## UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

# EXPLORATORY STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS USAGE OF OFFICE AUTOMATION SYSTEM BY GOVERNMENT SECTOR IN RURAL AREA

## KHAIRUL IZWAN BIN ROSLAN

MSc. IT

**JULY 2014** 

#### **ABSTRACT**

The growth of IT technology has given opportunities to organization to improve their way to manage their business. By adapting and using some of technology in office environment enabled the organization simplifies their day to day operations. The problems of technology divide may happen in office that located in rural area especially in office automation tools. This research focused on the effectiveness of usage office automation at government sector in rural area. There are two objectives in this research which the first objective is to identify the office automation tools that currently use by selected rural area government agency in office management perspective. The second objective of this research to evaluate the effectiveness of office automation tools usage in selected rural area government agency. They also evaluated the level of usage in using office automation tools in their workplace. Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) is used as the model to collect and evaluate the data from this research. There are some techniques such as questionnaire, observation and interview session is used to collect the data for this research. From this research, it found that the selected government agency has equipped with the latest office automation tools. Then, it found that they are effectively used the office automation tools for their day to day operation. But in terms of application, some of the application is not used effectively by staff in selected government agency which the factors such as lack of training contributed to this factor. The knowledge and experience in using this tool may effect the implementation of this tool in organization.

Keywords: Office automation tools, government agency and effectiveness usage

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



#### "In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful"

Praise to Allah for giving me the strength and health to finish my IT Project report. This report is part of the requirements for me to complete my study in Master of Science (Information Technology). However, this report will not be completed without the help and support from several individuals whether they contribute directly or indirectly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them.

Firstly, my deepest gratitude goes to my wonderful supervisor, Dr. Fariza Hanis binti Abdul Razak for all her guidance, valuable suggestion, comment and advice that have been the reason that this report can be completed.

A special thank goes to my wife, Nor Khafifah Binti Jalany, my parents and my family for their continuous support day and night, understanding and patience during my two and a half years journey in this study. There was a time when I wish to throw the white flag and just give up because I do not think that I can finish the report on time. However, their supports were just what I needed to give me the spirit and strength to keep on going. All the sleepless nights that I had spent to finish this report was to show them my appreciation and I do not want to let them down.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the people whom generously spent little of their valuable time to participate in the questionnaire survey. Without their feedback, this project would not have anything to report. Not forgetting all my course mates and other individuals whom names are not mentioned here for their contributions in whatever forms whether directly or indirectly. Thank you so much and may Allah bless all of you.

### TABLE OF CONTENT

	Page
STUDENT'S DECLARATION ABSTRACT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TABLE OF CONTENTS LIST OF TABLES LIST OF FIGURES	i ii iii iv vii viii
CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION	
1.1 Research Background	1
1.2 Problem Statement	4
1.3 Research Question	6
1.4 Objectives	6
1.5 Scope of Study	6
1.6 Significance of the project	7
1.7 Report outline	9
CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW	
2.1 Introduction	11
2.2 Office Automation Tools	11
2.2.1 Definition	11
2.2.2 Component and Evolution of Office Automation Tools	12
2.2.3 Effects of Office Automation on the Nature of Work	15
2.2.4 Effects of Office Automation on Individuals	16
2.2.5 Effects of Office Automation on Management Processes	17
2.2.6 Effects of Office Automation on Organizational Structure and Processes	19
2.3 Malaysian Government System	20
2.3.1 Definition	20
2.4 Rural Area	22
2.4.1 Definition	22
2.4.2 Digital Divide in Rural Area	23
2.5 Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)	25

2.6 Summary	27
CHAPTER 3: METHODOLOGY	
3.1 Research Approach	28
3.2 Planning	30
3.3Data Gathering	30
3.3.1 Primary Data	31
3.3.2 Secondary Data	37
3.3.3 Models to Support Effectiveness Evaluation	38
3.4 Data Analysis	39
3.5 Documentation	40
3.6 Conclusion	40
CHAPTER 4: ANALYSIS AND RESULTS	
4.1 Introduction	41
4.2 Demographic Profile of Respondent	41
4.2.1 Finding 1: Demographic Profile of Respondents	42
4.3 Objective 1: To identify the office automation system that currently use	45
by selected rural area government agency in daily operational perspective	
4.3.1 Finding 1: Office Automation Tools (Hardware) that currently	46
use by Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Kecil Gemas	
4.3.2 Finding 2: Office Automation Tools (Telecommunication services)	50
that currently use by Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Kecil Gemas	
4.3.3 Finding 3: Office Automation Tools (Application) that currently	51
use by Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Kecil Gemas	
4.4 Objective 2: To evaluate the effectiveness of office automation tools in	55
selected rural area government agency	
4.4.1 Finding 1: The effectiveness use of Office Automation Tools	55
(Hardware) by Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Kecil Gemas	
4.4.2 Finding 2: The effectiveness use of Office Automation Tools	59
(Internet Service) by Pejabat Daerah dan Tanah Kecil Gemas	
4.4.3 Finding 3: The effectiveness use of Office Automation Tools	64