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Abstract

The social networking among the children in many countries are very worrying nowadays that had been the critical situation in the environment life. The statistics shows an increment of social networking problems among students year by year. However, there is also positive effects of the internet usage towards the students if they use for the right purpose. Thus, this study is to examine the effects of the internet usage towards secondary school students in Malaysia. A convenient sampling technique we have used and 338 questionnaires had been distributed to the secondary school students in Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Muara Tuang, Kota Samarahan. The objectives of this study is to examine the most dominant effect of the internet usage towards the children, to determine the relationship between the internet usage and the effect towards the children and to identify the gender that mostly influence by the internet activities on the internet. From the finding, there is strong relation between the internet usage and the effects towards secondary school students.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

In recent year, the internet has become very popular, thus, it has attracted enormous quantity of popular internet activities among children by rapid growth of the internet through so many devices such as desktop computer, laptop computer, tablets and smart phones which is stated by Listeret al., (2009). Internet are used the to do research, to communicate, to play games and for the entertainment. Youngsters tend to be more online than older people as the technology is developed during their era.

However, the internet can also be a dangerous environment for children even though most of them had engaged in internet activity at least once despite of its great popularity. Internet use provides numerous valuable benefits, as well as serious risks such as child sexual harassment, child pornography, that most people knew nothing about when the internet first appeared. The lack of awareness can lead to undesired negative impact on children. If no precautions are taken, children and young people might come across serious dangers and become the victims of internet crimes.

Today, Malaysians have embraced online or digital lifestyle in great numbers across the nation due to the success of our National Broadband Initiatives. The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) is realize that there is a need to safeguard the children, especially children that most vulnerable to threats and risks related to internet while Malaysians are enjoying the benefits from online services across the country which is for business or social. YBhg. Dato'Mohamed Sharil Mohamed Tarmizi Chairman of the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission said that the 2014 National Survey Report is one of the many much-needed data and information gathering initiatives to track how users are using the