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Analysis of the effect of supplier-company's long-term commitment, communication and strategy on supply chain performance in manufacturing sector

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to find answers to the research problem posed, namely the implementation of the long-term cooperation strategy between suppliers and companies through supplier commitment factors with companies and supplier communication with companies that can improve the company's supply chain performance. The populations in this study are suppliers of manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (BEI) in 2016-2020. Data were collected using a questionnaire containing questions related to research. Furthermore, in this study a theoretical model was developed by proposing 5 hypotheses to be tested using Structural Equations Modeling (SEM) using AMOS software. The results showed that the function and existence of the antecedents of the Long-Term Cooperation Strategy have a high role in determining Supply Chain Performance. Based on the influence analysis, it can be concluded that Communication has a higher influence on Supply Chain Performance compared to Commitment.

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1. Introduction

Very tight competition requires business managers to create new models in managing product and information flows. Heizer and Render (2013) explain that the important role of all parties, from suppliers, manufacturers, distributors, retailers and customers in creating cheap, quality and fast products, has given birth to a new concept, namely Supply Chain Management (SCM). SCM (supply chain management) is an extension and development of the concept of logistics management (He et al., 2014). A supply chain management system involves the process of producing, shipping, storing, distributing, and selling a product to meet the demand for that product. The supply chain in it includes all processes and activities involved in delivering these products to consumers (Stadtler et al., 2015). Venus (2014) argues that the supply chain must have good performance to optimize profits in every part of the supply chain. Supply chain performance needs to be maintained by periodically improving supply chain performance, especially if changes are made to the supply chain structure. The concept of supply chain management itself has been further expanded with a relationship management approach and a stronger collaboration between the various stages of the supply chain is needed (Vogt, 2011). Strategic partnerships emphasize long-term, direct relationships that support the planning process and problem-solving efforts (Shiraz & Ramezani, 2014) which enable companies to work more effectively with suppliers who have the willingness to share responsibility for ensuring product success. Thatte et al. (2013) show the strategic advantages of cooperative relationships from various industries, and Zhu et al. (2014) uses this cooperative relationship as one of the key factors to add value to the company in his analysis of business strategy. Quality collaborative relationships are increasingly taking center stage in the analysis of how firms compete. According to Morgan and Hunt (1994) commitment is a motivation to maintain and extend relationships. Matin et al. (2010) states that the relationship depends on a mutually beneficial commitment between the buyer and the seller. When the motivation to maintain the relationship is high, then there is a possibility that the relationship commitment is also high. The

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long-lasting relationship shows a certain degree of commitment between the buyer-seller (Plenert, 2014). Alhaji (2012) found that communication is an important key for the continuation of a collaborative relationship. Communication is seen as the most important element for the success of relationships between companies because the fact proves that relationships between companies always involve communication. Thus, good communication should be one of the factors that determine the success of cooperation between companies (Nawab & Bhatti, 2017).

Suppliers are one of the factors of an important raw material distribution channel for the company. Suppliers chosen by companies that are not well managed allow suppliers to be late in procuring raw materials for the company, because it can reduce the performance of suppliers and there is no transparency in bargaining prices between suppliers and companies (Neutzling et al., 2018). Also added by Karimi & Rafiee (2014), delays in raw materials can affect operations at the company. The importance of the existence of suppliers for the company makes the company must be able to manage and choose the relationship with its suppliers. The application of SCM following the correct concept can have an impact on increasing competitive advantage on products and on the supply chain system built in the company (Arvitrida et al., 2017). The results of research by Morgan and Hunt (1994) show that commitment between suppliers and companies has an influence on longterm cooperation strategies, while Anderson and Weitz's (1992) research shows that commitment between suppliers and retail companies has a low effect on long-term cooperation strategies. The research results of Gimenez et al. (2012) show that the cooperation strategy between suppliers and companies has an influence on supply chain performance. Meanwhile, research by de Souza Miguel abd Brito (2011), which examined supply chain performance, did not find a significant relationship between long-term cooperation strategies and supply chain performance. In meeting raw material needs, manufacturing companies establish long-term cooperation with many suppliers. But there are obstacles in cooperation between suppliers of raw materials and companies, namely delays in the supply of raw materials and inaccuracies in fulfilling raw material supply contracts. This can cause problems in meeting the company's production quota. Many of the suppliers of raw materials for manufacturing companies only think about short-term relationships without thinking about the long-term sustainability of the relationship.

2. Literature Review and Hypothesis

2.1 Managerial Commitment and Communication

According to Morgan and Hunt (1994), commitment is defined as trust in a cooperative relationship that occurs in a continuous relationship which is very important as a guarantee of efforts to maintain the cooperation they do. Further explained by Fredberg et al. (2008) that commitment is the ability to develop good relationship exchanges and illustrates the highest level of relational bonding, commitment also includes activities to maintain a relationship. Relationships occur if the company can provide high commitment to its customers, of course, it will provide high satisfaction and trust in its customers, because commitment is generally seen as a strength of the relationship between the company and customers (Yahaya & Ebrahim, 2016). In establishing long-term relationships between companies, what companies need to affirm is to maintain commitment and trust (Khan & Rashid, 2012). The conclusion of the definition of commitment in the relationship between companies is an attitude that the company takes so that the relationship is meaningful and stable (Gallato et al., 2012). Through a commitment to maintaining long-term relationships between companies, it is hoped that the development and benefits of this relationship can be achieved. Mohr et al. (1996) define communication as a reciprocal relationship that is structured, planned and routine between companies and suppliers. Meanwhile, according to Johlke and Duhan (2001) communication is a process used to exchange information and influence from one party to another. Some researchers place communication as an important element in collaborating with other parties (Miller, 2009). According to Papa et al. (2007), there are four main dimensions of channel communication, namely the size of the communication, the content of the communication, the communication media and the communication feedback. The amount of communication can be measured by the frequency and duration of contact. The amount of contact must be compared with the number required to carry out the activity. Research measuring frequency recognizes that there is an optimal level of communication, where too much or too little communication can have a negative influence on the effectiveness of communication. Relationship communication shows the company as an individual feels the added value of the relationship that exists between them, which illustrates the closeness between the two companies. High relationship communication will lead to interactions and relationships between the companies concerned, which in turn can be seen as a strategic asset. The company tries to optimize this strategic potential from good relationship communication (Griffin, 2006). Morgan & Hunt (1994) observed that willingness to share information in a timely, meaningful manner is important when choosing a partner, because communication is an important part of resolving disagreements. Therefore, communication is likened to glue or glue that strengthens relationships between companies. Communication plays an important role for the success of relationships between companies. Many problems in relationships between companies are successfully resolved through good communication (Modaff et al., 2016).

2.2 Long-term Cooperation Strategy and Supply Chain Performance

The growing flow of globalization, rapid technological developments, and unpredictable economic situations are factors that encourage the emergence of a concept of long-term collaborative relationships between suppliers and companies. Long-term collaborative relationships can be realized through processes and products, increasing conformity with one another, sharing

information and reducing sources of uncertainty (Chan, 2003). Liew (2008) argues that long-term relationships are a perception of the interdependence of companies and suppliers both in the context of products and relationships and it is hoped that interdependence will be of value to the company in the long run. This dependency value will make them try to build each other and maintain the valuable attributes in their cooperative relationship. Tungjitjarurn et al. (2012) stated that the main dimensions that characterize successful supplier development will include, but are not limited to integrating and improving activities and processes, continuous collaboration and mutually beneficial long-term relationships as a result of improvement efforts and a clear structure for both companies are concerned with costs, prices and profits. The relationship between suppliers, customers and companies must be well managed and always improved so that a sustainable relationship is established and suppliers are responsible for product quality and so that the distribution of products from upstream to downstream is timely for the end users (Guney & Fairchild, 2011). In principle, the ultimate goal to be achieved in managing long-term relationships is the profitability of the company obtained through continuous and mutually beneficial relationships so as to create consistent and sustainable long-term relationships (Chenet et al., 2010).

According to Anatan (2008) supply chain performance is a measure of product quality, delivery performance, and price, responsiveness to demand changes, service support, and overall performance. Chopra & Meindl (2007) say that measuring performance is complex and a big challenge for a researcher. Performance is a big challenge because as a construct, performance is multidimensional so that the use of a single measurement is not able to provide a comprehensive understanding (Pujawan & Mahendrawathi, 2010). The relationship with the end customer is a must in achieving success in the supply chain. Supply chains must be close to their end consumers to form cooperative relationships in demand planning (Marhamati et al., 2017). While companies compete through product customization, high quality, cost reduction and speed of reaching the market, additional emphasis is placed on the supply chain. The thinking that underlies supply chain management is focusing on reducing waste and maximizing the supply chain (Indrajit & Djokopranoto, 2002). Supply chain performance is a factor commonly used to measure the impact of the strategy implemented by the organization. In other words, supply chain performance is a concept for assessing the performance of business activities carried out by organizations related to effective distribution processes (Lu, 2011).

Based on the theoretical description, the hypotheses used in this study are as following:

- H₁: Managerial commitment has a positive effect on long-term cooperation strategies.
- H₂: Managerial commitment has a positive effect on long-term cooperation strategies.
- H₃: Managerial commitment has a positive effect on supply chain performance.
- H₄: Managerial commitment has a positive effect on supply chain performance.
- H₅: The long-term cooperation strategy has a positive effect on supply chain performance.

3. Research Methods

In this study presents a causal relationship which is a determination on the level of influence that can also be used to make predictions. Researchers can identify these facts or events as the affected variable (dependent variable) and conduct research on the influencing variable (independent variable). The variables in this study consist of Commitment, Communication, Long-Term Cooperation Strategy and Supply Chain Performance. This study uses primary data obtained in the field. The primary data in this research are respondents' answers about the analysis of the supply chain performance of manufacturing companies. Data were collected using a prepared questionnaire. Secondary data used in this study are data on the fulfillment of raw material supply contracts and data on delays in the supply of raw materials. The questionnaire used in this study contains two main parts. The first part is about the respondent's social profile, containing the respondent's data related to the respondent's identity. While the second part concerns the factors that affect supply chain performance. Population is a generalization area consisting of objects or subjects that have certain qualities and characteristics that are determined by the researcher for study and then draw conclusions (Mas'ud, 2004). The populations in this study are partners (suppliers of raw materials) of manufacturing companies listed on the IDX for the 2016-2020 periods. The sample is the source of the population, consisting of several members of the population. This subset is taken because in many cases it is impossible to study all members of the population, therefore we form a population representative called the sample (Ferdinand, 2006). In this questionnaire as many as 250 questionnaires were circulated. The sampling technique used in this study is a census, where all available populations are sampled to obtain information in accordance with predetermined criteria, namely suppliers of raw materials for manufacturing companies. Data collection techniques can be done by interview, questionnaire, observation and a combination of the three (Sugiyono, 2002). The sampling technique used in this study was a census, using a questionnaire. The questionnaire is a data collection technique that is carried out by giving a set of questions or written statements to the respondent to answer (Sugiyono, 2002). The questionnaire gives the respondent the responsibility to read and answer questions (Indriantoro & Supomo, 2002). The list of questions asked of respondents to get data about the variables measured in this study. Questions in a closed questionnaire are made with an ordinary scale, which is used to measure the attitudes, opinions and perceptions of a person or group of people about social phenomena (Sugiyono, 2002). Reliability test is used that aims to find out how reliable or trustworthy a measuring instrument is. Reliability relates to estimating the extent to which a measuring instrument is seen from the stability or internal consistency of the answers/questions if observations are made repeatedly. If a measuring instrument is used repeatedly and the measurement results obtained are relatively consistent, then the measuring instrument is considered reliable and reliable. Furthermore, validity is defined as a measure of the accuracy of a test instrument to perform its measuring function (Indriantoro & Supomo, 2002). The higher the reliable validity of a measuring instrument will hit its target or provide measurement results in accordance with the purpose of the measurement. The validity test is carried out by calculating the correlation between the variables making up the variables with the variable total score to determine the relationship between variables and the variable total score. In this study, the reliability and validity test used the Pearson correlation method found in the SPSS software.

In this study, the analysis technique used is Structural Equations Modeling (SEM) which is operated through the AMOS program. According to Ferdinand (2006), research modeling through SEM allows a researcher to answer research questions that are both regressive and dimensional (i.e. measuring what the dimensions of a concept are). SEM can also identify the dimensions of a concept or construct and at the same time SEM can also measure the influence or degree of factor relationship to which the dimensions will be identified. The reason for using SEM is because in SEM, exogenous and endogenous confirmatory construct testing is carried out, where the exogenous confirmatory construct test is to test the feasibility of the model between the independent variable and the intervening variable, while the endogenous confirmatory construct test is to test the feasibility of the model between the intervening variable and the dependent variable. This is done in order to get good research results. The advantages of SEM applications in management research are due to its ability to confirm the dimensions of a concept or factor that is very commonly used in management and its ability to measure the effect of theoretical relationships (Hair et al., 2010).

4. Results

Respondents in this research were as many as 250 suppliers of raw materials for manufacturing companies listed on the Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) in 2016-2020, but the data that was ultimately used in the analysis were 209 questionnaires. This was caused by 31 questionnaires that did not return and 10 questionnaires that were not filled in completely (missing data). This study uses questionnaire data as primary data, so a question-testing step is needed to determine whether the question is feasible or not. To find out whether the question is feasible or not, the validity test is used. This test is used to measure the feasibility and validity of a question item. The decision criterion is to compare the value of Corrected Item - Total Correlation compared to the value of r table with a level (α) of 0.05. The decision criteria, if the value of Corrected Item - Total Correlation is greater than r table, then the indicator is feasible (valid) and vice versa (Ghozali, 2016). Meanwhile, another instrument test is the reliability test, which is related to the problem of the accuracy of the data, for reliability testing through the alpha coefficient value compared to the value of 0.60. A construct or variable is said to be reliable if it has an alpha value above 0.60 or preferably (Ghozali, 2016). Based on the results of calculations with the SPSS program, the validity and reliability test can be presented in Table 1 below:

 Table I

 Results of Testing the Reliability and Validity of the Questionnaire Instruments

Constructs/Latent Variables	Reliability (Cronbach α)	Item (Indicator)	Corrected Item - Total Correlation
Commitment	0.879	X11	0.742
		X12	0.780
		X13	0.777
		X14	0.671
Communication	0.939	X21	0.911
		X22	0.855
		X23	0.845
		X24	0.830
Long-term Cooperation Strategy	0.929	Y11	0.870
		Y12	0.876
		Y13	0.859
		Y14	0.753
Supply Chain Performance	0.925	Y21	0.820
***		Y22	0.893
		Y23	0.811
		Y24	0.860

Based on Table 1, it can be shown that all (observed) indicators are valid, this is indicated by the value of Corrected Item-Total Correlation> r table. This evidence shows that all (observed) indicators are suitable to be used as indicators of the construct (variable latency). The alpha coefficient (Cronbach alpha) has a value above 0.60 so it can be explained that the research variables (constructs) in the form of commitment variables, relationship communication, long-term cooperation strategies and supply chain performance are reliable or have high reliability, so that it has the accuracy to be used as a variable (construct) in a study. In this last stage, model interpretation is carried out and modifies the model that does not meet the test requirements. After the model is estimated, the residual must be small or close to zero and the frequency distribution of the covariance produced by the model, then a residual modality must be symmetrical. The safety limit for the residual amount is 5%. If the residual amount is greater than 5% of all covariance residuals produced by the model, then a modification needs to be considered provided there is a theoretical basis. Furthermore, if it is found that the residual value generated by the model is quite large (> 2.58), another way to modify it is to consider adding a new flow to the estimated model. The cut off value of

 \pm 2.58 can be used to assess the significance of the residuals generated by the model. Standardized residual covariances data processed by the AMOS program can be seen in Table 2 below:

 Table 2

 Standardized Residual Covariances (Group number 1 - Default model)

	Y21	Y22	Y23	Y24	Y11	Y12	Y13	Y14	K21	K22	K23	K24	X11	X12	X13	X14
Y21	0.000															
Y22	-0.134	0.000														
Y23	0.026	-0.001	0.000													
Y24	-0.166	0.034	0.472	0.000												
Y11	-0.013	0.034	-0.213	-0.216	0.000											
Y12	0.088	0.032	-0.143	0.046	-0.075	0.000										
Y13	0.084	0.0123	-0.002	0.081	0.019	-0.017	0.000									
Y14	-0.051	0.042	-0.089	-0165	-0.066	0049	0.48	0.000								
K21	0.005	0.077	-0.053	-0195	-0.133	0.025	-0.078	-029	0.000							
K22	0.153	0.027	-0.127	0.078	0.077	0.009	0.003	0.039	-0.015	0.000						
K23	0.111	0.003	-0.211	-0.126	0.264	0.128	-0.114	-0.092	0.059	0.018	0.000					
K24	0.042	0.019	0.002	-0.191	0.081	-0.025	-0.031	-0.042	0.035	-0.072	0.001	0.000				
X11	0.034	-0.069	-0.169	0.087	0.148	0.089	-0.065	-0.024	0.083	0.085	0.013	0.059	0.000			
X12	0.081	0.005	-0.187	-0.106	0.0139	-0.134	0.004	0.069	-0.079	-0.12	-0.154	0.079	0.064	0.000		
X13	0.121	0.078	-0.173	-0.173	-0.112	0.012	-0.003	0.076	-0.011	-0.039	-0.167	0.019	-0.087	0.063	0.000	
X14	0.141	0069	0.157	-0.007	0.006	-0.006	-0.149	0.006	0.121	-0.009	0.091	0.108	-0.177	-0.061	0.121	0.000

Table 2 shows that none of the standardized residual covariance values are greater than 2.58. Thus, the model does not require significant modification.

Table 3Reliability Test Results and Variance Extract

Variable		Loading	Loading2	Error	1-Error	(∑Std.Loading)2	Reliable	Var. Ext
Commitment	X11	0.915	0.838	0.838	0.158	13.861	0.959	0.798
	X12	0.934	0.874	0.874	0.119			
	X13	0.954	0.912	0.912	0.091			
	X14	0.925	0.857	0.857	0.139			
	Total	3.734	3.487	3.487	0.509			
Communication	X21	0.947	0.889	0.889	0.102	14.589	0.956	0.789
	X22	0.961	0.925	0.925	0.069			
	X23	0.945	0.896	0.896	0.098			
	X24	0.946	0.896	0.896	0.098			
	Total	3.805	3.622	3.622	0.381			
Long-term	Y11	0.928	0.863	0.863	0.129	14.202	0.971	0.787
Cooperation	Y12	0.938	0.881	0.881	0.121			
Strategy	Y13	0.956	0.916	0.916	0.079			
	Y14	0.937	0.880	0.880	0.108			
	Total	3.765	3.546	3.546	0.509			
Supply Chain	Y21	0.942	0.889	0.889	0.112	13.499	0.962	0.786
Performance	Y22	0.921	0.850	0.850	0.151			
	Y23	0.912	0.834	0.834	0.158			
	Y24	0.892	0.797	0.797	0.199			
	Total	3.673	3.376	3.376	0.618			

Table 3 shows that the instrument construct reliability has met the research requirements, namely \geq 0.7 as well as the variance extract results that have met the requirements, namely \geq 0.50. The results of the SEM Full Model after processing can be seen in Fig. 1.

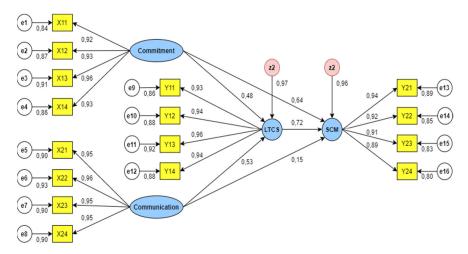


Fig. 1. Full Model Confirmatory Analysis

Table 4Model Feasibility Test Results (Full Model)

Goodness of Fit Index	Cut-off Value	Model Result	Information	
Chi-Square	122.11 df = 98	112.197	Good fit	
Significant Probability	≥ 0.05	0.098	Good fit	
GFI	≥ 0.90	0.911	Good fit	
RMSEA	≥ 0.08	0.045	Good fit	
AGFI	<u>≥</u> 0.90	0.868	Moderate	
TLI	≥ 0.90	0.989	Good fit	
NFI	<u>≥</u> 0.90	0.971	Good fit	
CFI	≥ 0.90	0.986	Good fit	
CMIN/DF	<u>≥</u> 2.00	1.201	Good fit	

The processing results in the full model factor analysis show that the Goodness of fit index is within the expected value range, except for AGFI (Table 4). However, this value is in a tolerable range. Thus, this test results in confirmation of either or the dimension of the factors as well as the relationship between causality and factors. According to Ghozali (2016), it is not important for a model to be truly fit or even close to good to start building a predictive research or confirm a theory, if a statistical model from the data can be achieved.

Table 5Full Model Weight Regression

Variable			Estimate	S.E.	C.R.	P	Label
SKJP	←	Commitment	0.482	0.239	2.010	0.042	par_13
SKJP	←	Communication	0.525	0.248	2.106	0.033	par_15
KRP	←	Commitment	0.064	0.316	0.206	0.833	par_14
KRP	←	Communication	0.146	0.319	0.459	0.643	par_16
KRP	←	SKJP	0.718	0.337	2.118	0.032	par_17
Y14	←	SKJP	1.000				
Y13	←	SKJP	0.990	0.040	23.698	***	par_1
Y12	←	SKJP	1.018	0.045	21.588	***	par 2
Y11	←	SKJP	1.186	0.051	20.658	***	par_3
Y21	←	KRP	1.000				
Y22	←	KRP	1.072	0.052	20.204	***	par_4
Y23	←	KRP	0.991	0.049	19.476	***	par 5
Y24	←	KRP	1.014	0.054	17.980	***	par 6
X11	←	Commitment	1.000				
X12	←	Commitment	1.048	0.052	19.279	***	par_7
X13	←	Commitment	1.083	0.050	20.748	***	par 8
X14	←	Commitment	0.946	0.049	18.606	***	par 9
X24	←	Communication	1.000				• =
X23	←	Communication	1.025	0.042	23.289	***	par 10
X22	←	Communication	1.169	0.044	25.311	***	par 11
X21	←	Communication	1.101	0.045	23.500	***	par 12

Hypothesis testing is done by comparing the C.R value in Table 5 with the critical value that is identical to the t value, which is 1.654 at the significance level of p < 0.05, so the proposed hypothesis is accepted. However, if the value of C.R has not been able to reach its critical value at the significance level of p> 0.05, the proposed hypothesis is rejected. The following is a discussion of each hypothesis test based on the test results summarized in Table 6.

Table 6Hypothesis Conclusion

Hypothesis	Score
H ₁ : Commitment has a positive effect on long-term cooperation strategies	C.R = 2.010 P = 0.042
H ₂ : Communication has a positive effect on long-term cooperation strategies	C.R = 2.106 P = 0.033
H ₃ : Commitment has a positive effect on supply chain performance	C.R = 0.206 P = 0.833
H ₄ : Communication has a positive effect on supply chain performance	C.R = 0.459 P = 0.643
H ₅ : The long-term cooperation strategy has a positive effect on supply chain performance	C.R = 2.118 P = 0.032

Influence analysis needs to be done to determine the magnitude of the influence of exogenous variables on endogenous variables, either directly, indirectly, or totally, as presented in Table 7 below:

Table 7Direct, Indirect and Total Effects

Influence	Commitment to Supply Chain Performance	Communication on Supply Chain Performance	Long-term Cooperation Strategy on Supply Chain Performance
Live	0.069	0.148	0.759
Indirect	0.369	0.391	0.000
Total	0.438	0.539	0.759

Based on the calculation of the direct and indirect effect of commitment and communication on supply chain performance, which shows one comparison that leads to the direct effect of commitment on supply chain performance is 0.069; the indirect effect of commitment to supply chain performance is 0.369; whereas the total effect of commitment to supply chain performance is 0.438. The direct effect of communication on supply chain performance is 0.148; the indirect effect of communication on supply chain performance is 0.391; while the total effect of communication on supply chain performance is 0.539. The direct effect of a long-term cooperation strategy on supply chain performance is 0.759. This shows that the function and existence of the antecedents of the long-term cooperation strategy have a high role in determining supply chain performance. Based on the influence analysis above, it can be shown that communication has a higher effect on improving supply chain performance than commitment.

5. Conclusion

Based on the results of statistical analysis testing and the discussion that has been carried out, the following conclusions are obtained. By looking at the communication media factor as an important factor as a success in improving supply chain performance through the implementation of a long-term cooperation strategy, companies in carrying out their business activities must apply appropriate communication media. The results would imply that it needs full support from company management to continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of SCM. The improvement was not only related to equipment, but also related to human resources, appropriate allocation of human resources and ongoing and adequate training to continue to support long-term cooperation that will improve supply chain performance. The limitations of this study are that the results of this study cannot be generalized to other cases outside the object of this study and companies in other sectors. Moreover, it is also taking the sample only the manufacturing sector is used. As a suggestion, in further research, a wider sample can be used so that it can better represent the actual situation, as well as to add research variables so that they can provide a more diverse representation for the company and use different analysis software and tools in analyzing data.

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