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To those most precious: My God, my wife, my children and my parents.

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Welcome to the second edition of *Business Marketing: Connecting Strategy, Relationships* and *Learning.* In the time that we've spent revising the first edition, the rapid change of business marketing has confirmed for us the need for this type of textbook.

Pretace

The revision still has each chapter opening with a profile of a company and its activities in the particular area of business marketing. As a provocative collage, they well capture the key dynamics in the business marketing arena. Information technology, especially the Internet, has brought new avenues for efficiency and market performance. It has also provided a latticework for new means of interfirm collaboration and coordination of value creation. Indeed, the imperatives for high performing buyer-seller relationships–e.g., supply chain management, customer lifetime value, R&D synergies–are stronger than ever. A bevy of new tools offer promise.

Clearly, when considered in light of the continuing trend of global competition, the new information technologies buyers a range of new options and expectations. Business marketing today demands a sophisticated and intense customer focus combined with turn-on-a-dime strategic nimbleness. With that in mind, the 2nd edition of Business Marketing offers the following distinctions from other business marketing books.

- No compartmentalization of the Internet! Yes, some books have dedicated chapters on it. And we pondered the merchandising lever it would give our McGraw-Hill/Irwin reps: "See, Chapter 6 is brand new coverage of eB2b." But the Internet is a dynamic and ubiquitous tool that is rightly treated for its utility across many, many marketing strategies and tactics. The roles of the new information technology are highlighted throughout the text.
- Intense focus on relationships-developing, managing, maximizing.
- Attention to broad types of relationships-customers, channel partners, suppliers, network constituents and virtual communities.
- Development of marketing's key role in the learning organization.
- Thorough and integrated treatment of marketing communications.

#### **Our Philosophy**

We named our book to distinguish it from the rest.

Connecting was chosen because it is only through connecting that marketing works. Connecting new knowledge with developed knowledge is the essence of learning, and learning is the essence of being market-driven. Connecting knowledge to people and people to knowledge is the essence of relationships. All of these connections are made in the context of marketing strategy. Truly, this book represents a unique approach to business marketing.

Relationship marketing is not a buzzword or a set of sales techniques, nor is it a business fad to be quickly adopted and then dropped just as quickly. Nor does relationship marketing operate as an exclusive organizational philosophy or strategy. We believe that relationship marketing is a strategic choice, enabled by technology, driven by global competition, capable of being taught. Hence, we have created a true relationship marketing text and teaching package.

Critical to this strategic choice is the organization's ability to learn—hence our emphasis on learning organizations. Some may say that learning organization theory is not marketing—yet being market-driven requires an understanding of learning organizations and making learning happen.

This text is theory-driven, but at the same time, we've worked hard to make it as howto as possible. Theory will guide people facing changing markets; the how-to will help them get started. We assume that students have had principles of marketing and now plan to explore the field of business marketing and perhaps enter the field after they graduate. Therefore, we want paint with vivid colors the creativity, dynamism, and nobility of business marketing. Furthermore, we want students to hit the ground running but capable of adapting to the changes that are bound to occur.

Another objective is to integrate this course with others. You'll find some material in this book that is unusual for a marketing text, but it is here because we hear from all sides that we have to break down the silos in academia. Readers should come away from this book with an understanding of the importance of not only other marketing courses, but also areas such as organizational behavior, accounting and finance. Business marketers don't operate in a vacuum, so we've tried to sensitize them to the needs and contributions of others.

A textbook is really only a part of the experience. We welcome your feedback regarding the package. We hope you'll share with us your victories and your concerns when teaching business marketing.

#### **Teaching Features**

There are a number of features unique to this text. For example, each chapter begins with an **opening vignette**, a focus on a firm or industry that illustrates the importance of the material in the chapter. Then, throughout the chapter, reference is made to that firm or industry. This running example highlights the importance of the opening vignette, increasing readership and helping each chapter come alive.

Each opening vignette is followed by action-oriented **learning objectives.** While an excellent test bank has been developed using these objectives, we hope you will also find them useful in preparing essay and short-answer questions. Research indicates that students who use these are more able to identify important points as they read, increasing their learning, so we've taken great care in creating meaningful learning objectives.

Another related feature is the **Business 2 Business** box. Each chapter has two of these boxes, which are designed to encourage reflective learning. Most are tied to the opening vignette, and each one will cause students to pause and reflect on the material they have just read. Not just a discussion question, a Business 2 Business box provides additional detail and orients students to a deep consideration of how business marketing principles are applied.

A Technology Icon flags Internet and other IT applications in business marketing. We've found this device directs students to etrapolate to additional uses of the new IT. It also enhances their perceptions of the "hip-ness" of business marketing, not to mention the text's currency in the absence of a wrong-headed chapter on the Internet.

Two **From the Field** boxes are included in each chapter, one of which focuses on an international issue or practice. These short stories illustrate key concepts as they've been applied by firms as big as IBM and as small as Freeman Exhibit Company. Our students tell us that these detailed examples are interesting and fun to read as well as helpful in keying on what is important in the chapter. Many From the Fields are original to this text, as we've conducted interviews and researched companies in order to create a feature that truly adds value to the student.

Key terms can be found at the end of each chapter. Each key term is in bold print in the chapter's sentence in which you find its definition. Further, each key term can also be found in what is probably the most comprehensive **glossary** of any business marketing text. We've made a significant effort to include both academic terms and the jargon of the field. Students familiar with these terms will enter the field speaking the language of business marketing.

Each chapter has at least 10 **discussion questions**, which can be used in class or as homework. You'll find questions that apply concepts, integrate material from earlier chapters, or require deep analysis of principles as well as questions that simply review the chapter. This variety of question types means that any reader, whether professor or student, can use these discussion questions for both in-class use and study.

An **Internet exercise** is also offered for each chapter. These exercises are, for the most part, designed to encourage students to further explore concepts presented in the chapter within the context of the focus firm. For example, students are expected to find and evaluate press releases about Intel, the focus firm of the advertising, publicity, and trade show chapter. These exercises will increase students' familiarity with the web while also encouraging them to conduct company research, applying concepts from the chapter.

Two **cases** also follow each chapter. Cases are designed for homework and class discussion focusing on the immediate chapter. You'll notice that many have data that require analysis, but the level of analysis is not as rigorous as with a longer case. Students will, however, have to carefully formulate their responses, synthesizing the concepts of each chapter with application.

Additional readings are provided for upper-level courses. These readings represent recent research papers that provide relevant detail to the concepts covered in the chapter. Professors may want to assign these when using the book at the graduate or senior level, whereas undergraduate students can use these to begin research on term papers.

**Comprehensive cases** can be found at the end of the book. These full-length cases are designed to integrate material across several chapters, and some are **video cases**, making use of video introductions to the written case. Many of these cases are new, some written especially for this text. Because we've developed an innovative text that deals with issues such as marketing's role in the learning organization, it was often impossible to locate cases that fit, so we created new ones. We also found a number of colleagues who shared our concerns about existing cases and wrote their own, which they've contributed to this text. As a result, you'll enjoy a number of cases involving global marketing issues presented within the context of typical marketing issues such as marketing communications planning.

The 2nd edition features 5 cases new to the text. While many cases are newly published, all have been used by the case authors and they've given us excellent case notes.



You'll find these and other teaching tools in the **Instructor's Manual**. Both of us have taught classes using this text and we've incorporated our years of experience in developing course outlines, lecture suggestions, class exercises, question answers, and transparencies (many of which are not from exhibits in the book). We are passionate about teaching quality, and believe you'll find many useful ideas in the *Instructor's Manual*.

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