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The leading authority on Japanese business organization, strategy and management, Schaede's book "Choose and Focus: Japanese Business Strategies for the 21st Century" was published in 2008. Her main areas of research are Japan's corporate strategy, business organization, management, financial markets, and government-business relations.

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