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Source: The Observer  
Country: United Kingdom

### **Toyota's never-to-be-repeated all-star production**

Last summer, the International Journal of Production Research devoted an entire issue to the Toyota Production System. The TPS is probably the most influential manufacturing model since Henry Ford's moving assembly line of the early 1900s.

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Source: Ivey Business Journal  
Country: United States of America

### **Business Practices in China and India**

Professor Niraj Dawar recently returned from Singapore, where he spent one year as Visiting Professor of Marketing at INSEAD's Asia campus. He was there to gain a first-hand understanding of business developments in Asia.

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Source: The Telegraph  
Country: United Kingdom

### **Business owners rush to sell ahead of tax rise**

Business leaders warn entrepreneurs are rushing to sell their companies ahead of the planned rise in capital gains tax in April.

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Source: Ars Technica  
Country: United States of America

### **Paramount and Warner Bros. market \$3 DVDs in China**

Paramount has become the newest movie studio to make efforts to compete with pirates by offering low-cost, legitimate DVDs in China.

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Source: New York Times  
Country: United States of America

### **Made in China on the Sly**

America's holiday shopping season is expected to yield sales 4% higher than last year. A big increase is predicted in sales of luxury-brand products with prices high enough to make a difference. Those prices are worth it, we are told, because these goods are handmade in Europe by artisans. In fact this is not always the case -

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Source: BBC News 24  
Country: International

### **China 'ends illegal tax breaks'**

China has agreed to end tax breaks for local manufacturers, which the US said gave them an unfair advantage over rivals.

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