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ABSTRACT

Numerous studies had highlighted on the importance of halal such as on halal cosmetic product, halal certification, halal food product etc. There were a research to identify about the perception, assessing knowledge and religiosity toward halal food and cosmetic product, using Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) to predict halal food consumption, the factors that influence behavioral intention on purchasing halal food and many more. This study aims to examine the level of attitude awareness of Muslims youth which is in Gombak area towards halal food product. The theoretical framework consists of three components which are religious belief, halal food information and subjective norm. Data were collected through distribution of questionnaire that using five point Likert Scale and had been distributed to 400 Muslims youth. The respondents were between 13 until 21 years old residing in Gombak, Selangor. Besides that, results obtain in the study shows that subjective norms is found to have a significant influence towards the attitude awareness of Muslims youth as compared to religious belief and halal food information.

Keywords: Halal, religion belief, halal product, behavior norm

Katakunci: Halal, kepercayaan agama, produk halal, norma tingkah laku
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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

In Malaysia, the awareness of halal food product is still lower of notable among Muslims. This research paper focusing on to determine if Muslims youth are realizes the important of halal food product. Besides, the goal for this study particularly is to measuring the Muslims youth consumer behaviour towards consuming halal food product. They are not sensitive of the importance of halal labelling/logo which is designated to notify Muslims whether it is allowed to buy and using it or not. The analysis by Murray Hunter (2012) that 20% of Muslims consumer does not look for Halal certifications when purchasing a product and that the majority of consumers will buy products that do not have the logo if there are no alternatives.

Although Malaysia is one of Islamic countries in the world and have a multiple races, the citizen whether Muslim or non-Muslim simply noticing about the halal is just consist of food, permitted animal and pets. The context of halal is really important to know because consumer always use in daily life. The government or the authority do put the effort to spread widely the knowledge and understanding of halal but the citizen still do not take it seriously (Nur Aniza, Noreina & Nurul Syakinah, 2013).
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Dear Respondent:

A STUDY FOR MEASURING THE LEVEL OF AWARENESS ON HALAL FOOD PRODUCT BASED ON MUSLIMS YOUTH ATTITUDE

This questionnaire is designed to study on measuring the level of awareness on halal food product among Muslims youth attitude. The information you provide will helped me to better understand and realize that the young generation know the importance of the awareness of halal and have a correct picture on how to choose halal food product before purchase it. I request you to respond to the questions frankly and honestly.

I assure you that all your responses will be kept STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please return this questionnaire upon completion to the researcher:

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SECTION A: STUDENTS INFORMATION  
BAHAGIAN A: MAKLUMAT PELAJAR

INSTRUCTION: Please tick ( / ) in the appropriate box.
ARAHAN: Sila tandakan ( / ) di dalam kotak yang disediakan.

1. Gender:  
   [ ] Male  
   [ ] Female

2. Age:  
   [ ] 13 – 15 years old  
   [ ] 16 – 18 years old  
   [ ] 19 – 21 years old

3. Race:  
   [ ] Malay  
   [ ] Chinese  
   [ ] Indian  
   [ ] Others

4. How do you know about Halal?:  
   [ ] Family  
   [ ] Friends  
   [ ] Teacher  
   [ ] Reading

5. Where do you get information about Halal?  
   [ ] Youtube  
   [ ] Television  
   [ ] At School  
   [ ] Magazine / Journal

6. Parent’s Occupation:  
   [ ] Government Sector  
   [ ] Private Sector  
   [ ] Self-Employed  
   [ ] Pensioner

7. Where frequently do you access the web from the following places?  
   [ ] Home  
   [ ] School  
   [ ] Cybercafe  
   [ ] Other Places
INSTRUCTION: The following statements relate to your level of knowledge and its application in your daily life. Please indicate your level of agreement to the statements by circling the appropriate number.

ARAHAAN: Kenyataan di bawah berkaitan dengan tahap pengetahuan dan aplikasi dalam kehidupan sehariannya anda. Sila tandakan nombor yang bersesuaian dengan tahap persetujuan anda.

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**RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**

| 1. I believe in Allah, Muhammad (PBUH) as His prophet, Quran and Sunnah. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. I pray five times a day. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Saya solat lima waktu setiap hari. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. I am fasting during a holy month of Ramadhan. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5. I often read books and magazines about my religion. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6. I believe my religious beliefs lie behind my whole | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
7. Saya percaya agama Islam ialah petunjuk arah dalam kehidupan saya.

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### HALAL INFORMATION

**PENGETAHUAN BERKAITAN HALAL**

1. I am aware of term/word 'Halal'.

   1. Saya faham maksud perkataan 'Halal'.

2. I am aware of term/word 'Haram'.

   2. Saya faham maksud perkataan ‘Haram’.

3. I am aware of term/word ‘Syubhah’.

   3. Saya faham maksud perkataan ‘Syubhah’.

4. Food items coming from Muslim countries are necessarily halal.


5. Food items with Islamic names are necessary halal.

   5. Makanan yang mempunyai nama-nama Islam semestinya adalah halal.

6. I always update with any issues related to halal.

   6. Saya sentiasa megambil tahu sesuatu isu mengenai halal.
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**SUBJECTIVE NORM**

**NORMA SUBJEKTIF**

1. I will not buy a food product, if doubts are raised about it by my friends and family.
   - *Saya tidak akan membeli sesuatu produk makanan sekiranya rakan dan keluarga saya menyatakan keraguan terhadap produk tersebut.*

2. My family and friends always use halal foods.
   - *Ahli keluarga dan kawan saya hanya menggunakan produk makanan halal.*

3. My family members will eating at a restaurant believed to be halal.
   - *Ahli keluarga saya hanya akan makan di restoran yang diyakini halal sahaja.*

4. My family willing to pay more to buy halal food, if we in a non-Muslim country.
   - *Ahli keluarga saya sanggup berbelanja lebih untuk mendapatkan makanan halal jika berada di negara bukan Islam.*

5. I believe Muslims have to follow the regulation of the religion.
   - *Saya percaya bahawa orang Islam wajib mematuhi peraturan yang ditetapkan dalam agama Islam.*
SECTION C: AWARENESS ATTITUDE OF MUSLIMS YOUTH

INSTRUCTION: The following statements relate to your awareness attitude. Please indicate your level of agreement to the statements by circling the appropriate number.

ARAHAN: Kenyataan di bawah berkaitan dengan kesedaran perilaku anda. Sila tandakan nombor yang bersesuaian dengan tahap persetujuan anda.

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AWARENESS ATTITUDE

KESEDARAN PERILAKU

1. I don’t eat pork or haram meat.
   1. Saya tidak makan daging babi atau daging yang tidak halal.
   1  2  3  4  5

2. I don’t buy any food with haram ingredients.
   2. Saya tidak membeli makanan yang mempunyai bahan-bahan tidak halal.
   1  2  3  4  5

3. I don’t drink alcohol.
   3. Saya tidak minum arak.
   1  2  3  4  5

4. I don’t eat any foods that have alcohol ingredients.
   4. Saya tidak makan makanan yang mengandungi campuran alcohol dalam bahan-bahan makanan tersebut.
   1  2  3  4  5

5. I am willing to pay more for food that has halal logo on it.
   5. Saya rela untuk tidak membayar lebih dari harga
   1  2  3  4  5
sepatutnya untuk makanan yang mempunyai logo halal.

-End of Questions-
Thank you for your participation