CUSTOMER PERCEPTIONS TOWARDS THE QUALITY OF TMNET STREAMYX SERVICES OFFERED BY TELEKOM MALAYSIA (TM) BERHAD IN SEREMBAN AREA

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ABSTRACT

The focus of this study is on the service quality of TMNet Streamyx offered by Telekom Malaysia (TM) Berhad. It is because lately there many complaints made by users about its service. This research also study about how far service dimensions give impact on service quality. By using SERVQUAL, 5 dimensions namely tangibility, reliability, responsiveness, assurance and empathy will be used to evaluate the perceptions of customers towards the service quality of TMNet Streamyx.

The research objective is to identify the current level of service quality of TMNet Streamyx services, the factors that influence the service quality of TMNet Streamyx and also to identify the difference of perceptions of service quality among the users of TMNet Streamyx

This research use exploratory and descriptive because an exploratory study is undertaken when not much is known about the service quality of TMNet Streamyx services offered by Telekom Malaysia Berhad. While in descriptive research design it would ascertain and to describe the characteristics of the variables of interest in the impact of service quality towards TMNet services.

The primary data were gathered through questionnaires distributed in Seremban area.

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

By 2010, the government hopes that 50 percent of household would have fast Internet access. At present, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the broadband penetration rate stood at 12 percent for households or 5.5 millions in the country.

Telekom Malaysia (TM) Berhad's subsidiary which is TM Net has offers a service in which use Digital Subscriber Loop / Line (DSL), called as TMNet Streamyx whereby it is a broadband access service which provides 'always on' connection to the Internet with speed bandwidths from 384kbps up to 4.0Mbps and for business packages are from Streamyx SOHO, Streamyx Enterprise (ADSL 1.0M, SDSL 1.5M and ADSL 2.0M) and Streamyx Corporate (ADSL 1.0M, SDSL 1.5M and ADSL 2.0M).

Therefore, to achieve government's target of 50 percent of households would have fast Internet access, it is important to measure the quality of TMNet Streamyx services so that more and more people subscribe this service in the future.

1.1 History of Telekom Malaysia (TM) Berhad

Telekom Malaysia has officially changed its global brand from Telekom Malaysia to TM in April 2005. TM is the largest telecommunication company in Malaysia and also Southeast Asia's