Communication

LESSON 4

Communication is the key for a leader to influence, inspire and guide their team to a shared goal. Great leaders understand the importance of the communication on the daily bases and they use it to build relationship between the personel and foster collaboration.

According to Johnson and Hackman in their book "Leadeship:A communication perspective" there are 3 leadership communication styles;

- 1 Democratic
- **2** Authoritarian
- **3** Laissez-Faire.

Styles of Leadership Communication

| Democratic | Authoritarian | Laissez-Faire |
|---|---|--|
| Involves followers in setting goals | Sets goals individually | Allows followers free rein to set their own goals |
| Engages in two-way, open communication | Engages primarily in one-way, downward communication | Engages in noncommittal, superficial communication |
| Facilitates discussion with followers | Controls discussion with followers | Avoids discussion with followers |
| Solicits input regarding determi- nation of policy and procedures | Sets policy and procedures unilaterally | Allows followers to set policy and procedures |
| Focuses interaction | Dominates interaction | Avoids interaction |
| Provides suggestions and alter- natives for the completion of tasks | Personally directs the comple- tion of tasks | Provides suggestions and alter- natives for the completion of tasks only when asked to do so by followers |
| Provides frequent positive feedback | Provides infrequent positive feedback | Provides infrequent feedback of any kind |
| Rewards good work and uses punishment only as a last resort | Rewards obedience and pun- ishes mistakes | Avoids offering rewards or punishments |
| Exhibits effective listening skills | Exhibits poor listening skills | May exhibit either poor or effec- tive listening skills |
| Mediates conflict for group gain | Uses conflict for personal gain | Avoids conflict |

COMMUNICATION PRINCIPLES

Effective Communication



The 9 c's and the principles of communications

Communication in terms of Shipping companies

- There is difference between which skills a leader needs to have onboard than onshore and vice versa.
- The onshore case looks alike the case of any other company. But it's not.
 - > The production unit, the vessel, is in distance from the office.
- Communication in onshore departments of shipping companies can be challenging due to:
 - ➤ Geographical distance,
 - Multicultural environments,
 - Hierarchical structures,
 - ➤ Information overload.

Communication in terms of Shipping companies

- These struggles can lead to:
 - ➤ Miscommunication,
 - Misunderstandings,
 - ➤ Lack of transparency.
- To overcome these challenges, leaders can take several steps.
 - Establish clear communication channels,
 - Foster a culture of openness and trust,
 - Enhance cross-cultural understanding,
 - Simplify communication processes,
 - Encourage active listening and feedback,
 - Leverage technology and digital tools,
 - ➤ Llead by example.

By implementing these strategies, leaders can improve communication, enhance collaboration, and create a more efficient and engaged workforce in the onshore departments of shipping companies.

Communication in terms of Shipping companies

- Communication in the onboard department of shipping companies can be challenging due to:
 - Ianguage and cultural diversity,
 - the remote and isolated nature of ship operations,
 - hierarchical structures,
 - > the importance of effective communication in safety and emergency situations.
- To overcome these struggles, leaders can implement various strategies. They can provide:
 - Ianguage and cultural training,
 - > establish clear communication protocols,
 - encourage open communication,
 - > ensure reliable technology and connectivity,
 - offer training on communication skills,
 - promote team building,
 - emphasize effective safety communication.
- Improved communication in the onboard department leads to better coordination, increased efficiency, and a
 positive onboard culture. It helps overcome language barriers, promotes understanding and respect among
 diverse crew members, ensures clear and prompt communication in emergency situations, and enhances
 overall operational performance.

Case studies

 Costa Concordia disaster (2012) <u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costa Concordia disaster</u>

Hanjin Shipping (2017)
 <u>https://www.bbc.com/news/business-38953144</u>

Which are the similarities between the two of them? Where did the cases went wrong? What would you do different?