PERCEIVED ATTRIBUTES AND THE LEVEL OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) USAGE AMONG ACADEMICIANS: A COMPARISON BETWEEN UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA (UITM) AND UNIVERSITI INDUSTRI SELANGOR (UNISEL)

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ABSTRACT

Despite of the promising perspective of the usage of ICT in education, Zulkifli Zakaria (2001) has discover that although the attitude of the lecturers towards the use of ICT in their lecture is positive, all the lecturers tend not to use ICT in their lecture. Nowadays it has been recognised that Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is inseparable in the management and delivery of knowledge and more so in the academic sector. This paper that applies Structural Equation Model for ICT usage in Higher Education (Usluel, Askar & Bass 2008) attempts to identify the level of ICT usage among academicians in UiTM and UNISEL, two higher learning institution representing the public and private sector respectively. Subsequently, the relationship between the perceived attributes and the level of ICT usage among academicians is presented. This paper goes a bit further by comparing the difference and the most influential attributes of the aforementioned between the public and private learning institution. This paper concludes that there is a significant relationship between perceived attributes and the level of ICT usage among UITM and UNISEL academicians. However, UiTM registers compatibility whilst UNISEL records observability as their most influential perceived attribute that leads to the level of ICT usage. The findings of this research were made through questionnaire distributed to academicians from both institutions and the analysis was carried out to verify the hypotheses.