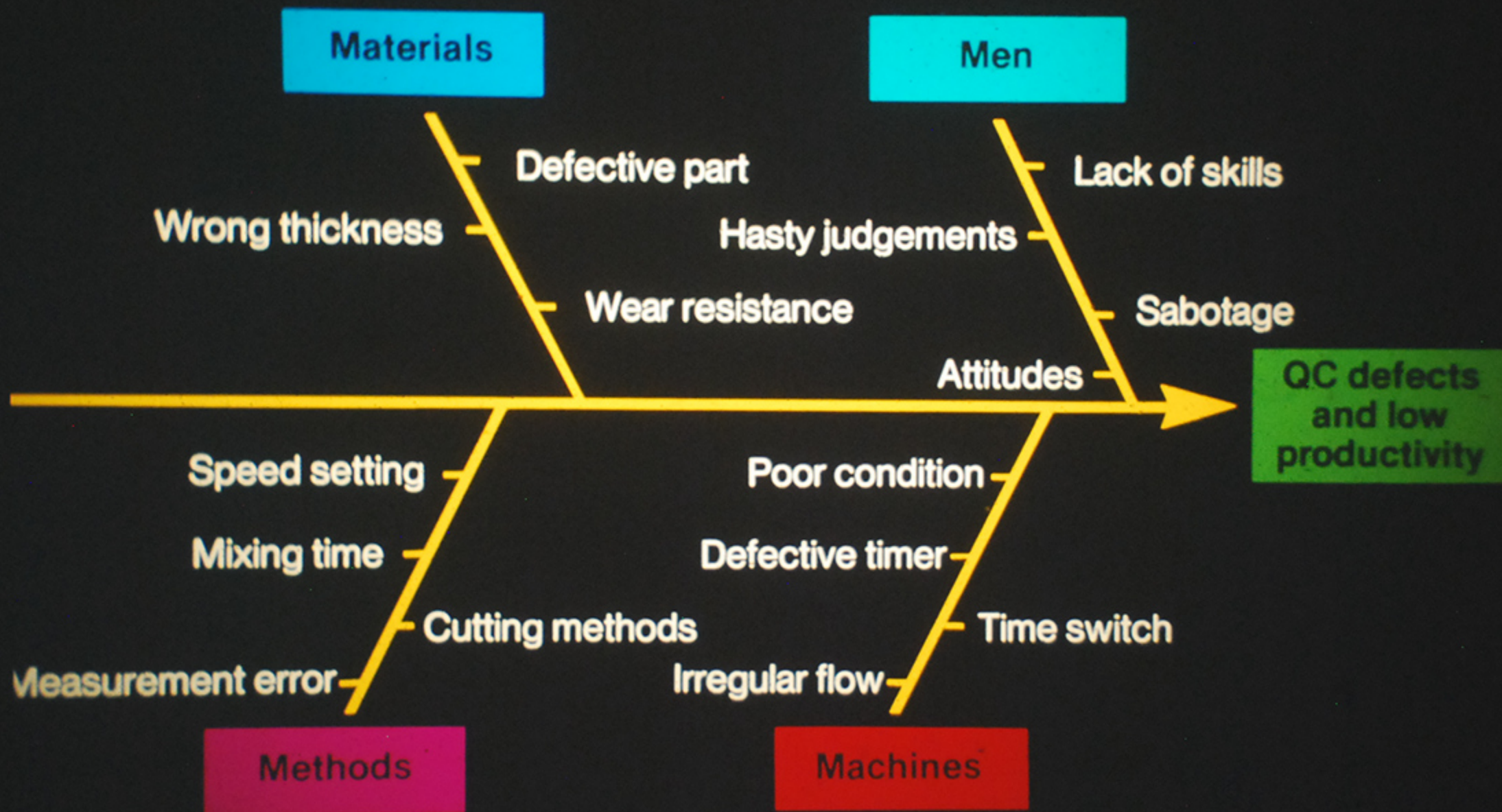
Low labour commitment to technological change

Probability of labour substitution strategy  
Worker-technology

Limited premium on learning skills  
High costs of innovation



## An Ishikawa Cause/Effect Diagram For Quality Control Analysis





# The Human Capital Model

## Environmental Demands

### External

Market trends  
Social values  
Business cycle

Organizational consequences

## Internal

**Closed entry-exit:**  
**High fixed labour costs**

Careful screening processes  
High worker training  
Limited labour mobility

Low turn-over  
Low absenteeism

Labour force policies

Limited worker-management conflict

High employee commitment  
Low cost of innovation  
High commitment to organizational learning

Adoption of technology

Emphasis on learning skills  
Bottom up decision making  
Premium on timing of changes



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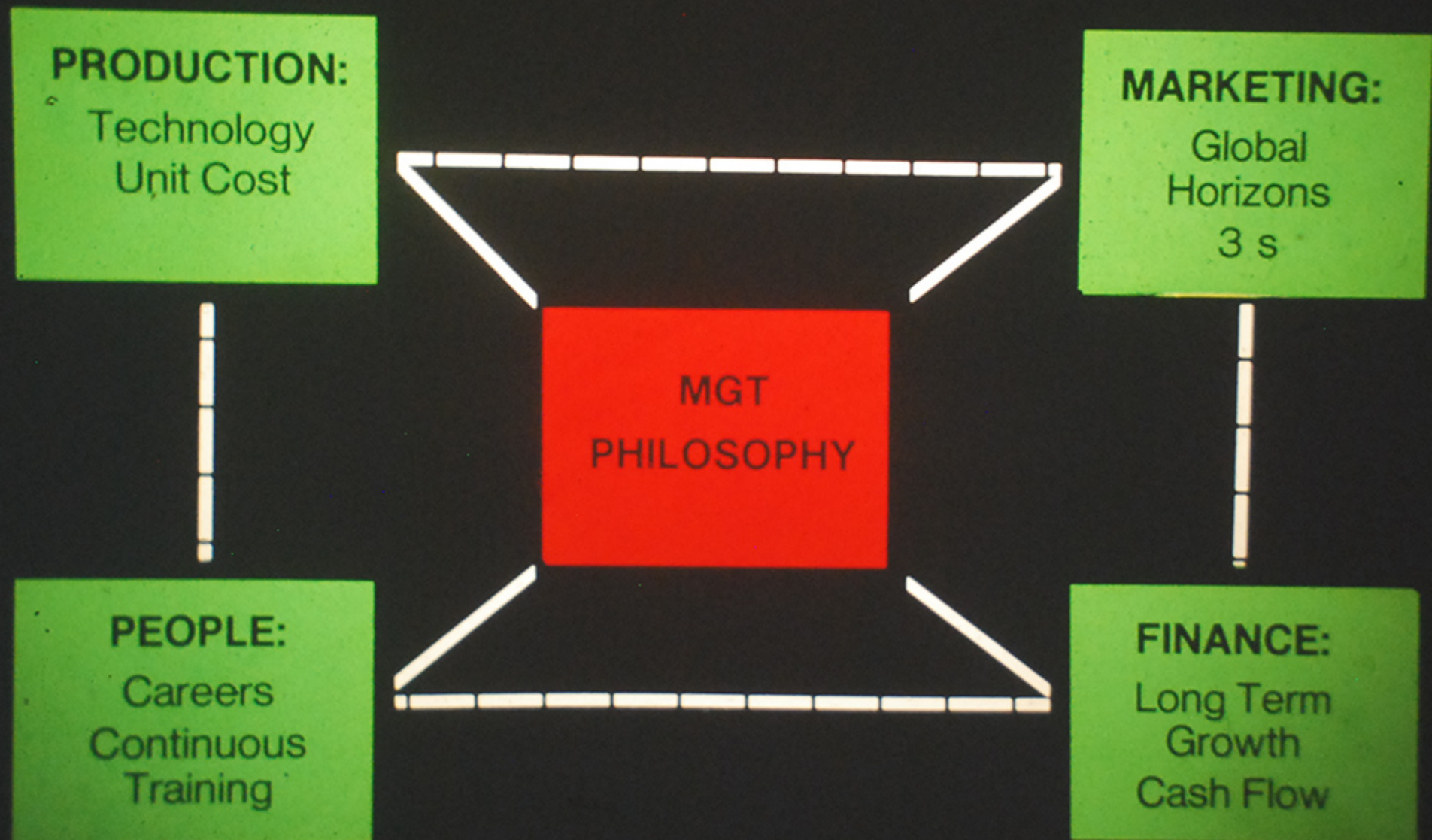
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# JAPANESE PRODUCTIVITY: A TOTAL SYSTEM





# LESSONS FROM JAPAN

- Production emphasis
- Global horizons
- People + Technology = \$Success
- Desk planning vs. Decision implementation
- Perfect functional strategies
- Planning: Maximizing ROI vs. Strategic vulnerability
- Managing through people

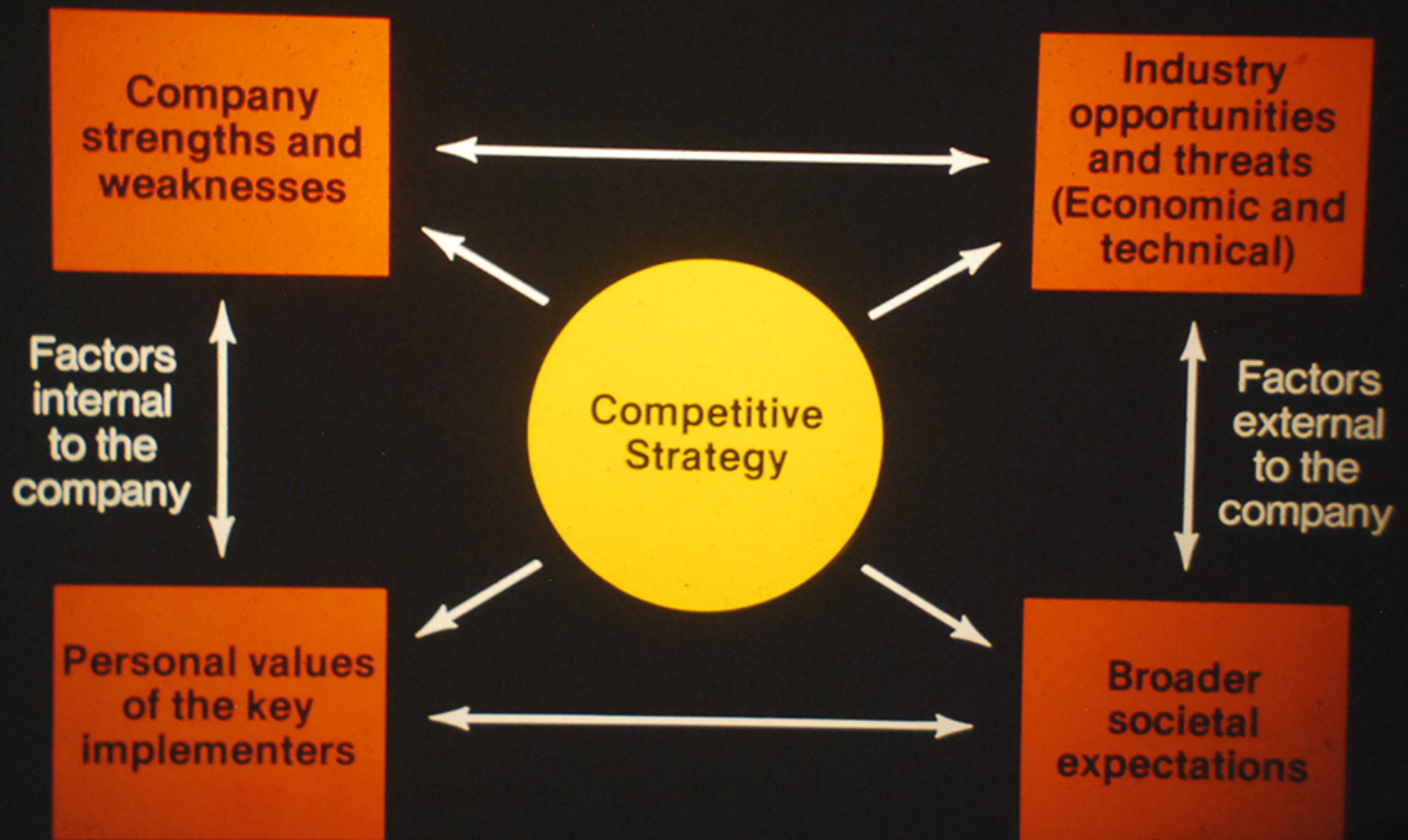


# THE WHEEL OF COMPETITIVE STRATEGY





# CONTEXT IN WHICH COMPETITIVE STRATEGY IS FORMULATED





# THE COMPONENTS OF A COMPETITOR ANALYSIS

## WHAT DRIVES THE COMPETITOR

### FUTURE GOALS

At all levels of management  
and in multiple dimensions



## WHAT THE COMPETITOR IS DOING AND CAN DO

### CURRENT STRATEGY

How the business is currently  
competing



## COMPETITOR'S RESPONSE PROFILE

Is the competitor satisfied with  
its current position?

What likely moves or strategy  
shifts will the competitor make?

Where is the competitor  
vulnerable?

What will provoke the greatest  
and most effective retaliation by  
the competitor?



### ASSUMPTIONS

Held about itself and the  
industry

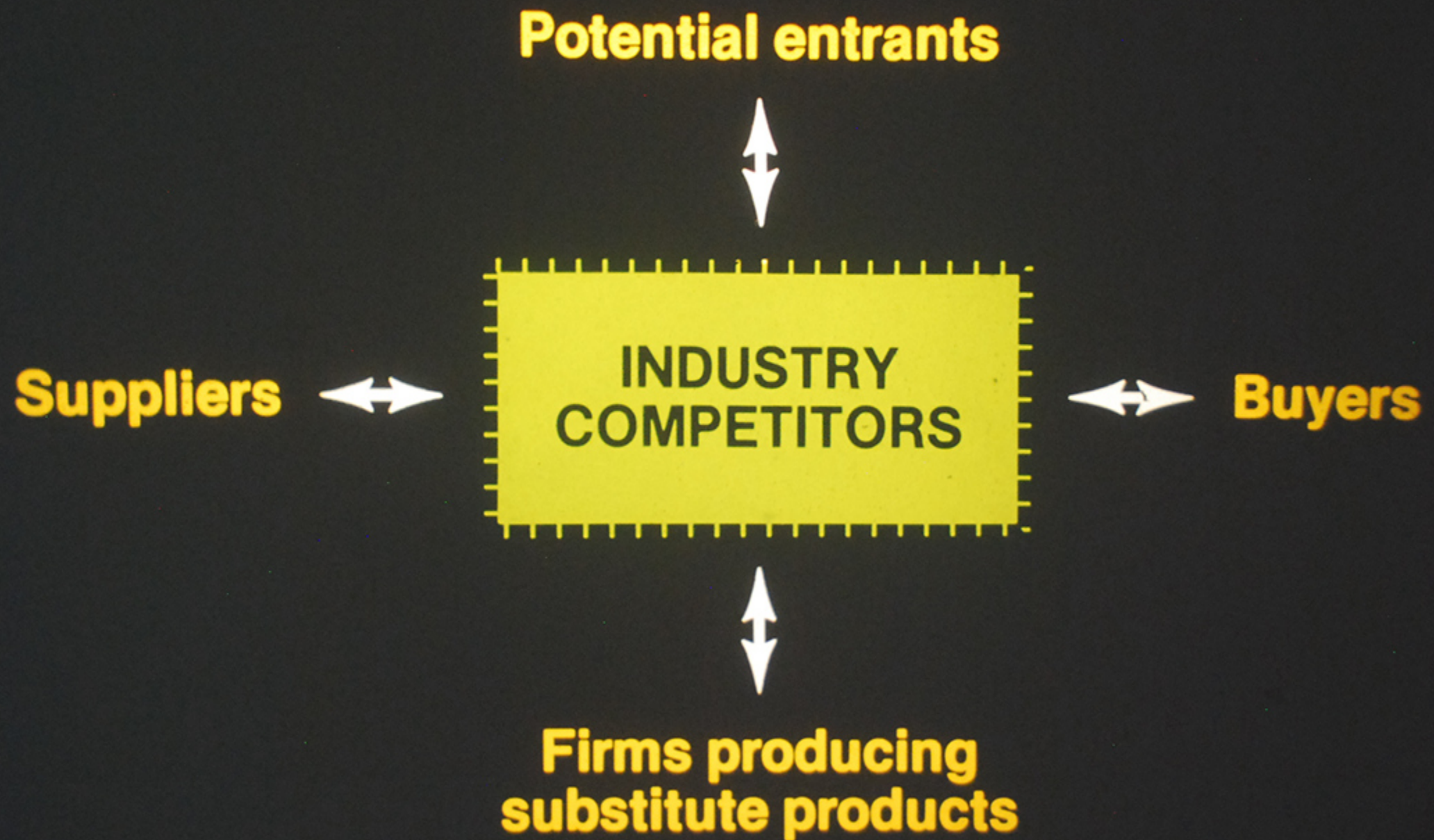


### CAPABILITIES

Both strengths and



# INDUSTRY BOUNDARIES





# COMPARISON OF JAPANESE AND U.S. SEMI-CONDUCTORS

(Test period, four months)

Japanese Companies	%FAILURE ON ARRIVAL	% FAILURE PER 1000 HRS.	H-P QUALITY INDEX
A	0	0.01	89.9
B	0	0.019	87.2
C	0	0.012	87.2
American Companies			
A	0.19	0.09	86.1
B	0.11	0.059	63.3
C	0.19	0.267	48.1

Source: Hewlett-Packard, Japanese Electronics Industry Association



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