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S7 Exploration of Correlations between Factors Influencing Communication in Complex Product Development
SAGE Publications, Inc 200810.1177/1063293X07084638 Anja M.Maier Engineering Design Centre, University of Cambridge, England, am521@cam.ac.uk MatthiasKreimeyer Technical University of Munich, Institute of Product Development, Germany ClemensHepperle Technical University of Munich, Institute of Product Development, Germany Claudia M.Eckert Engineering Design Centre, University of Cambridge, England UdoLindemann Technical University of Munich, Institute of Product Development, Germany P. JohnClarkson Engineering Design Centre, University of Cambridge, England Designing complex products, such as jet engines, cars or certain types of software, necessitates the coordination of activities of many participants during the design process. Communication is seen as the vehicle by which this coordination could be achieved. Communication itself is influenced by many different factors that are connected. This study presents an

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Line chart showing GDP (Current US\$) from 1950 to 2010 for China and Mexico. China's GDP shows a sharp upward trend starting around 1990, reaching approximately \$5.5 billion by 2010. Mexico's GDP shows a more gradual increase, reaching approximately \$1.5 billion by 2010.

Legend: China (blue line), Mexico (red line)

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Key Information	Top Companies	Sales Revenue	Top Industries	INSC Code
Average Life Expectancy: 82.9	Japan Finance Corp.	\$1,469,420,900,000	Commercial Banking	522190
Gross National Income: \$5,228,304,748,297	Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd.	\$565,089,500,000	Direct Life Insurance Carriers	524113
Unemployment Rate: 5.03%	Dai-ichi Sankyo Inc.	\$290,900,000,000	Inorganic Dye and Pigment Manufacturing	325131
GDP (US \$): \$5,061,996,389,491	NECJ Holdings Inc.	\$291,400,250,000	All Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing	328999
Population: 126,884,433	Japan Post Holdings Company Ltd.	\$225,894,350,000	All Other Non-Deposit Credit Intermediation	522298
Currency: JPY Yen				

Country risk overview
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