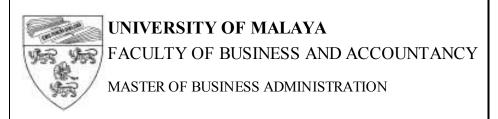
## **APPENDIX**



# Research Title: Influence of Continuous Improvement (CI) on Employee Satisfaction Survey

### Dear Sir / Madam,

Thank you for agreeing to answer this questionnaire. This questionnaire is designed to examine the relationship between employees' satisfaction regarding Continuous Improvement Program. This study is conducted in partial fulfilment of the requirements for my degree of Master of Business Administration (MBA) under supervision of Dr. Abdul Razak.

The questionnaire is divided into three sections: the first section addresses continuous improvement, the second section addresses employees' satisfaction, and the final section includes demographic questions.

Please answer all questions in all sections by selecting the appropriate response that most closely fit to the questions according to your experience and knowledge. I need your valuable experience to help understand the relationship between Continuous Improvement and Employee Satisfaction.

The time to complete the survey can vary, however, it is anticipated that no more than fifteen minutes will be required. Your participation is voluntary and your responses will be kept strictly confidential to use only for this research study.

Your kind cooperation and participation in this survey will be highly appreciated.

(Note: Please use the sheets (section CI, JS and Demographic) for responses)

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#### **Part 1: Continuous Improvement Practices** This questionnaire contains questions and statements about the organisation. Please click the circle for **one** answer only that best describes your perception in each item. Strongly Strongly Disagree Neutral Agree Disagree Agree The company considers customer $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 O 3 **O**4 O 5 needs in a systematic way. The company has clearly identified $\bigcirc$ 2 ○ 3 **O**4 $\bigcirc$ 5 its customers. The company has processes for $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О з O 4 O 5 identifying needs of its customers. The company has developed $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 ○ 3 $\bigcirc$ 5 $\bigcirc 4$ strategies and plans to build and sustain strong relationship with its customers. The company is committed to $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 ○ 3 O 4 O 5 5 addressing the needs of its customers. The company knows how to Оз $\bigcirc$ 1 $\bigcirc$ 2 04 $\bigcirc$ 5 6 measure satisfaction of its customers. The company collects and uses O 3 $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 O 4 O 5 7 data on customer satisfaction to improve its services. Our people are active advocates of $\bigcirc$ 1 $\bigcirc$ 2 ○ 3 O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 our learning organisation. Leaders model openness. The $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 O 3 **O**4 O 5 questioning and challenging of values and assumptions is core part of organisational life. Policies and procedures maximise $\bigcirc$ 1 Оз **O** 4 O 2 $\bigcirc$ 5 10 opportunity for individual and team contributions. The organisation values learning, $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 O 3 O 4 O 5 11 ideas for improvement are sought and acknowledged. Continuous improvement is built on $\bigcirc$ 1 $\bigcirc$ 2 ○ 3 O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 12 collaboration and valid information. Feelings are expressible as valid information. We share a common problem $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 O 3 **O** 4 O 5 13 solving methodology throughout the organisation.

#### **Part 1: Continuous Improvement Practices** This questionnaire contains questions and statements about the organisation. Please click the circle for **one** answer only that best describes your perception in each item. Strongly Strongly Disagree Neutral Agree Disagree Agree Joint problem solving is the basis $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 ○ 3 **O**4 O 5 14 for creatively involving people; we develop a plan for doing so. The company improves the quality $\bigcirc$ 1 О з **O** 4 O 2 O 5 of administrative processes. The company works closely with its $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 ○ 3 04 $\bigcirc$ 5 **16** suppliers to improve the quality of their services and products. The company continuously looks at $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О 3 **O** 4 O 5 the quality and performance of its systems and process for delivering services. The company periodically analyzes $\bigcirc$ 1 $\bigcirc$ 2 ○ 3 O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 the quality of its services. The company analyzes trends and $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О 3 **O** 4 O 5 changes in overall performance. The company periodically analyzes $\bigcirc$ 1 $\bigcirc$ 2 ○ 3 O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 20 the quality and performance of its internal administrative processes. The company analyzes trends and O 2 О 3 O 4 $\bigcirc$ 1 O 5 changes in supplier quality. The company collects and uses $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 ○ 3 **O**4 O 5 data on customer expectations or satisfaction when designing new services. Partnerships with suppliers and $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О з **O** 4 O 5 23 contractors enhance organisational performance in meeting customer requirements. Long-term mutually beneficial $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 Оз **O** 4 O 5 24 relationships are in place with key suppliers. Suppliers demonstrate evidence of $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О 3 **O** 4 O 5 25 sustainable performance and continuous improvement. Choice of suppliers and contractors $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 Оз **O** 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 26 is based on measures which reflect total cost.

#### **Part 1: Continuous Improvement Practices** This questionnaire contains questions and statements about the organisation. Please click the circle for one answer only that best describes your perception in each item. Strongly Strongly Disagree Neutral Agree Disagree Agree We use key performance criteria to $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 ○ 3 **O**4 O 5 measure actual performance. Supply agreements are in place with key suppliers. Key performance criteria and audit $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 $\bigcirc$ 3 O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 procedures for supplier and contractors are mutually agreed upon. We talk to our suppliers, internal $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 $\bigcirc$ 3 04 $\bigcirc$ 5 29 and external. They are aware of our needs and expectations. I find alignment between my $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 ○ 3 O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 personal and organisation's goals. I create sustainable change through $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О 3 **O** 4 O 5 31 my personal commitment to continuous improvement. I work with others in creating the **()** 4 $\bigcirc$ 1 $\bigcirc$ 2 ○ 3 $\bigcirc$ 5 opportunities and possibilities for learning to occur throughout the organisation. I mentor and support others. I $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О з O 4 O 5 33 create an environment which supports personal commitment. I examine the personal implications $\bigcirc$ 1 $\bigcirc$ 2 Оз O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 for myself and my team. $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 O 3 O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 I create opportunities to apply newly gained knowledge in my work. I see clearly the need for change. I $\bigcirc$ 1 $\bigcirc$ 2 Оз O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 **36** seek knowledge and explore the possibilities of actions I can take. The company collects and uses a $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О з O 4 O 5 37 wide range of data and information about the quality of its services. The company compares data on the $\bigcirc$ 1 ○ 3 **O** 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 O 2 quality of its services to data on the quality services to other organisations. The company periodically sets $\bigcirc$ 1 O 2 О з O 4 $\bigcirc$ 5 39 specific goals to improve its services.

## Part 2: Job Satisfaction

The following section pertains to how you feel about your current job. For each of the following items, select the response which best represents your current level of job satisfaction. Please consider how you feel about your job on most days.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
1	I feel I am being paid a fair amount for the work I do.	O 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	<b>O</b> 4	<u> </u>
2	There is too little chance for promotion in my job.	O 1	<b>○</b> 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<b>O</b> 5
3	My supervisor is competent in doing his/her job.	O 1	O 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<b>O</b> 5
4	I am not satisfied with the benefit I receive.	O 1	O 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<u> </u>
5	When I do a good job, I receive the recognition for it that I should receive.	<u>O</u> 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	O 4	<u> </u>
6	Many of our rules and procedures make doing a good job difficult.	O 1	<b>○</b> 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<b>O</b> 5
7	I like the people I work with.	O 1	O 2	<b>O</b> 3	<b>O</b> 4	O 5
8	I sometimes feel my job is meaningless.	O 1	O 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<b>O</b> 5
9	Communications seem good within this organisation.	O 1	O 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	O 5
10	Raises are too few and far between.	O 1	○ 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	O 5
11	Those who do well in the job stand a fair chance of being promoted.	O 1	O 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	O 5
12	My supervisor is unfair to me.	O 1	<b>○</b> 2	<b>3</b>	<b>O</b> 4	<u> </u>
13	The benefits we receive are as good as most other organisations offer.	O 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	O 4	<b>O</b> 5
14	I do not feel that the work I do is appreciated.	O 1	<b>○</b> 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<b>O</b> 5
15	My efforts to do a good job are seldom blocked by red tape.	O 1	O 2	<b>O</b> 3	<b>O</b> 4	<b>O</b> 5
16	I find I have to work harder at my job because of the incompetence of people I work with.	O 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	<b>O</b> 4	<u> </u>

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The following section pertains to how you feel about your current job. For each of the following items, select the response which best represents your current level of job satisfaction. Please consider how you feel about your job on most days.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
17	I like doing the things I do at work.	O 1	O 2	○ 3	O 4	O 5
18	The goals of this organisation are not clear to me.	<u> </u>	<b>○</b> 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<u> </u>
19	People get ahead as fast here as they do in other places.	O 1	O 2	Оз	O 4	O 5
20	I feel unappreciated by the organisation when I think about what they pay me.	O 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	<b>O</b> 4	O 5
21	My supervisor shows too little interest in the feelings of subordinates.	O 1	O 2	<b>O</b> 3	O 4	<b>O</b> 5
22	The benefits package we have is equitable.	O 1	O 2	Оз	O 4	O 5
23	There are few rewards for those who work here.	O 1	O 2	Оз	O 4	O 5
24	I have too much to do at work	O 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	<b>O</b> 4	<b>○</b> 5
25	I enjoy my co-workers.	O 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	O 4	O 5
26	I often feel that I do not know what is going on with the organisation.	O 1	<b>○</b> 2	Оз	O 4	<b>O</b> 5
27	I feel a sense of pride in doing my job.	O 1	O 2	Оз	O 4	O 5
28	I feel satisfied with my chances for salary increases.	<u></u> 1	<b>O</b> 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<u> </u>
29	There are benefits we do not have which we should have.	O 1	O 2	Оз	O 4	O 5
30	I like my supervisor.	O 1	O 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<b>○</b> 5
31	I have too much paperwork.	O 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	<b>O</b> 4	<u> </u>
32	I don't feel my efforts are rewarded the way they should be.	O 1	O 2	Оз	O 4	<b>O</b> 5
33	I am satisfied with my chances for promotion.	O 1	O 2	<b>3</b>	O 4	<u> </u>
34	There is too much bickering and fighting at work.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	<u> </u>
35	My job is enjoyable.	O 1	O 2	<b>O</b> 3	<b>O</b> 4	<b>O</b> 5
36	Work assignments are not fully explained.	O 1	○ 2	Оз	<b>O</b> 4	O 5

Part 3: Demographic Information							
Please click the circle for an appropriate answer.							
1. Gender	00	Male Female					
2. Age range	000000	Less than 20 20 - 29 30 - 39 40 - 49 50 - 59 60 and above					
3. Marital Status	0000	Single Married Divorced / Separated Widowed					
4. No. of children	0000	No child 1 2 3 and above					
5. Monthly Income	00000	RM2,000 or less RM2,001 - RM4,000 RM4,001 - RM6,000 RM6,001 - RM8,000 RM8,001 - RM10,000 RM10,000 and above					
6. Education level	000000	Primary School Secondary / High School Certificate or Diploma Bachelor Degree Postgraduate (i.e Master / Doctorate) Professional Certificates					
7. Service period on current organization	0 0 0 0 0 0	Less than 6 months 6 months - 12 months 1 - 3 years 3 - 5 years 5 - 7 years 7 - 9 years Over 9 years					