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A well-planned, well-structured warehouse management system (WMS) offers significant advantages to an organization, particularly in its ability to make warehouse operations more efficient, more cost effective, and more responsive. A Supply Chain Logistics Program for Warehouse Management details the concepts, applications, and practices necessary for the successful management of a WMS program, including the selection and adoption of the right software. Taking a process approach to a generic warehouse and its workings, the authors trace a product's life cycle from its receipt at a warehouse, through its outbound shipment, and to its eventual return. This approach illustrates the logistics of a well-run supply chain and how it works in relation to every phase of a warehouse's operation. The book details each phase and its related process, demonstrating how every component fits into the overall operation. Specific topics include how to reduce product damage, enhance identified product flow and track inventory, increase employee productivity, improve customer service, reduce warehouse operating costs, improve profits, and assure asset protection. The book also presents guidelines, tips and checklists so the reader can view how each component is carried out. Whether a warehouse operation supports a small, medium, or large business, A Supply Chain Logistics Program for Warehouse Management is an important book to have in order to design a system that reduces operating costs, improves products, and maintains timely delivery to customers.

This book focuses on inventory control from a manufacturing perspective. First, it defines inventory control and lists the major goals of inventory control programs. Next, it explores the methods available for performing inventory control tasks and explains the systems used for reordering raw materials and finished products. Then it discusses management responsibilities and examines ways that inventory control programs can be improved. This book focuses on packaging and warehousing in product-based organizations. The first section examines types, purposes, and advantages of packaging; while the last section explores best practices and improvement of warehousing. The future of both of these areas is also discussed.

The Logistics and Supply Chain Toolkit provides warehouse, inventory and transport managers with a comprehensive set of tools to tackle many of the day-to-day issues in order to drive efficiency and business success. In a busy, rapidly moving environment it offers quick, reliable advice and combines crucial logistics tools with key business techniques including SWOT analysis, Gantt Charts, Cause and Effect Analysis, and Maister's rule. Each tool is explained and put into context and examples are given of how it can be used within logistics. The Logistics and Supply Chain Toolkit is the only complete toolkit that offers a guide to meeting day-to-day challenges and is an ideal companion to The Handbook of Logistics and Distribution Management.

Transforming Management Using Artificial Intelligence Techniques redefines management practices using artificial intelligence (AI) by providing a new approach. It offers a detailed, well-illustrated treatment of each topic with examples and case studies, and brings the exciting field to life by presenting a substantial and robust introduction to AI in a clear and concise manner. It provides a deeper understanding of how the relevant aspects of AI impact each other's efficacy for better output. It's a reliable and

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accessible one-step resource that introduces AI; presents a full examination of applications; provides an understanding of the foundations; examines education powered by AI, entertainment, home and service robots, healthcare re-imagined, predictive policing, space exploration; and so much more, all within the realm of AI. This book will feature: Uncovering new and innovative features of AI and how it can help in raising economic efficiency at both micro- and macro levels Both the literature and practical aspects of AI and its uses This book summarizing key concepts at the end of each chapter to assist reader comprehension Case studies of tried and tested approaches to resolutions of typical problems Ideal for both teaching and general-knowledge purposes. This book will also simply provide the topic of AI for the readers, aspiring researchers and practitioners involved in management and computer science, so they can obtain a high-level of understanding of AI and managerial applications.

Practical, easy-to-implement advice on the most successful logistics management techniques being used today--from selecting the best carriers, setting logistics performance goals, and planning logistics strategies, to streamlining shipping and receiving and slashing logistics costs, and negotiating and managing third party logistics service providers.

This book presents software engineering methods in the context of the intelligent systems. It discusses real-world problems and exploratory research describing novel approaches and applications of software engineering, software design and algorithms. The book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the Software Engineering Methods in Intelligent Algorithms Section of the 8th Computer Science On-line Conference 2019 (CSOC 2019), held on-line in April 2019.

Timeless Insights for Planning and Managing 21st-Century Warehouse Operations Despite today's just-in-time production mentality, with its efforts to eliminate warehouses and their inventory carrying costs, effective warehousing continues to play a critical bottom-line role for companies worldwide. World-Class Warehousing and Material Handling covers today's state-of-the-art tools, metrics, and methodologies for dramatically increasing the effectiveness, accuracy, and overall productivity of warehousing operations. Written by one of today's recognized logistics thought leaders, this comprehensive resource provides authoritative answers on such topics as: The seven principles of world-class warehousing Warehouse activity profiling Warehouse performance measures Warehouse automation and computerization Receiving and put away Storage and retrieval operations Picking and packing Humanizing warehouse operations World-Class Warehousing and Material Handling describes the processes and systems required for meeting the changing demands of warehousing. Filled with practices from proven to innovative, it will help all logistics professionals improve the productivity, quality, and cycle time of their existing warehouse operations. Not too long ago, effective warehousing was a relatively straightforward progression of receiving, storing, and shipping. But in today's age of e-commerce, supply chain integration, globalization, and just-in-time methodology, warehousing has become more complex than at any time in the past not to mention more costly. World-Class Warehousing and Material Handling breaks through the confusing array of warehouse technology, buzzwords, and third-party providers to describe the principles of warehousing required for the implementation of world-class warehousing operations. Holding up efficiency and accuracy as the keys to success in warehousing, it is the first widely published methodology for warehouse problem solving across all areas of the supply chain, providing an

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organized set of principles that can be used to streamline all types of warehousing operations. Case studies from Avon, Ford, Xerox, True Value Hardware, and others detail how today's most innovative logistics and supply chain managers are arriving at proven solutions to a wide variety of warehousing challenges. Topics discussed include: Warehouse activity profiling for identifying causes of information and material flow problems and pinpointing opportunities for improvement Warehouse performance measures for monitoring, reporting, and benchmarking warehouse performance Storage and retrieval system selection for improving storage density, handling productivity, and trade-offs in required capital investment Order picking strategies for improving the productivity and accuracy of order fulfillment Computerizing warehousing operations for profiling activity, monitoring performance, and simplifying operations World-Class Warehousing and Material Handling integrates global and e-commerce issues as it addresses customization, information technology, performance analysis, expansion and contraction planning, and the overall role of the warehouse in logistics management and the supply chain. Filled with proven operational solutions, it will guide managers as they develop a warehouse master plan, one designed to minimize the effects of supply chain inefficiencies as it improves logistics accuracy and inventory management and reduces overall warehousing expense.

Internet of things (IoT) is an emerging research field that is rapidly becoming an important part of our everyday lives including home automation, smart buildings, smart things, and more. This is due to cheap, efficient, and wirelessly-enabled circuit boards that are enabling the functions of remote sensing/actuating, decentralization, autonomy, and other essential functions. Moreover, with the advancements in embedded artificial intelligence, these devices are becoming more self-aware and autonomous, hence making decisions themselves. Current research is devoted to the understanding of how decision support systems are integrated into industrial IoT. *Decision Support Systems and Industrial IoT in Smart Grid, Factories, and Cities* presents the internet of things and its place during the technological revolution, which is taking place now to bring us a better, sustainable, automated, and safer world. This book also covers the challenges being faced such as relations and implications of IoT with existing communication and networking technologies; applications like practical use-case scenarios from the real world including smart cities, buildings, and grids; and topics such as cyber security, user privacy, data ownership, and information handling related to IoT networks.

Additionally, this book focuses on the future applications, trends, and potential benefits of this new discipline. This book is essential for electrical engineers, computer engineers, researchers in IoT, security, and smart cities, along with practitioners, researchers, academicians, and students interested in all aspects of industrial IoT and its applications.

*Technology in Supply Chain Management and Logistics: Current Practice and Future Applications* analyzes the implications of these technologies in a variety of supply chain settings, including block chain, Internet of Things (IoT), inventory optimization, and medical supply chain. This book outlines how technologies are being utilized for product planning, materials management and inventory, transportation and distribution, workflow, maintenance, the environment, and in health and safety. Readers will gain a better understanding of the implications of these technologies with respect to value creation, operational effectiveness, investment level, technical migration and general industry acceptance. In addition, the book features case studies, providing a real-world look

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at supply chain technology implementations, their necessary training requirements, and how these new technologies integrate with existing business technologies. Identifies emerging supply chain technologies and trends in technology acceptance and utilization levels across various industry sectors Assists professionals with technology investment decisions, procurement, best values, and how they can be utilized for logistics operations Features videos showing technology application, including optimization software, cloud computing, mobility, 3D printing, autonomous vehicles, drones and machine learning

A brand new collection of cutting-edge sustainable supply chain solutions... 3 authoritative books, now in a convenient e-format, at a great price! 3 authoritative eBooks deliver state-of-the-art guidance for leveraging supply chain sustainability to maximize business value Organizations that prioritize sustainability are well positioned to increase profitability, reduce risk, and attract better customers, talent, and investors. This unique 3 eBook package brings together all the techniques, best practices, and case studies you need to make sustainability work throughout your supply chain. In *The Lean Sustainable Supply Chain*, Robert Palevich illuminates the business benefits of combining "lean" and "green," offering start-to-finish guidance for redesigning company infrastructure and technologies to achieve these benefits. Through a comprehensive case study, he shows how to manage change, innovation, talent, execution, inventory, warehousing, and transportation; integrate supply chain sustainability into business scorecards; make more effective use of 3PLs, information systems, and much more. He systematically addresses key technical issues ranging from forecasting methodologies and supplier integration to carbon tracking and quantifying lean savings. Next, in *Creating a Sustainable Organization*, Peter Soyka shows how to choose the right sustainability strategies, and then manage and measure them well. Soyka's actionable guide bridges the disparate worlds of the EHS/sustainability professional and the investor/analyst. Discover what the evidence says about linkages between sustainability and value... how to manage key stakeholder relationships influencing corporate response to EHS and social equity issues... how to effectively manage sustainability throughout the business... how to evaluate sustainability posture and performance from the standpoint of external investors and internal management... how to maximize the influence of organizational actors focused on sustainability, and much more. Finally, the *Sustainability in Supply Chain Management Casebook* is the first comprehensive collection of original case studies on building sustainability into the supply chain. Steven Leon covers a wide spectrum of social, economic and environmental issues, as well as new areas such as closed-loop supply chains. Topics include strategy, implementation, decision making, transportation, supplier relationships, collaboration, lean, continuous improvement, finance/economics, worker safety and rights, procurement, production, delivery, packaging, logistics, reverse logistics, and global supply chains. Each case study is supported with an authoritative introduction, teaching notes, and Q-and-A sections. Whatever your role in the sustainable supply chain, this collection will help you transform its promise into reality. From world-renowned sustainable supply chain experts Robert Palevich, Peter A. Soyka, Stephen M. Leon

This book is for the inventory control practitioner. With the techniques described many people have been able to manage their stock of inventory so that their customers are happier and so are the accountants. The reduction of inventory value, the avoidance

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of unnecessary work and the improvement of customer service can be accomplished at the same time through simple application of the techniques discussed. Inventory practitioners should be able to use this book to understand the best approaches and then to apply them to their own circumstances. Simple application of the methods is most successful, while modifications usually result in less effective outcomes.

A comprehensive understanding of the potential dangers inherent in warehousing chemicals is the first step in managing the associated risks. Written by industry professionals for warehouse operators, designers, and all who are concerned with the safe warehousing of chemicals, this book offers a performance-based approach to such hazards as health effects, environmental pollution, fire, and explosion, and presents practical means to minimize the risk of these hazards to employees, the surrounding population, the environment, property, and business operations. These basic precepts can be used to evaluate the risks in initial or existing designs for warehousing facilities on a manufacturing site, for freestanding offsite buildings, and for strictly chemical or mixed-use storage. Each of the book's ten chapters has a list of references and suggestions for further reading. The numerous topics covered make this book invaluable for warehousing designers and operators.

Unrivaled coverage of a broad spectrum of industrial engineering concepts and applications The Handbook of Industrial Engineering, Third Edition contains a vast array of timely and useful methodologies for achieving increased productivity, quality, and competitiveness and improving the quality of working life in manufacturing and service industries. This astoundingly comprehensive resource also provides a cohesive structure to the discipline of industrial engineering with four major classifications: technology; performance improvement management; management, planning, and design control; and decision-making methods. Completely updated and expanded to reflect nearly a decade of important developments in the field, this Third Edition features a wealth of new information on project management, supply-chain management and logistics, and systems related to service industries. Other important features of this essential reference include: \* More than 1,000 helpful tables, graphs, figures, and formulas \* Step-by-step descriptions of hundreds of problem-solving methodologies \* Hundreds of clear, easy-to-follow application examples \* Contributions from 176 accomplished international professionals with diverse training and affiliations \* More than 4,000 citations for further reading The Handbook of Industrial Engineering, Third Edition is an immensely useful one-stop resource for industrial engineers and technical support personnel in corporations of any size; continuous process and discrete part manufacturing industries; and all types of service industries, from healthcare to hospitality, from retailing to finance. Of related interest . . .

HANDBOOK OF HUMAN FACTORS AND ERGONOMICS, Second Edition Edited by Gavriel Salvendy

(0-471-11690-4) 2,165 pages 60 chapters "A comprehensive guide that contains practical knowledge and technical background on virtually all aspects of physical, cognitive, and social ergonomics. As such, it can be a valuable source of information for any individual or organization committed to providing competitive, high-quality products and safe, productive work environments."-John F. Smith Jr., Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President, General Motors Corporation (From the Foreword)

In the past, warehouses were referred to as cost centers and rarely adding value. But the increasing need for transfer of products

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across cities, countries and continents resulting from movement of production to the Far East, the growth in e-commerce and increasing demands from end users has seen a change about the perception of warehouses. They are vital components within today's supply chain. They form the Integral part of the supply chain in which they operate, and so trends such as increasing Market volatility, product range proliferation and shortening lead times, all have effect on the roles the warehouse is required to perform. Warehouses are most likely involved In various stages of sourcing, production and distribution of goods, from the handling of raw materials, work-in-progress through to finish products It is therefore apparent that different activities take place at a warehouse and thus, require different nature of facilities, staff as well as equipment to suit each function. With the vast nature of difference, warehouse operations could easily be the most costly element of the supply chain. The pressure is on warehouse managers to increase productivity and accuracy reduces cost and inventory whilst improving on customer service. The successful management of the warehouse is critical in terms of the level of service provided as well as the cost incurred.

Warehouses are an integral link in the modern supply chain, ensuring that the correct product is delivered in the right quantity, in good condition, at the required time, and at minimal cost: in effect, the perfect order. The effective management of warehouses is vital in minimizing costs and ensuring the efficient operation of any supply chain. Warehouse Management is a complete guide to best practice in warehouse operations. Covering everything from the latest technological advances to current environmental issues, this book provides an indispensable companion to the modern warehouse. Supported by case studies, the text considers many aspects of warehouse management, including: cost reduction productivity people management warehouse operations With helpful tools, hints and up-to-date information, Warehouse Management provides an invaluable resource for anyone looking to reduce costs and boost productivity.

The Logistics and Supply Chain Toolkit provides practical, take-away tools for warehouse, inventory and transport managers to apply to the day-to-day challenges of logistics and supply chain management. This book offers applicable solutions to some of the most frequently encountered problems of the industry. The 2nd edition has been thoroughly revised to ensure that all research is updated to reflect the latest innovations in technology and processes. The tools have been revised to ensure the utmost relevance, and a collection of new tools has been added to ensure that the book is relevant and applicable in light of the most recent changes to the sector. The aim of The Logistics and Supply Chain Toolkit is to provide today's managers with a toolbox of practical ideas and information to help them in their day-to-day work. It explains a number of the major management tools and suggests areas within supply chain and logistics where they can be applied. The tools have been put into chapters, including supply chains, warehousing, transport and inventory. Online supporting resources include downloadable tools.

As the services sector has become the most important sector of many of our economies, this book makes a valued contribution to our greater understanding of what features are critical to operational success in this sector. Based upon sound research and drawing on numerous cases studies, the author has delivered an expose that will be of value to academics and practitioners alike. From a long career in the field, the author has distilled critical content into a well-organised book that is a must for students and practitioners in services operations management. It is welcoming to read of service operations management in the not-for-profit and public sectors. \_ Peter Liesch, University of Queensland Business School, Brisbane, Australia iDavid has captured the essentials of service operations within a complete enterprise framework. Based upon case studies from a broad variety of organizations from around the globe, this easy to understand text is a must for

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students and practitioners alike. Students of service operations and indeed services marketing have been long awaiting a reference such as this. **Á \_ Derek Lundberg, Metcash Food & Grocery** *The author recognizes the critical fact that service operations is worlds apart from manufacturing operations management that produces tangible products \_ a failing of so many other texts that have drawn on yesteryear manufacturing paradigms to try and explain services. This book succeeds in combining operational analysis with the empirical research to arrive at a comprehensive understanding of the forces that shape and change the service sectors. Drawing on a wealth of information by virtue of his track record of many years researching the service sectors, this book will be invaluable to both students, practitioners and anyone interested in successful service operations \_ tourism, hospitality, transport, retailing, utilities, not for profit, public service. **Á \_ George Downie, Senior Lecturer, Southampton Business School, UK** *This is an important book for educators, students and professional managers. As the services sector becomes a larger and increasingly pervasive part of our economy and as service operations management becomes the biggest part of most organizations, the opportunity to increase productivity, quality, flexibility and innovation of service provision must be grasped firmly by those who want their organizations to remain competitive and successful. This book very effectively blends conceptual frameworks with new, practical case studies. It is full of valuable and useful insights. **Á \_ Danny Samson, University of Melbourne, Australia** *This comprehensive textbook will become required reading for postgraduate students seeking to understand the principles of service operations management and for undergraduate students specializing in hospitality, tourism or the public sector. It will also serve as a handbook for operations managers in service organizations as they seek to develop and implement improved operations strategies. Focusing on service delivery design, capacity, recovery, performance measurement and service strategy, the challenge of delivering exceptional service quality is addressed through a comparison of customers' perceptions and expectations. A new approach to quality in services describes the tools and methods for continuous service improvement. This accessible and engaging textbook is the ideal foundation for a course in service operations management. Each chapter: - ' represents a lecture and specific topic \_ with specified learning objectives and outcomes ' develops using a 'chunking and scaffold' pedagogical technique \_ sub-sections in the chapter develop the chapter's theme ' includes examples of organizations and small case-vignettes suitable for class/group discussion and larger cases of international organizations for set-work activity ' draws upon contemporary research with clear citations to show the source \_ each chapter has a bibliography and reference list ' includes a series of questions that can be asked of the audience/students \_ either to promote discussion or to be set as an assignment See the companion website \_ [INCLUDE LINK](#) \_ for an Instructor Resource Guide and PowerPoint slides, with tips for activities and as a general guide to explore issues raised in the book.***

A brand new collection of state-of-the-art techniques for building more sustainable, higher-performing organizations... now in a convenient e-format, at a great price! Three 100% practical primers help you drive competitive advantage by optimizing sustainability and operational performance To compete in today's extraordinarily competitive global environment, organizations need to achieve new levels of sustainability and operational performance. This brand-new package brings together three practical, state-of-the-art primers for doing just that. Robert Palevich's *The Lean Sustainable Supply Chain* offers start-to-finish guidance for redesigning company infrastructure and technologies to achieve the powerful benefits that come with integrating "lean" and "green." and benefits. Palevich introduces core concepts of lean green supply chain management, illuminating them with a comprehensive case study showing how to manage change, innovation, talent, execution, inventory, warehousing, and transportation. He demonstrates how to integrate supply chain sustainability into business scorecards; use 3PLs more effectively; drive more value from information, and systematically address every relevant technical issue. Next, in *Creating a*



through a common appreciation of technical problems. Since that time, the number of information sources on warehousing has increased. A professional society, the Warehousing Education and Research Council did not even exist when we first started writing about the industry. Today it provides an important source of information in the field. Both private and third-party warehousing have grown in volume. More importantly, public awareness of warehousing as an industry in itself has increased.

The success of any activity and process depends fundamentally on the possibility of balancing (symmetry) needs and their satisfaction. That is, the ability to properly define a set of success indicators. The application of the developed new multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) methods can be eliminated or decreased by decision-makers' subjectivity, which leads to consistency or symmetry in the weight values of the criteria. In this Special Issue, 40 research papers and one review study co-authored by 137 researchers from 23 different countries explore aspects of multi-criteria modeling and optimization in crisp or uncertain environments. The papers propose new approaches and elaborate case studies in the following areas of application: MCDM optimization in sustainable engineering, environmental sustainability in engineering processes, sustainable multi-criteria production and logistics processes planning, integrated approaches for modeling processes in engineering, new trends in the multi-criteria evaluation of sustainable processes, and multi-criteria decision-making in strategic management based on sustainable criteria.

This thesis attempts to look at the inventory management practices of a relatively new company that has shown progress in its operations. The business of the case company is trading. The main job involves analyzing relevant historical documents over the 10 months from May 2007 to February 2008 to cover the fluctuation of demand. The company's products are divided into 3 categories to facilitate analysis, and eventually to select only the most important category for detailed study. The imported products with known price increases turned out to have the most value and were of the most importance to the company. The Known Price Increase Model was then modified and applied to these products to serve as the basis for considering the stocks that had to be ordered for storage in order to optimize return on investment. The conventional Fixed Order Quantity Model was used for the products the prices of which do not change frequently. As the case company has 2 warehouses that are situated apart, and have limited storage capacity, it was studied the ratio of the products for storage at the 2 warehouses to increase efficiency and better management control. When an attempt to determine the quantities of all the products under study that have to be ordered and stocked in the inventory was carried out, it was discovered that the company did not have sufficient storage capacity for all of them, namely, the storage capacity needed was 8,421.88 cubic meters but the storage capacity available in warehouse A is only 1,750 cubic meters. This shortfall is not unusual, especially since this company is quite new and could reasonably be expected to be

cautious in its operations. The study shows that the total savings from using the Fixed Order Quantity Model for all the unclassified products is 44,594.93 baht, or equal to 7.89 per cent of the Total Stocking Cost (TSC). The savings from applying the Known Price Increase Model to imported products and domestic products with known price increases products is 594,512.30 baht.

Master and apply both the technical and behavioral skills you need to succeed in any inventory management role or function! Now, there's an authoritative and comprehensive guide to best-practice inventory management in any organization. Authored by world-class experts in collaboration with the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), this text illuminates planning, organizing, controlling, directing, motivating and coordinating all the activities used to efficiently control product flow. The Definitive Guide to Inventory Management covers long-term strategic decisions; mid-term tactical decisions; and even short-term operational decisions. Topics discussed include: Basic inventory management goals, roles, concepts, purposes, and terminology Key inventory management elements, processes, and interactions Principles/strategies for establishing efficient and effective inventory flows Using technology in inventory planning and management New approaches to inventory reduction: postponement, vendor-managed inventories, cross-docking, and quick response systems Trade-offs between inventory and transportation costs, including carrying costs Requirements and challenges of global inventory management Best practices, metrics, and frameworks for assessing inventory management performance

All organizations operate in an environment that is rapidly changing. To be successful, the organization must also change. The question is what to change and how. This book will describe in some detail a number of management programs, many of which are known by their three-letter acronyms, such as Just-in-Time (JIT) or Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA). A management program is designed to improve an organization's effectiveness and efficiency. However, there are so many management programs it is often difficult for managers to decide which one would be most appropriate for their operation. This book will describe an array of management programs and group them to indicate their primary purpose. The book will also outline a process that will enable managers to select the most appropriate management program to meet their immediate and long-term needs. Implementing a management program is no small task. It can be expensive, time-consuming, and disruptive of normal operations; therefore, the choice of the management program requires careful selection and implementation. Care must be taken to increase the likelihood of successfully implementing new ventures in all types of organizations – business, nonprofit and governmental agencies. Many ventures fail, or achieve limited success, not because the idea isn't good but because the organization has not adequately prepared its internal capabilities to meet the environmental conditions in which it operates. An important feature of this

book is that it can be updated periodically to add new programs and phase out programs no longer relevant. The book will provide readers with a comprehensive description of the most popular management improvement programs and their primary applications to their organizations. We will discuss the philosophy and principles of these programs and include a discussion on how to use each program to achieve optimum success. A central theme of this book is to not just adopt an improvement program for the sake of adopting it, but to match the improvement program with the specific needs in an organization. In the chapters that follow, we will illustrate how this matching process can be conducted. Above all, we plan the book to be a concise and useful resource to both practitioners and academics. Here is what you can expect in the chapters.

2012 International Conference of Intelligence Computation and Evolutionary Computation (ICEC 2012) is held on July 7, 2012 in Wuhan, China. This conference is sponsored by Information Technology & Industrial Engineering Research Center. ICEC 2012 is a forum for presentation of new research results of intelligent computation and evolutionary computation. Cross-fertilization of intelligent computation, evolutionary computation, evolvable hardware and newly emerging technologies is strongly encouraged. The forum aims to bring together researchers, developers, and users from around the world in both industry and academia for sharing state-of-art results, for exploring new areas of research and development, and to discuss emerging issues facing intelligent computation and evolutionary computation.

This report presents the findings of the first phase of the national Good Governance for Medicines programme in Jordan. In recent years, countries of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region have made significant achievements in the provision of health services. In the pharmaceutical field, countries have been striving to improve the structures and regulations pertaining to medicines and have progressed in many ways. However, there are still important challenges. The goal of the WHO Good Governance for Medicines programme is to improve the situation of medicines regulation and supply. National transparency assessment is the beginning of a process aimed at bringing about desirable and sustainable changes in the governance of the pharmaceutical sector.

Supply Chain Management for Humanitarians provides an in-depth insight into the management of supply chains in the context of humanitarian logistics. This accessible and practical book considers humanitarian logistics from a strategic and operational perspective. The overarching theme is collaboration and coordination, one of the biggest challenges in the humanitarian community. Supply Chain Management for Humanitarians takes a problem-based learning approach, featuring real cases and examples from leading organizations including Oxfam, Unicef, and The Red Cross. Each chapter is self-standing, relating the content in each chapter to the supply chain as a whole. This enables the reader to easily dip into different sections. At the end of each chapter, there is a case study written by a leading practitioner currently working in the humanitarian field. Supply Chain

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Management for Humanitarians fills a much needed gap in the market and is essential reading for humanitarians worldwide. A groundbreaking, up-to-date look at the Best Practice in Inventory Management "This book is aimed to show how good inventory control can be used in practice. It is a result of working continuously on inventory control with a large number of companies over many years. It contains the distilled techniques which have been tried out and proved to work. . . . [It] is a driver's manual of inventory controllers. It will cover the working of the engine (how inventory control techniques work), how to use the controls (what the techniques do and how to manage them), and how to get the best out of the vehicle (how to optimize inventory). Understand the text and it will show the way to guaranteed improved inventory control, reduced stock levels, and higher availability."—from the Preface "The development of inventory management is a dynamic activity, with new approaches being made, techniques being refined, and new challenges being met. . . . It is imperative that [these] challenges are met, since continuing competitiveness is based on ever-improving customer service and ever-reducing inventory costs."—from the text As a vital function of an organization's operational structure, effective inventory management is key to improving a company's customer service, cash flow, and ultimately, its profitability margin. While it may sound simple, it is, in fact, far more complex than most managers perceive, requiring very specific knowledge and understanding. It is based upon a framework of unique tools and techniques essential to achieving complete success. Best Practice in Inventory Management gives you these essentials, with in-depth coverage of the latest practices in the field. The book delivers a wealth of solid solutions for lowering inventory overhead, bettering customer relations, and increasing productivity and performance. An ideal reference for APICS certification candidates, as well as participants in training programs, this authoritative resource outlines basic techniques, describes how and where to apply them, and explains how to ensure their effective implementation. The techniques are placed within the context of stores operations, which can be applied in a variety of situations, from manufacturing and distribution to warehousing, consumable stores, and spares and service. Best Practice in Inventory Management follows a logical progression, beginning with targets and moving forward through inventory structuring, individual item control, and coordination. In the process, it probes cutting-edge strategies, including Pareto analysis, Just in Time (JIT), and Material Requirements Planning (MRP), and offers a rational approach to the risks of stockouts. Aided by a host of new applications, practical methods, and real-world examples, you'll learn to implement a variety of processes vital to inventory structure and control. From effective stock monitoring to forecasting, setting, and assessing stock level guidelines, this book outlines the crucial steps in having suitable product available at an acceptable price and within a reasonable timescale.

Gwynne Richards' highly regarded and best-selling text on warehouse management is a complete guide to best practice in warehouse operations. Warehouse Management examines how to operate an efficient and cost-effective warehouse. It provides guidance on using the latest technology, reducing inventory, people management, location and design. Covering everything from the latest technological advances to current environmental issues, Warehouse Management provides an indispensable companion to the modern warehouse. The text considers key aspects of warehouse management, including cost reduction, productivity,

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people management, and warehouse operations. In addition to providing updates on future advances in warehouse management, Gwynne Richards tackles the key issues that are challenging today's managers, including pressure to reduce lead times, increase productivity, reduce cost, improve customer service, reduce environmental impact, and maintain health and safety standards. Offering comprehensive direction on all aspects of managing a warehouse, Warehouse Management is an ideal guide and detailed reference book for anyone looking to gain a real insight into warehouse operations. In this 2nd edition of Warehouse Management, there are more case studies, photographs as well as extensive accompanying online resources, such as PowerPoints and video links.

Lean, green supply chain management combines the efficiency that lean technologies deliver with the environmental and cost benefits of sustainability. The Lean Sustainable Supply Chain illuminates the business benefits of combining "lean" and "green," and offers start-to-finish guidance for redesigning company infrastructure and technologies to achieve these benefits. Palevich introduces the essential concepts of lean green supply chain management, illuminating them with a comprehensive case study showing how to manage change, innovation, talent, execution, inventory, warehousing, and transportation. He demonstrates how to integrate supply chain sustainability into business scorecards; make more effective use of third-party providers (3PLs); drive more value from information; build a state-of-the-art forecasting system and share it with suppliers; and much more. He then systematically addresses the full spectrum of technical issues, including forecasting methodologies, the nitty-gritty of supplier integration; business intelligence in event-driven supply chains; carbon tracking; quantifying lean savings; and much more. This book will be an invaluable resource for every business and technical manager, decision-maker, technical specialist, and consultant concerned with lean and green supply chains.

The objective of this research is to improve inventory management to be able to control the inventory quantity, which would lead to the minimization of total inventory costs. This research proposes three phase of methodology, which are define, propose phase and implement phase, to improve efficiency of inventory management by control policy and management. Define phase describes and analyzes current inventory management workflow process. The scope of inventory management in this research consists of three main parts; inventory control policy set up, warehouse activities, such as inbound and outbound activities and inventory recording system. Then, problems and their effects are defined through brainstorming. Cause-and-effect diagrams are created to illustrate key problems, cause of problems and areas for improvement. Additionally, inventory level and cost components of inventory have been studied analyzed and identified at current state to indicate current performance. In propose phase, characteristic of inventory has been studied, solution for improvement of inventory control process and warehouse process have been developed, proposed and elaborated in order to achieve research objectives with helps of tools and techniques reviewed in literature review chapter. This phase begin with inventory classification and demand pattern analysis. Appropriate inventory control policy are suggested, discussed and calculated for each class of inventory, and then Standard process and workflow of inventory management and warehouse management are outlined, follow by standard documents related and computer based inventory

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recording system discussion. Warehouse layout and zoning are proposed. For implement phase, the simulations of the methodology and inventory control policy proposed are simulated through Microsoft Excel. Proposed solutions and method is tested simulation through Microsoft Excel, evaluating with a set of actual four months data from January 2015 – April 2015, while current method is in used. Results show the comparison between proposed method and current method, which can be summarize that the proposed inventory policy and methodology are successful in developing new inventory control policy and managing the inventory, as it can reduce overall inventory value, inventory holding cost and inventory ordering cost, which will result in reduction of total cost related to inventory, while the desired service level is still achieved. The major saving is achieved in reducing the inventory value, captured and compare to the current inventories, there is a saving up to 42 million baht, which is 45.5% during simulated period of four months.

The Logistics and Supply Chain Toolkit provides practical tools for warehouse, inventory and transport managers and students to help them tackle the challenges of logistics and supply chain management. It is full of practical ideas and information to optimise the management of logistics and supply chain processes. The Logistics and Supply Chain Toolkit offers solutions and plans spanning across a variety of sub-disciplines such as warehousing, logistics, supply chain management, inventory and outsourcing. Each toolkit addresses key principles within its area of discipline, providing the reader with a precision approach to be used in complex and sensitive circumstances. The toolkit presents a number of major management tools such as Fortna's Product Flow Smart Design, SMART, DMAIC and Gantt charts. General management, performance management and problem-solving tools have also been included to provide a broader, transferable scope of tools for the reader.

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