

**Project Flow 2011** 

# Improving Performance on SAP Implementation Project

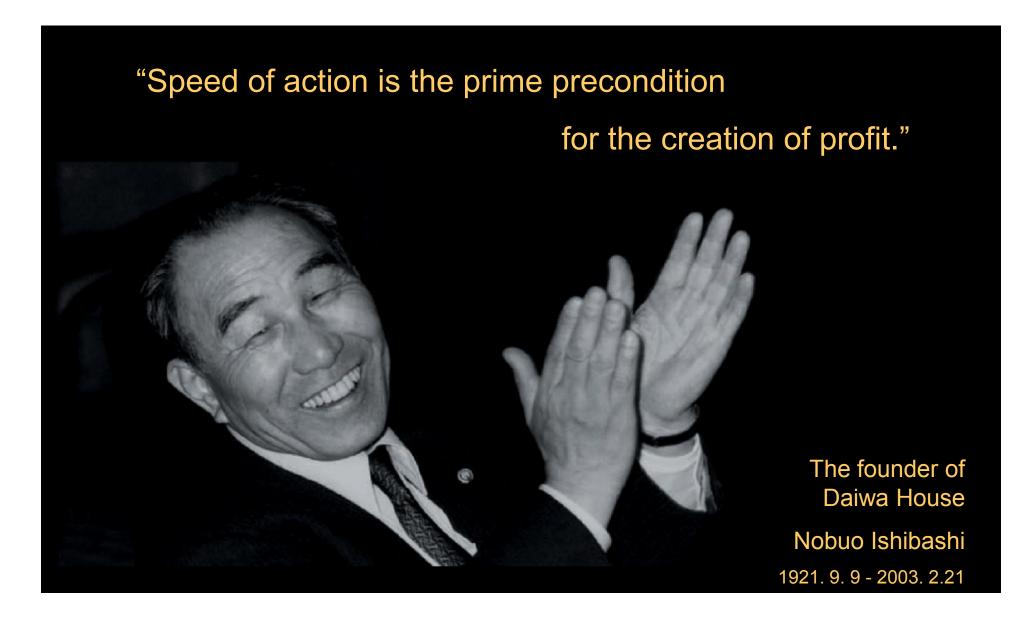
Applying 3 Rules of Critical Chain

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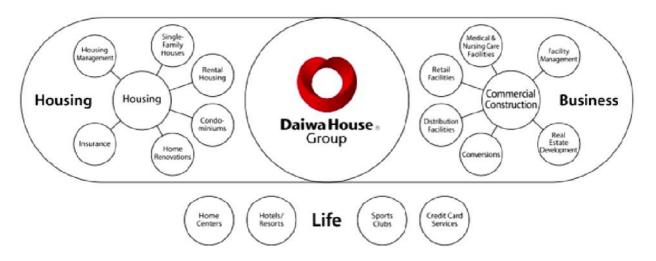
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Group Management Base System Project

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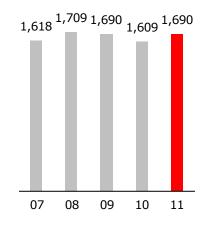


Daiwa House Group — working to co-create value for individuals, communities and people's lifestyles



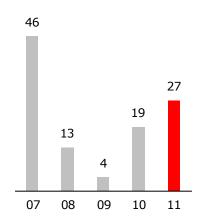


#### Revenue (1 USD = 80Yen) 20 Billion USD



**Profit** 

#### 340 Million USD

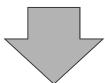


#### **NEEDS**

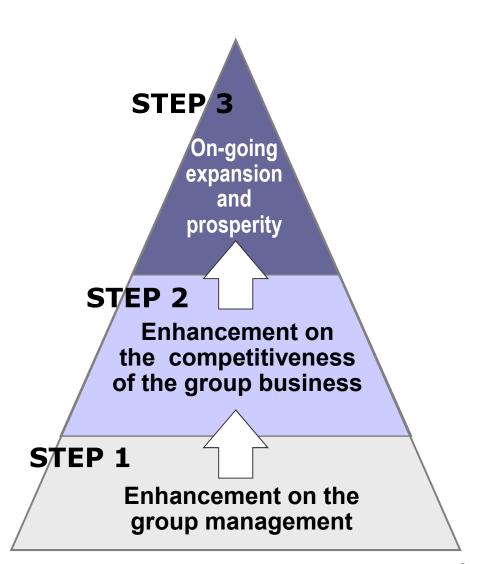
- Efficient accounting and humanresource operations
- Faster closing of account
- Compliance to international regulations (IFRS)

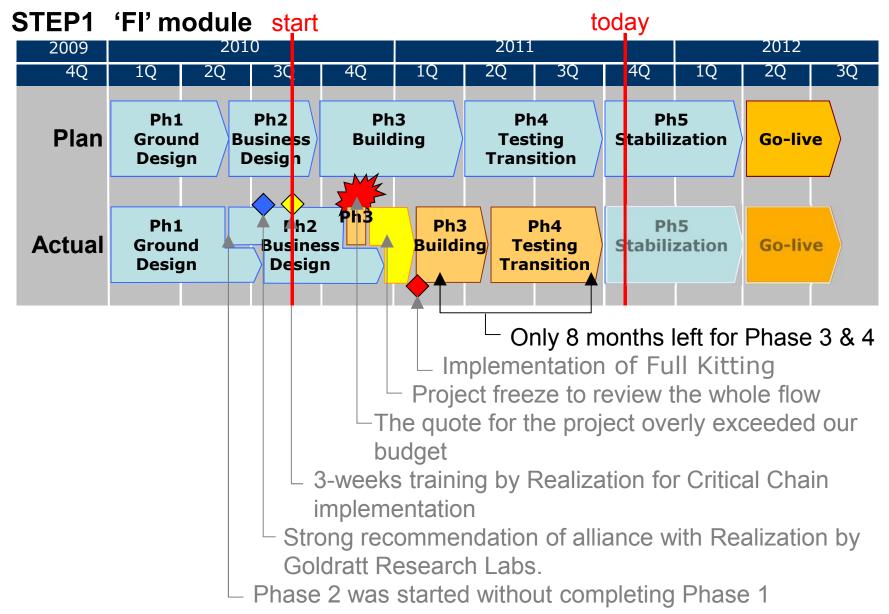
#### LIMITATION

Legacy system cannot meet the needs



# Users: 3,500 Used modules: FI,CO, SD,PS,MM,RE,BO, HR, etc. Budget: 84 Million USD





# **Result of Critical Chain**

# **Cycle-time reduction for different systems and phases**

Module	Phase		Start	End	# days	Reduction (%)
FI	Ph3: Building	Base	2011 Feb.01	2011 Jun.14	90	27.7
		Actual	2011 Feb.01	2011 May.10	65	
	Ph4: Testing and transition	Base	2011 Apr.18	2011 Nov.25	144	25.7
		Actual	2011 Apr.18	2011 Sep.30	107	
HR	Ph3: Building	Base	2010 Dec.15	2011 Aug.19	200	26.0
		Actual	2010 Dec.15	2011 Jun.03	148	
	Ph4: System Testing	Base	2011 Jun.07	2011 Oct.18	88	26.1
		Actual	2011 Jun.07	2011 Sep.12	65	

# 1. Handling of high uncertainty

- Not our main business
- First time to use an ERP



- No know-howsNo benchmarks





# 2. Elimination of pursuing local goals

(1) Responsibility for their respective interests







## (2) High demand for customization and add-on's

- No system trouble allowed
- Historical business process



- Project cost & duration
- Global best practice

# 3. Management of physically separated members

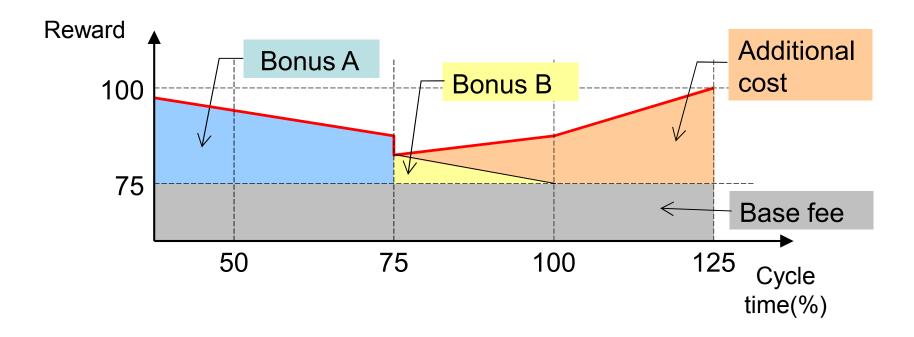


- User/Vendor hybrid core team (Daiwa House: 3, Fujitsu: 3, and Abeam Consulting: 2)
  - Common goal was set
- 3 weeks of concentrated Critical Chain workshops and several times of Best Practice audit
  - Eagerness to use Critical Chain and to keep the system simple
    - ➤NOTE: After the workshop, support was given mainly by phone, Skype and e-mail without Realization implementer staying on-site.
- Win-win contract execution (next page)
  - Stronger commitment to the common goal
    - Shorter cycle time and bonus are tied
    - Local goal and the project goal are aligned

### **The Win-Win Contract Details**

#### The reward calculation

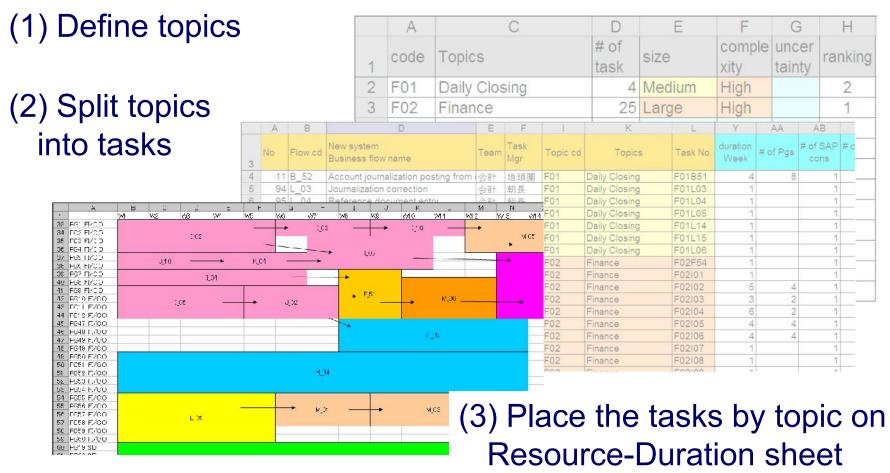
Cycle Time	Base Fee	Bonus	Addl. Cost
75 % or less	Yes	Α	None
75 to 100%	Yes	В	Yes
100% or more	Yes	None	Yes



# Solution for Rule 1 Stagger Work Stream & Concentrate Resources Daiwa House

- More Full-time members (Project leader and 3 users)
  - ▶ Better and faster decision
    - System specification
    - Resource concentration and addition
    - Task freeze/open
- Co-location of the project members (users and vendors)
  - Better communication
    - Faster Quality Assurance
    - Avoidance of high WIP
- Planning by 'Tetris' method (next page)
  - More feasible project plan

# Planning by 'Tetris' Method



#### Merits

- Resource concentration can be visually planned
- Related tasks are placed as a chunk in the order of importance
- Specialist and time-constraint resources can be placed flexibly

- Task Update: Remaining Duration calculated according to open check list items
  - ➡ Wild move on the trend chart was avoided (<u>Building</u>, <u>Test</u>)
- PMO: Meeting minutes are shared timely among TMs
  - Work as a team
    - Better understanding of resource adjustment
    - Escalation of issues prompted
    - Faster issue resolution
- Project Control: 'Good Enough' task exit criteria given
  - Apple polishing tendency was corrected at project level.

Lesson Learned Daiwa House

# 1. Holistic view is an engine for people's growth

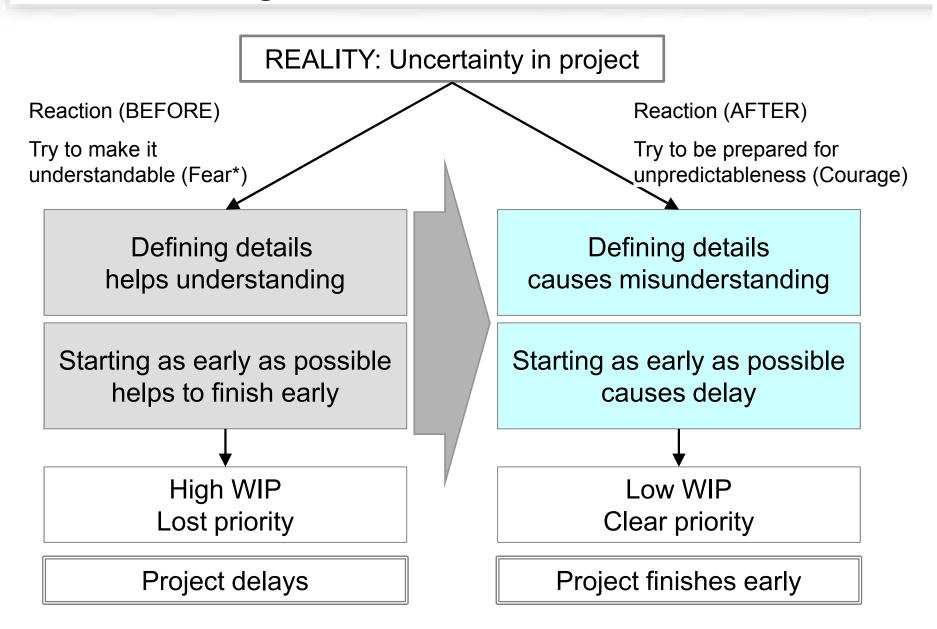
- A proposal by an SAP consultant during project freeze
- Relationship with remote(Tokyo) members after the earthquake

## 2. Multitask harms us more than we think

- Active involvement of users
  Flexible allocation of resources

# 3. Monitor project cost

- Concerto does not manage cost itself
- Cycle time reduction is the best way to reduce the total cost
- Flexible resource assignment can temporally increase the cost



Fears: as defined by Dr. Goldratt in "the science of management"

# From system development to construction and R&D

- Other IT projects (Multi-Project environment)
- New construction method development project
- Implementation to our laboratory as a standard project management method

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