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ABSTRACT

There are certain SME in Malaysia not implement Facebook as a one of Marketing tool in their marketing planning. This is because by using Facebook as a marketing tool give a benefit like save cost, save time, spread information and make promotion. Majority of them still implement old method and focus on direct selling or push strategy. Researcher conduct this study to know the importance of Facebook as a marketing tool besides make the comparison with others page of competitors. The way that researcher collect the data is based on past journal and observation toward 3pages Facebook, Maggi, Jalen and Kimball. By using content analysis method, researcher make the observation for a one month, from 1st October 2016 until 31st October 2016. make the analysis toward the feature of Facebook such as Like, Comment and Share. Researcher also make the analysis toward the content of Facebook such as photos/advertisement, online interactive, sweepstakes, video, contests, festivals/events, downloads/uploads, games/word play. There are 36 status that researcher must make evaluation. From the status researcher can conclude that, Maggi using the photos and video element same goes with Jalen compare with Kimball more on interactive communication like simple games. From the comparison above, the element that have a big percentage from all the status of Maggie, Jalen and Kimball is photo/advertisement 30%, the status that have online interactivity 21%, element upload and download element 16%, such as go to web address for the company and video element at 14% and the first step that Azad must do is increase their number of page like.

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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

The continued growth of social network sites has attracted the interest of companies who see the potential to disseminate product-related information and marketing messages to customers. Companies can establish Facebook brand pages, which provide individuals, businesses and organizations with information that has a specific purpose, audience and topic to market, promote and inform about products and services (Cvijikj and Michahelles, 2011; Goorha and Ungar, 2010). For examples, Coca-Cola has over 36 million fans and actively promotes its activities on its Facebook brand page (AraujoandNeijens, 2012).

Pages at Facebook allow enterprises to interact with community members and enhance their brand visibility and make people or consumer be loyal to the company. More than 1.5 million organizations have Facebook brand pages, and 20 million people "like" Facebook brand pages every day (Jeanjean, 2012). Consumers using Facebook to engage with the companies that they purchase from, rather than using Facebook and social media to research products and services. Social media such as Facebook offer brand managers wide opportunity for brand advocacy and also embracing Facebook as a marketing channel to engage with consumers.

This new form of engagement in social media opens up many new opportunities for brands to extract value from existing and potential consumers. They can now receive feedback and suggestions more easily from their consumers through these social networking sites, allowing them to respond to their consumers, enhance their offerings, handle problems and provide better service. While this new form of engagement includes a wide range of activities, specific behaviors such as liking and commenting on brands' social media pages have become so popular among consumers that they are now used as measures of consumer engagement in social media (Gummerus et al., 2012; van Doorn et al., 2010).