

# EXPLORING EFFECTIVENESS OF USING SALES PROMOTIONAL TOOLS IN PARKSON KAJANG

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### ABSTRACT

The purpose of this research is about to study the exploring effectiveness of using sales promotional tools by Parkson Kajang. Parkson Kajang is one of the types in the retailing industry. Parkson Kajang can be considered as departmental store which offers huge number of brands and products in one roof. It is also located in Metro Kajang Plaza which has been 20 years been operated in the middle of Kajang City. Parkson Kajang has 8 departments of selling floor and consist of 3 levels of floor. There are 2 objectives for this research which is to investigate customer preferences towards sales promotional tools by Parkson Kajang and to understand the basic level of sales promotional tools concept used among customer Parkson. Regarding to the purpose mentioned, Parkson Kajang have implemented several sales promotional tools which is coupons, voucher and rebates, promotion fair, point of purchase promotion and loyalty marketing program. The questionnaires were administrated to the customers who have experienced shopping at Parkson Kajang and were distributed to 120 of customer who have experienced shopping at Parkson Kajang. Research analysed using SPSS will be used to determine the average score for each promotional tools that give impact to the each respondents and Parkson Kajang. As a result, we can see which is the most customer preferences towards the variables that has given best understanding of sales promotional tools activities towards customer's Parkson Kajang and assigned the most effective tools that has lead to the best sales promotional tools activities that has Parkson Kajang implements.

# **CHAPTER 1**

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 Overview of Retailing Industry

Retail industry established when all businesses sell goods and services to consumer. There are several directions in this industry whereby it involve department stores, discount stores, specialty stores and even seasonal retailers. Besides that, each retailer tries to differentiate itself from the competition, but the strategy that the company uses to sell its products is the most important factor. There are some types of retailing business that can be classified which department stores usually have a very large store in offering a huge assortment of goods and services. Then, discounters is tend to offer a wide array of products and services, but compete mainly on price whereas demographic involve retailers that aim at one particular segment. High-end retailers focusing on wealthy individuals would be a good example.

Retail industry involved 7 P's of marketing mix which include price, product, place, people, promotion, physical evidence and process which creates a foundation to achieve desired outcome of having people visit to the store. Promotion, triggers points that capture the interest of people enticing them with irresistible offers. Promotion is also able to raise customer awareness of a product or brand, generating sales and creating brand loyalty. Place can relate to where to intend on offering a product, along with the avenues of how people can reached. Whereas, price can be determine by supply and demand or quality versus quantity. As for product, it is anything that can be offered to a market that might satisfy a want or need. Next, physical evidence is by relating it to the material part of what the customers see, for example signage, uniforms, stationery, business cards and others. A business process is best described as the activities that produce a specific service or product for customers and people which related with employees that need to be educate on product or services provided.