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### **ABSTRACT**

Self-service technologies (SSTs) are changing the way customers interact with companies to create service outcomes. SSTs also use in other industry such as retailing, manufacturing and internet banking. The purpose of this to determine the relationship between SSTs (electronic kiosk, internet, video/cd and telephone) towards guest satisfaction. Customer satisfaction was operationalized in terms of hotel atmosphere and hospitality. By using secondary data, the researchers get the information on previous journals. By implementing SSTs can help the hotel industry in improving their service in order to satisfy their guest. This study also contributed to academic platform on valuable information about current trends. Finally, this study ends up with by suggestion and useful implications for hotel industry.

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### **CHAPTER 1**

### INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 **OVERVIEW**

The purpose of this study is to give an overview of the main characteristics of research on self-service technology. We aims to give an overview of the main dependent variables studied, the main independent variables revealed to influence the dependent variables. This study highlight on potential dimension for categorization and how various channels are perceived along these dimensions. This study will focus on the relationship between SSTs and guest satisfaction. This chapter included background of the study, problem statement, objectives of the study, research questions, and significance of the study and definition of terms.

### 1.2 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

The hospitality industry has been mushrooming in our country. It is reported by Malaysian Association of Hotel, there are 2,628 hotels in 2014 and 2,544 hotels in 2013. It is shown the hotel industry has been increased by (3.2%) which is 84 new hotels introduced. In addition, the improvement of technology had increased the effectiveness and efficiency of the hotel industry. Lema (2009) stated that self-service technology (SSTs) has become a dynamic force in hospitality industry. Due to this, there is much improvement in the hospitality industry. The hospitality industry has known as the leisure industry. It consists of three organizations that provide services such as primarily accommodation, food and beverage and travelers for pleasure.

The aim of this study is to determine the relationship between SSTs towards guest satisfaction. Services traditionally delivered by service employee, such as reservation, checkin and checkout, are now available through the internet, mobile devices, standalone kiosks or other words of SSTs. Self-service technologies are technological interfaces that give customer a service independent of direct service employee involvement. This study is a basic approach to study in existing research is to study self-service technologies in general. This study is to