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PREFACE

Across Borders is designed for use in knowledge development in various disciplines. It is written to accommodate the interest of academicians and industry. The compilation of research abstracts from different fields provides valuable information to assist the expansion of knowledge and development. It also serves as a reference for Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Melaka Campus and the Division of Research, Industrial Linkages & Alumni.

The compilation of proceeding abstracts includes 83 research abstracts that are divided into 3 sections according to their respective disciplines; Management and Business, Science and Technology, and Social Science and Humanities.

It is hoped that this book would inspire its readers to undertake further research in the specific fields or disciplines.

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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AGE AND SIZE OF FIRM ON CORPORATE ENTREPRENEURIAL BEHAVIOUR AMONG EMPLOYEES

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ABSTRACT

Previous innovation literature regarding firm age, firm size and innovation has received a great deal of attention. Some arguments proposed that large firms were more effective innovators than smaller firms. However, there are arguments that smaller firms are more flexible, better able to adapt and effect change, and experience more advantages in innovation. This study therefore, attempts to examine whether size and age of firm has influence the level of corporate entrepreneurial behaviour among employees. A cross-sectional survey was used to determine how the independent variables influence the corporate entrepreneurial behaviour within manufacturing sectors in Malaysia. The population consisted of 155 respondents from six multinational corporations (MNC) in Klang Valley and Penang. The six companies were manufacturing-based companies. Findings revealed that size, as a company's characteristic did not influence corporate entrepreneurial behaviour. However, the age of companies showed a negative relationship with corporate entrepreneurial behaviour and the internal antecedents.

KEYWORDS

Corporate entrepreneurial behaviour, Firm age, Firm size.

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