In today's competitive market, having supply chain efficiency is a must for sustaining business performance. Building supply chain excellence is, nevertheless, more than a means to contain costs and survive. Innovative companies have made use of their super-agile supply chains to create values - develop new products, enter new markets, offer new solutions, and build new customer intimacy. The result is higher market share, faster sales growth, greater profits, better customer service, and ultimately, superior shareholder value. Professor Lee will describe a framework of how such supply chain innovations can be developed and realized. He will also discuss the implications for companies in emerging economies to win in the market place.

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