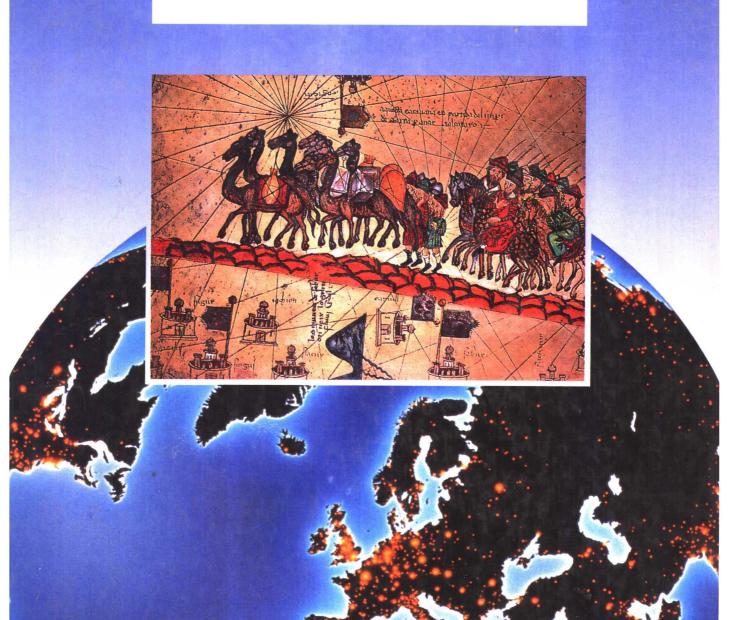
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Preface

■ BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Now, in the last decade of the 20th century, as countries have become more interdependent economically and as opportunities for international trade have increased, there is unprecedented potential for global economic growth.

The future of business is global business.

It is with the future that this eighth edition of *International Marketing* is concerned. As global economic growth occurs, understanding marketing in all cultures is increasingly important. Because the world will become an interdependent global market in the 21st century, the text of the eighth edition of *International Marketing* has been revised to keep pace with the changes facing businesses now and into the future as they are confronted by the *competitive* consequences of global trends. There is the reality of the European Economic Area (EEA), the dissolution of the USSR, the slow but steady shift of China, Eastern Europe, and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) from socialist-based economies to the free enterprise system, the growing competitive importance of Pacific Rim countries, a more positive attitude toward foreign investment, and the elimination or reduction of trade barriers in India and Latin America. These are not simply news reports but changes that affect the practice of business worldwide.

International Marketing addresses global issues that challenge today's international marketer and describes concepts relevant to all international marketers regardless of the extent of their international involvement.

Not all firms engaged in overseas marketing have a global perspective—nor do they need have. Some companies' foreign marketing is limited to marketing in one country; others market in a number of countries, treating each country as a separate market; and still others—the global enterprises—look for market segments with common needs and wants across political and economic boundaries.

For the management point of view, emphasis here is on the strategic implications of marketing in different country cultures. Nine chapters address the cultural influences on marketing strategies and ten chapters present marketing management techniques and the adjustments necessary to accommodate cultural differences.

The text is designed to stimulate curiosity about management practices of companies seeking market opportunities outside the home country—to raise

the reader's consciousness about the importance of viewing international marketing management strategies from a global perspective.

An environmental/cultural approach to international marketing permits a truly global orientation. The reader's horizons are not limited to any specific nation nor to the particular ways of doing business in a single nation. Instead, the book provides an approach and framework for identifying and analyzing the important cultural and environmental uniqueness of any nation or global region. The reader, in surveying the tasks of marketing in a foreign milieu, will not overlook the impact of crucial cultural issues.

Although this revised edition is infused throughout with a global orientation, export marketing is not overlooked. Issues specific to exporting are discussed where strategies applicable to exporting arise.

■ NEW AND EXPANDED TOPICS IN THIS EDITION

Competition is raising the global standards for quality, increasing the demand for advanced technology and innovation, and increasing the value of customer satisfaction. The global market is swiftly changing from a seller's market to a buyer's market. This is a period of profound economic and political change. To remain competitive globally, companies must be aware of all aspects of the emerging global economic order. The new and expanded topics in this eighth edition reflect issues in competition, changing market structures, ethics and social responsibility, and the development of the manager for the 21st century.

New and expanded topics in this edition include:

- Developing global awareness
- Keiretsu (Japanese intercompany alliance)
- Ethics and social responsibility
- Making ethical and socially responsible decisions
- Critical state of the global environment
- Enterprise of the American Initiative (EAI)
- European Economic Area (EEA)
- North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA)
- Strategic importance of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS),
 Eastern Europe, and the Baltic republics
- Privatization of state-owned enterprises (SOE)
- Green marketing
- Japanese distribution system
- Strategic international alliances
- Total quality management (TQM)
- Global market segmentation

STRUCTURE OF THE TEXT

The text is divided into three parts. The first two chapters, Part I, introduce the reader to the environmental/cultural approach to international marketing and to

three international marketing management concepts—Domestic Market Expansion Concept, Multi-Domestic Market Concept, and the Global Marketing Concept. As companies restructure for the global competitive rigors of the 21st century, so too must tomorrow's manager. The successful manager must be globally aware—with a frame of reference that goes beyond a region or even a country and encompasses the world. What *global awareness* means and how it is acquired is discussed early in the text; it is at the foundation of global marketing. Chapter 2 focuses on the global marketing environment and the competitive challenges and opportunities confronting today's international marketer. The Japanese *keiretsu* is examined both as a strong competitor and as a model, some of whose features may be adopted to gain a competitive advantage.

The seven chapters in Part II deal with the cultural environment of global marketing. Cultural differences must be recognized for a global orientation and, when necessary, accommodated—if global marketing strategies are to be successful.

Geography and history are included as important dimensions in understanding cultural and market differences among countries. Not to be overlooked is concern for the deterioration of the *global ecological environment* and the multinational company's critical responsibility to protect it.

As a company expands its global reach, decision makers are again faced with problems that challenge their values and present them with the dilemma of balancing corporate profits against the social and ethical consequences of their decisions. *Ethics* and *social responsibility* are discussed and a *decision tree* is presented to lead a decision maker through a series of questions about ethics and social responsibility.

The strategic implications of the dissolution of the USSR, the emergence of new independent republics, and the shift from socialist-based to market-based economies in Eastern Europe are examined, as are the efforts of the governments of India and many Latin-American countries to reduce or eliminate barriers to trade, to open their countries to foreign investment, and to privatize state-owned enterprises (SOEs).

The accelerating trend among countries to form regional market groups—evidenced by the merging of the European Community and the European Free Trade Area to form the European Economic Area, the negotiations of the United States and Canada with Mexico to develop the North American Free Trade Area, the U.S.-sponsored Enterprise of the Americas Initiative designed to spur the creation of a free-trade area from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, and the creation of the Commonwealth of Independent States—is discussed.

These political and economic changes sweeping the world are creating new markets and opportunities, making some markets more accessible while creating the potential for greater protectionism in others.

The discussion of *strategic international alliances* reveals that the scope of what companies must do to fully capitalize on opportunities offered by global markets often exceeds the capabilities of an individual company. Strategic alliances are therefore sought to provide needed technology, innovation, pro-

ductivity, capital, market access, and help in other areas where a company needs to shore up weaknesses.

Part III has ten chapters on global marketing management. Planning and organizing for global marketing is the subject of Chapter 10. Marketing research and sources of global market information are covered in Chapter 11. Chapters 12 and 13 focus on product management, reflecting the differences in strategies between consumer and industrial products and the growing importance in world markets for business services. The discussion of total quality manage ment (TQM) recognizes the critical, competitive importance in today's global market for quality, innovation, and technology as the keys to marketing success. Chapter 14 takes the reader through the distribution process from home country to the consumer in the target country market. The structural impediments to market entry imposed by a country's distribution system is examined in the context of a detailed presentation of the Japanese distribution system. Chapter 15 concludes the discussion of the distribution process with a detailed presentation of the special techniques of export operations.

Chapter 16 covers advertising and addresses the promotional element of the international marketing mix. Included in the discussion of *global market segmentation* is a recognition of the rapid growth of market segments across country markets and of the importance of market segmentation as a strategic competitive tool. Chapter 17 discusses personal selling and personnel management.

Price escalation and ways it is lessened, countertrade practices, and price strategies to employ when the dollar is strong or weak relative to foreign currencies are concepts presented in Chapter 18 on pricing.

In Part IV, Chapter 19 addresses the financial requirements of global marketing. The volatility of the value of world currencies plays a special role in international business today.

■ PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES OF THE TEXT

The text portion of the book provides a thorough coverage of its subject with specific emphasis on the planning and strategic problems confronting companies that market across cultural boundaries.

- Current, pithy, sometimes humorous, and always relevant examples are used to stimulate interest and increase understanding of the ideas, concepts, and strategies presented in emphasizing the importance of understanding cultural uniquenesses.
- The boxed "Crossing Borders," an innovation of the first edition of *International Marketing*, have always been popular with students. This eighth edition includes more than 30 new incidents that provide insightful examples of cultural differences while illustrating concepts presented in the text.

- The Appendix, "A Country Notebook," is a guide for developing a comprehensive, strategic marketing plan. This detailed outline provides a format for developing a complete cultural and economic analysis of a country.
- Addition of numerous maps helps the student observe features of countries and regions discussed in the text.

CASES

Part V comprises a selection of short and long cases. The short cases focus on a single problem, serving as the basis for discussion of a specific concept or issue. The longer, more integrated cases are broader in scope and focus on more than one marketing management problem. Among the new cases are ones that address ethics, social responsibility, market strategies in the European Community, cross-cultural negotiations, and marketing a business service. The cases can be analyzed by using the information provided in the case, or they may lend themselves to more in-depth analysis, requiring the student to engage in additional research and data collection.

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