

The Supply Chain Manager of the Future

The Leader of the future is the Supply Chain Manager.

The fact is, organisations are starting to realise that without Supply Chain firmly embedded in their Business Strategy, they are going to be lagging behind.

Hence a new Supply Chain Manager is emerging, one with skills and attitudes not currently in many Supply Chain Managers.

Some of the Capabilities that are now wanted by organisations:

- Ability to negotiate and collaborate with value chain partners
- Ability to collaborate across vertical functions
- Strategic thinking and problem solving
- Ability to manage global and virtual teams
- Ability to persuade and communicate effectively
- Leading and developing others

There is a common theme here of Leadership, Communications & Collaboration. All soft skills that complement the well known Technical or Traditional skillset of a Supply Chain Manager.

The view of Supply Chain is changing – and changing quickly because corporate leaders are starting to recognise the strategic value of their Supply Chain.

There is a shift happening. The quicker we recognise it, understand it, then we can plan for it. The Supply Chain Manager of the future is a Strategic Leader.

Do you have a plan?

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