The Shift of Automobile Production to Central Europe and Hollowing-Out in Germany: The Case of the Automotive Components Industry







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German domestic parts manufactures have a bright future: Revolutionary way!

key word

Globalization = domestic globalization (localization)
It's impossible to get off the train of globalization
Innovation
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Reasonable wage labor union

Government

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- 1 Reduction of labor cost
- 2 Development Investments
- ③ Specialist, Innovator, Integrator

(Survival race)

 Capital-labor cooperation policy: working hours, wage, other conditions.

Tax reform (National, local)

High-tech Innovation policy

case: supports of technology

(high-technological lag)

② Management-oriented industrial democracy

(world record of labor cost)

Image on the Survival Strategy of the German Parts Suppliers and Germany's Position as a Business Location									
Strategic Behavior of Parts Suppliers	Car Manufacturer					Parts Suppliers			Shifting to
	Module Strategy	Platform Strategy	Globalisation	Shifting to Central Europe	Environment, Safety, IT	Major	Medium	Small	Countries
Major Parts Suppliers (Tier 1)	active, aggressive; proposal	active, aggressive ; proposal	actively accompanying ; aggressive	actively accompanying	active development ; proposal	alliance, tie-up	tie-up, dominant	dominant	active : Labor intensive parts
Medium- standing Parts Suppliers (T1,T2)	T1 or T2	T2 positioning	unavoidable, as active as possible	unavoidable, as active as possible	unavoidable, active	sub- ordinate	alliance, tie-up	dominant or tie-up	unavoidable, as active as possible
Small-standing Parts Suppliers (T3,Lower)	T3, regional standing	T3 positioning	passive, negative regional	passive, negative, regional	unavoidable, active	sub- ordinate	sub- ordinate	tie-up	passive, negative, regional
Government	-	-	-	domestic: employment, tax reduction	supports,enc ouragement	•	-	supports, tax reduction	domestic: employment, tax reduction
Labor Union	-		international labor alliance	reasonable wages,wage reduction	-	-	-	-	reasonable wages,wage reduction
Hollowing-Out ? Leapital and labor									
Lowered the corporation tax, Is German wage									
but local tax rate is high! system a straitjacket?									



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Business circumstances in which German auto parts manufacturers find themselves leave them no alternative but to act as they do aggressively. Prof. Furukawa



Design, R&D Centers and Manufacturing Plants of Toyota in Europe











The direct investment of German Parts Suppliers are shifting from Western Europe to Asia, and also to Central and Eastern Europe.



German Parts Industry has continued to grow since 1994.



Import and export of the German Parts Industry is now balanced. But, it is faced with imminent competitions from Central and Eastern European Newcomers will soon catch up with German industry.

