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ABSTRACT

The Internet Broadband is supposed to have significant impact to organizations because they think that the Internet will create special value to their business. The business value of the Internet Broadband comes from the ability to derive strategic organization value from the Internet while at the same time, an organization have an obligation to disseminate information globally, communicate with various parties, and doing trade interactively with customized information and services for individual customers. The general purpose of this study was to find out whether a relationship between factors adoption of Broadband Mobile Internet (BMI), person characteristics and ICT characteristics of users. This study was conducted among the postgraduate student in Universiti Utara Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur Branch) where the study setting and sample selection will be determined by the convenience sampling method. Major findings shows that the significant positive relationships between factors adoption of Broadband Mobile Internet (BMI), person characteristics and ICT characteristics offer a clear indication of the importance of features to explain consumer acceptance behavior. The result of correlation, linear regression and multiple regressions in assessing the variables or the empirical relationship between person characteristics and ICT characteristics contribute were positively related to adoption as hypothesized. The positive association among all independent variables to dependent variable was supported. At the end, this study will recommend some idea on how to increases the quality of broadband usage with specific to university students in Malaysia.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Mobile broadband has been fast gaining popularity over fixed broadband .With the rapid diffusion of the mobile telephone and the internet in the last decade, information and communication technology (ICT) is having a growing impact on the Malaysian and everyday life of people. Apart from the technological consequences, this development leads to changes in the way people communicate with each other, making it more and more time and place independent. Broadband is deemed to be the most significant evolutionary step since the emergence of the Internet. Traditional definitions of broadband have a narrow focus on bandwidth and speed. It is considered to be a technology that offers end-users fast and always-on access to new services, applications, and content with real lifestyle and productivity benefits (Sawyer et al 2003). Broadband should be seen as the capability to deliver data and foster innovation, rather than a specific technology.

1.2 Contextual Background

With the rapid diffusion of the mobile telephone and the Internet in the last decade, ICT is having a growing impact on the Western European society and the everyday life of people. In particular, the mobile phone has become a commonplace commodity in many Western European countries, used by more than 70% of all the inhabitants above the age of 14 years old. Apart from the technological consequences, this development leads to changes in the way people communicate with each other, making it

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