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Different Standardization Requirements of the Four Operating Models

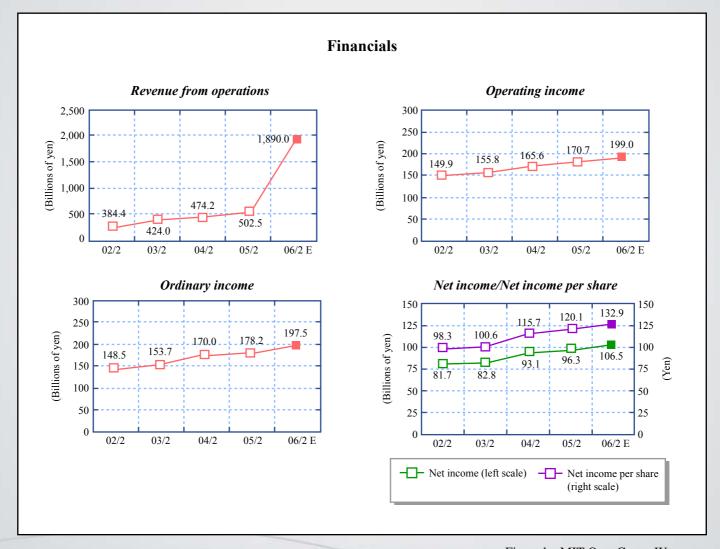
Coordination Unification Customer and product data Operational and decision making Process Integration processes Shared services High Customer and product data Infrastructure, portal, and middleware technology Shared services Infrastructure technology and application systems Replication Diversification Shared services Operational processes Business ■ Infrastructure technology Shared services Low Infrastructure technology and application systems Low High **Business Process Standardization**







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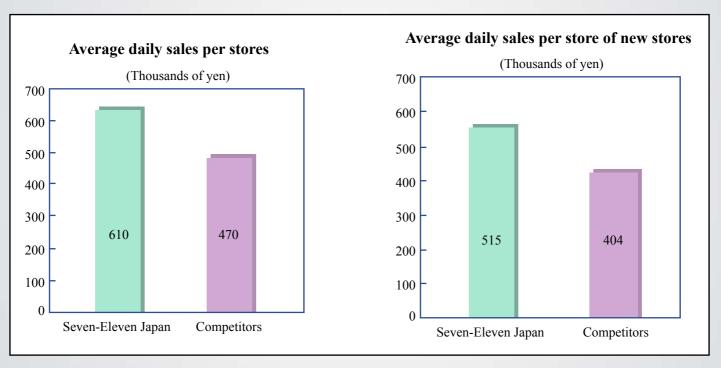


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Financial Data of Major Retailers in Japan



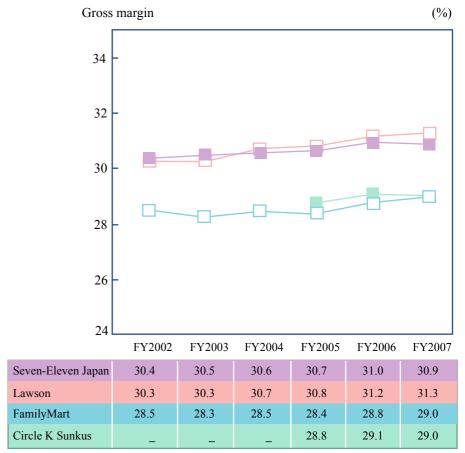
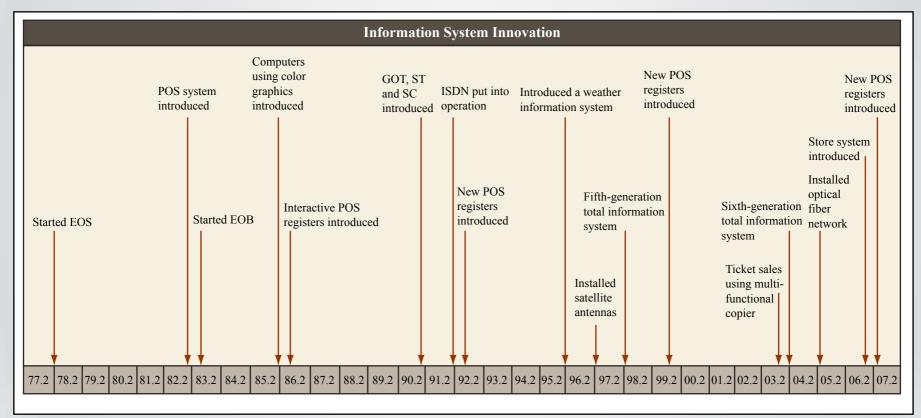


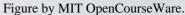


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The 7-Eleven Japan Platform

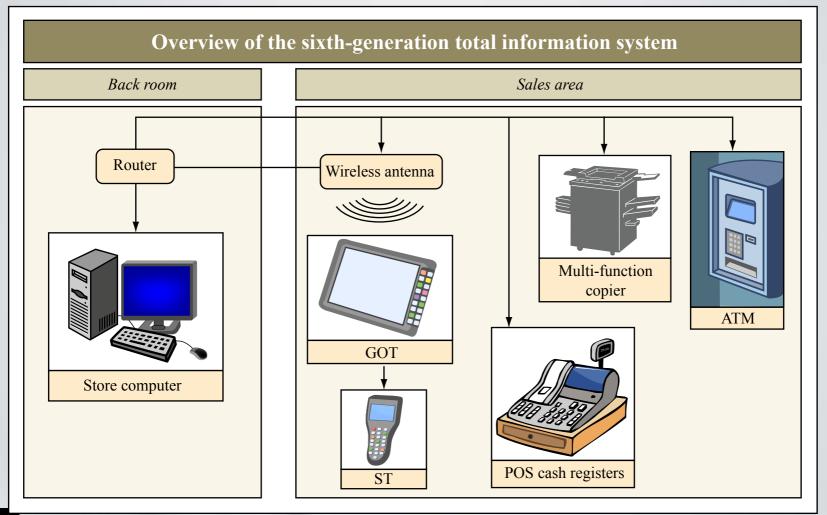
- Store level (franchisee)
 - POS technology and systems
 - Scanning and ordering technologies
 - Processes for ordering, store operations, and inventory management (training provided by Operation Field Counselors)
- Corporate level (franchisor)
 - Networks connecting stores to headquarters
 - Shared infrastructure with links to partners
 - Analysis system
 - Order and sales data from each store
 - Multimedia data (e.g. weather)







Source: Seven & i Holdings, Corporate Outline 2007 http://www.7andi.com/en/ir/tool co2007.html





Development of Payment-Acceptance Services 7-Eleven Japan has been offering payment-acceptance services since 1987. The services are used widely, gaining popularity among customers for the convenience that allows them to use various payment services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Growth in volume of payment-acceptance services 7-250,000 2,500 Cash volume (Billions of yen) Number (Thousands) 200,000 2,000 150,000 1,500 100,000 1,000 50,000 500 FY2001 FY2002 FY2003 FY2004 FY2005 FY2006 FY2007 Number of payments 104,942 195,525 226,995 125,712 144,429 166,994 259,127 Cash volume of payments 813 990 1.154 1.390 1.682 2.010 2,384



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Debate Question

 7-Eleven Japan recently purchased 7-Eleven U.S. and its 6,000 stores. This purchase provides a good opportunity to replicate its systems and processes in an acquisition.