INVESTIGATING THE SERVICE QUALITY TOWARD CUSTOMER SATISFACTION ON TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDER IN MALAYSIA

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ABSTRACT

Service quality and customer satisfaction are very important concepts that companies must understand if they want to remain competitive and grow. In today's competitive environment delivering high quality service is the key for a sustainable competitive advantage. Satisfied customers form the foundation of any successful business as customer satisfaction leads to repeat purchase, brand loyalty and positive word of mouth. The aim of this research is to investigate the impact of service quality toward customer satisfaction on telecommunication service provider. A sound association is found between customer satisfaction and the quality of service provided by the companies. In business world, customers are the source of profit and revenue for the service organizations and improvements in service quality leads to customer satisfaction.

Quantitative research method is used to conduct this study. The selection of primary studies is done by conducting interviews with customer who came and change their telecommunication service provider at Bandar Laguna Merbok. The research findings are analyzed by quantitative data analyses technique to build analyses and draw conclusion.

Using the SERVQUAL model, this study aimed to examine the impacts of reliability, responsiveness, assurance, empathy and tangible aspects on customer satisfaction. A total 50 current users of a GSM provider participated in this study. Gap analysis was used to determine the perceived importance and satisfaction on each dimension of service quality, regression analysis was conducted to test the relationship between the SERVQUAL dimensions and customer satisfaction. The data analysis was conducted using SPSS with the software package for windows. The result shows that both service quality and customer satisfaction significantly affect the level of customer loyalty of mobile phone users in Malaysia.

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