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and where employees feel that they are recognised and rewarded for their contributions to the organisation.¹

Gaurav Hirey, HR Director, Asia-Pacific, GroupM

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After studying this chapter, you should be

- Describe the major differences between domestic and international HRM
- Understand some of the key cross-cultural issues dealing with communication, ethics, trust, management style and EEO
- Describe the major challenges faced in international HRM relating to performance appraisal, training and development, remuneration and industrial relations
- Appreciate the major characteristics of HRM in China, India and Japan
- Understand the key factors involved in the management of international assignments.

Learning objectives

Each chapter has its own set of learning objectives. Use these as a checklist after studying each chapter to check your understanding.

'Newsbreak' boxes

Media articles on HRM topics drawn from Australia and the Asia–Pacific region help demonstrate chapter theory.



NEWSBREAK

Facebook and the boss By Jane Lindhe

It is a moment that every social networker dreads but will undoubtedly face at some point in their career. Your Facebook notification filter is full of colleagues, bosses or employees requesting to be your online 'friend'. In an instant, the border between your personal and working lives has become irrevocably blurred.

A survey of United States firms by recruitment firm Robert. Half found that almost half of employers and employees are uneasy about being befriended by the staff they manage or their employers. The New South Wales Department of

The New South Wales Department of Corrective Services recently threatened to sack six prison officers who bagged their bosses on Facebook. Another woman was sacked for updating her status as "taking a sickie" and labelling her work boring after forgetting that she had added her boss as a Facebook friend.

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There are some hard and fast rules that



information their colleagues can view, or situations the director of Robert Half's Australian relationships. business, Andrew Brushfield, says. That way, workmates are not offended that their request has been ignored, he says.

'It may seem like a natural extension of amiable office small talk, but think twice or situations that could affect working relationships.'

He says Facebook users should also avoid embarrassing quizzes and joining inappropriate online groups.

EXERCISE

Career planning and development

Peter O'Sullivan is Head of People and Culture at BDO.

In reality, careers often develop with little in the way of planning. For example, in professions or organisations where there are well-established career paths, people may progress through the ranks without understanding or considering the range of career options available to them, in other contexts where career paths are less clear, they may move from one role to the next in a reactive or haphazard fashion, without considering how each role helps equip them for a long-term career goal. This tendency to let careers just happen is reinforced when organisations see career planning and development as the sole responsibility of the employee.

At BDO, we recognise that the best outcomes are

At BDO, we recognise that the best outcomes are achieved for both parties when the organisation supports the employees career planning. At the beginning of an accountant's career, this usually involves participation in a structured graduate program and supporting the employee through their studies towards their professional qualification. These are formative career years, and the investment by BDO and employee alike is significant. Like most organisations. BDO have the state of the procession of the programment of the pr

Like most organisations, BDO has a formal process for performance appraisal and professional development planning, and our process involves six-monthly discussions and the documentation of short-term and long-term developmental and career goals. These discussions are significant signposts in the employee's career, providing the opportunity to reflect on achievements and progress, obtain feedback and seek guidance about future goals and next steps, and discuss ideas and options. In addition, on-the-job appraisal, coaching and

mentoring are all important aspects of BDO's approach to career planning and development.

BDO also has a learning and development curriculum thar encompasses a comprehensive suite



'Practitioner speaks' boxes

Human resource managers from a variety of industries provide real-world perspectives on chapter topics.





LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The realities of HRM

Dear editor

My HR staff are spending too much time organising social things for staff rather than doing actual work. They are always organising social events like sausage sizzles, decorating cubicles, and other nonsense when they should be managing the company's human resources!

I think our HR department is losing touch with their key responsibilities — training, inductions, and administrative tasks — and instead is focusing on making this a 'fun' workplace. While I don't



disagree with having a fun workplace, I do disagree with it being done on work time while the company pays. Our HR team is always organising sausage sizzles for some reason or event and whenever this occurs, the employees inevitably spend much longer in the lunch room, and much less time at their desks. Not only that but the HR staff spend company hours and company money organising these events and to what benefit? Last Easter, they spent hours organising Easter egg packages to hand out to staff and then went cubicle to cubicle delivering them. How is that a productive use of time? And how does that come under their job descriptions?

The role of HR is to advocate for the company, not the staff. They are paid by the company to support the company, not the staff. There are unions available for staff to join to fight for their rights. Anyway, barbecues are hardly fighting for staff rights — they're simply a waste of company time and money!

'Letter to the editor' boxes

These letters provide an interesting viewpoint about chapter issues.



'Research flash' boxes

The latest research on contemporary HR issues is provided in each chapter.







Beauty, culture and selection

This study examines the effects of physical attractiveness on selection decisions in India (collectivistic culture) and the United States (individualistic culture). The US results support the 'beauty is beastly'

stereotype, with attractive males receiving the highest ratings and attractive females the lowest ratings. Attractiveness disadvantages US females, who are seen as less qualified, less likely to be hired and more likely to receive a lower pay offer (this is especially so when attractive females apply for jobs stereotypically held by men).

The Indian findings, in contrast, support the 'what is beautiful is good' stereotype. Attractive male and female applicants are both seen to be better qualified, more likely to be hired and more likely to receive higher pay. No differences were evident between male and female raters in their hiring decisions and perceptions of attractiveness.

Source: Adapted by the author from Shahani-Deming, C., Dudhat, P., Tevet, R. and Andreoli, N. (2010) 'Effect of physical attractiveness on selection decisions in India and the United States', *International Journal* of Management, 27(1), pp. 37–51.

After an exhaustive review of the literature, however, Hogan, Hogan and Roberts concluded that '(a) well constructed measures of normal personality are valid predictors of performance in

in universities where research is well below world standards).²⁸ Innovation Minister Kim Carr adds :.. it's no coincidence that we have a real problem with management skills in businesses in this country.²⁹ The Australian Management Practices and Productivity Global Benchmarking Project likewise shows that Australia has one of the lowest proportions of managers with tertiary qualifications.³⁰

Such ferment in training and development and education is symptomatic of the fact that change is necessary if Australia is to have a workforce that possesses the creativity, flexibility and skills necessary for economic survival.

The need for HRD

HRD is an important activity. Today, it is employee know-how that represents a key source of sustainable competitive advantage. Australian organisations, for example, expect their HRD expenditure to improve morale, reduce labour turnover and improve bottom line performance. Newly hired employees need to be trained to perform their jobs. Existing employees need to acquire new knowledge, skills and abilities. Changes, particularly in technology and organisational restructuring, mean that people and organisations are continually faced with situations that require learning and the exploitation of knowledge.

Business and economic changes

Recession, international competition, tariff reductions, global outsourcing and restructuring are just a few of the dislocating factors affecting organisations today.

Specifically, HRD can be a powerful tool in:

implementing a new policy

Fast facts

Relevant facts and statistics on various topical issues are regularly highlighted.

FASTFACT

A recent survey shows that demand for training and development programs in Australian organisations is being generated on an ad hoc basis rather than from strategic considerations linked to the long-term growth of the business. 32

HRM and social networking sites

Social networking sites, such as Facebook and LinkedIn, are used increasingly by organisations to highlight themselves as an employer of choice and for the identification of talent and the recruitment of applicants (see also chapter 6 on recruitment).92

National Australia Bank (NAB) uses an internal social network (available only to NAB employers) to encourage its employees to connect with each other. Employees post their profiles (including photo, personal interests, work experiences and projects they are working on) to develop their personal brand and connect with other NAB employees. Carmel Speer, General Manager Organisational Capability, says 'It's about making it easier for individuals to realise their potential.'91 Similarly, groups of employees at organisations such as Qantas, Telstra and

Westpac have established informal groups on Facebook to discuss work-related matters.⁹⁴
Many organisations, however, block access to social networking sites, fearing that too much employee time will be spent on networking rather than actually working.95

DOCTOR

HR Dear Dr HR

I believe we should trust our employees to use social media responsibly. My boss disagrees. What do

Evaluating the HRIMS

Data generated by the HRIMS should help the HR manager and line managers to make better decisions. The HRIMS should add value. Otherwise, its costs cannot be justified. Basic evaluation questions that the HR manager should ask include:

- Is the time spent on entering data justified by the accuracy, timeliness and value of the information generated?
- Is the HRIMS response time appropriate?

Doctor HR

Presented in an 'ask the expert' style, these thought-provoking questions bring workplace HR issues to life.

Student study guide

The Student study guide at the end of each chapter provides a wealth of material for both self-study and classroom activities.



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REVIEW QUESTIONS

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 1. Outline the key steps in the management of change.

 2. Why do people resist change? How Can resistance to change be overcome?.

 3. Acceptance of change means a "cafe to the bottom" for those without marketable skills. Is this fair?

 4. Describe the key features of a learning organisation. Which feature do you regard as the most important? Why?

 5. Explain what is meant by downsizing. What are the arguments for and against downsizing?

 6. What is a change agent? How can HR managers act as change agents?

 7. Explain what is meant by knowledge management.

 8. What is TQM? What are the major advantages and disadvantages of TQM?

 9. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using an internal change agent rather than an external change agent?



CASE STUDY

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Vou are vice president of human resources for Oz International, a major. Australian soft drinks
manufacturer with a small but rapidly expanding business in China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia,
Mallaysia, Singapore and Thailand. The president of the Asia-Pacific region, Robert Hawthorn — an
astute, aggressive and very successful manager — has just resigned to take up the position of CEO with
a major international competitor based in Singapore. Oz International Sasa-Pacific region head officie
Singapore is in a state of shock (rumours are already circulating that several other top managers may qui
been asked by Robert Lee, CEO
of Oz International, to nominate
three potential replacements
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(specifying your own favourite) for consideration by the Board of Directors. The appointment to president of the Asia–Pacific region would be a major promotion and significant career move for each of the shortlisted would make the occupant the prime candidate to replace Robert Lee in the future). You have decided to write a brief summary of each candidate before making your personal



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End-of-chapter case studies and end-of-part case studies

A variety of real-world case studies are provided to illustrate HRM theory. Each case study includes questions for analysis

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