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# **Innovation Mechanism of**

# Silicon Valley Cluster

#### -Structure of Fund Concentration-



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- A. As a result of VC money investment...
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## Established Companies (Establishes)

**VS Ventures** 

### Supplementary Position in Product Development Phase

Structural Inflow Mechanism of Fund into the Cluster

<u>1—History of Silicon Valley Cluster Formation</u>

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#### **Definition of the Stages** (US National VC Association)



Primary stage soon after the foundation when business concepts and products are developing. Usually within 18 months after the foundation

#### 2. Early Stage

Prototype or service contents in testing phase is ready. Sometimes they are ready to sell products. Usually within 3 years after the foundation

#### 3. Expansion Stage (Middle Stage) Products or services are completely ready to sell. Usually more than three years after the foundation

#### 4. Later Stage

Products or services are ready to be expanded. The sales and cash flow increase. Spin-out could happen at this stage.

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### **MOT Phase & Fund-raising**

18 months	18 months	18 months	18 months ~
Seed / Start-up	Early Stage	Expansion	Later Stage/
			Mezzanine
Seed money / Series A	Series B	Series C	Series D
Development - I	Development -II	Commercializa tion	Industrialization
Concept / prototype	Finished products	Start sales	Mass-product, Expansion of sales

### **A.** Function of VCs

- A-1. Business Position
- Responsibility for better investment operation
- High performance to make sure next funding and grow
- Assuring VC revenue model: (Exit) · · · IPO, M&A
- Investment into firms which agree with selling firms in the future at the initiative of VCs

A-2. As a result of VC investment....
Human uniting between Establishes and Ventures
Push Ventures more upstream in R&D phase

2- VC Investment and Market Data3- MOT Stages and Money Raising

### **B.** Position of Established Companies & CVCs

- **B-1. General Investment Purpose of CVCs**
- Advance to new markets
- Add new products to existing distribution channel
- Reduce the cost of R&D
- Verify the usefulness of new technology
- Increase profits by synergy effect
- Fund supply for spin off from parent company
- Blow entrepreneur spirit into firms
- Utilize remaining productive room, time, human resources



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#### **B-2. Top CVC-Intel Capital**

#### Aim of foundation : Bring in efficiently what is missing

- 1. Basic technology
- 2. Product co-development
- 3. Strengthen biz alliance with ventures

#### Investment target:

- 1. Data communication system, component
- 2. Optical / 3. Wireless, mobile access / Cell phones, devices
- 4. Security software / 5. Servers, Storage, etc.

#### Investment process:

(1) Analysis of markets: Analyze the markets, customer needs, competitive firms

(2) Evaluation of technology: Synergy effects with related technology including portfolio firms (in addition to their reputation in the industry) Check the possibility of competitiveness

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#### **B-3. R&D Phase of Partners**

- Research & Development Phase of venture partners for Established American and Japanese companies
- American firms →Prototype, finished products development phase / Starting sales phase (OEM procurement)
- 2. Japanese firms' SV Bases R&D Lab→ Prototype, finished products development phase mainly

#### 4-Comparison of R&D Phase- Case Studies

### **C. Structure of Fund Inflow into the Cluster**

**Comparison: Activity Areas of Players** 

Universities and its ventures <u>Development Ventures of SV</u> VCs, Corporate VCs <u>Establishes</u>



Money Inflow :Innovation Mechanism of Silicon Valley ClusterFrom Establishes focusing on Application / products developmentand Commercializing phase, to SV Style Ventures focusing onfundamental and multi-purpose technology / productsdevelopment

#### **5-Position Map**



### **D. Suggestion**

### **D-1.** Relationship between them

Harmoniously uniting between Ventures and Establishes

#### Ventures · · · Possibility to sell off the firm in the future as the secondbest policy

#### Establishes····

It is efficient to acquire Ventures in order to introduce the latest technologies and solutions, adopt potential seeds. They prefers cooperative products development rather than rapid investment.

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#### **D-2. Single biz seed model**

- Usual type in Japan which doesn't have biz seeds rather than current one, partly being popular in SV too
- Fund-raising not depending too much on VCs, but on licensing and on selling their products
- Try to develop business at their own pace. No "selling off pressure" from VCs
- IPO in the future = the only target

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#### **D-3. Several Seeds Model**

- Several biz seeds exists for one person at the same time in universities, Establishes lab. and other R&D institutes
- Capable people can work creatively also apart from currently dedicated technology and biz models
- Rather positive about selling off the current firm. It results commercialize and succeed to Establishes as much biz seeds as possible
- It matches VC business position and makes funds inflow much easier

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#### **D-4.** Suggestion

Point is to grow thickly the development phase (focusing on fundamental and multi-purpose technology / products) Ventures to meet with the needs of product development in Establishes

#### To complete it ...

- Promote the uniting in human resources between Establishes and Ventures
- Expand VC money, also Finding out the capitalists
- Foundation or 'soil' for such harmonious uniting