

**THE STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS BETWEEN TOTAL PRODUCTIVE
MAINTENANCE, KAIZEN EVENT, AND INNOVATION
PERFORMANCE IN MALAYSIAN
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to investigate the relationship between Total Productive Maintenance (TPM), Kaizen Event (KE), and Innovation Performance (IP). This quantitative study developed a model for the Malaysian automotive industry which incorporates the three element. Survey questionnaires were used to investigate the relationship between the implementation of TPM, KE, and IP in 161 automotive supplier companies. Structural equation model technique was used to test the statistical analysis of the data required in the study. In order to test the reliability and validity of the instrument, reliability analysis, exploratory factor analysis and confirmatory factor analysis were conducted. Findings reveal that KE does not affect the relationship between TPM and IP. However, the study suggests that KE assists in improving IP when coupled with TPM. In short, this is a comprehensive research which has undergone detailed methodology and analysis and contributed to the limited existing literature in the development of structural relationship between TPM, KE, and IP especially in the Malaysian automotive industry. The impact of TPM practice implementation on IP increases with a mediating of KE practices in the Malaysian automotive industry. This research provides fundamental knowledge and direction for researchers in further research as well as practitioners to constantly improve IP and organizational performance through the implementation of TPM and KE.

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ABSTRAK

Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk menyiasat hubungan antara Total Productive Maintenance (TPM), Kaizen Event (KE) dan prestasi inovasi. Kajian kuantitatif ini membangunkan model yang menggabungkan elemen-elemen ini untuk industri automotif di Malaysia. Satu tinjauan melalui soal selidik telah dijalankan untuk menyiasat hubungan antara pelaksanaan TPM, KE dan prestasi inovasi ke atas 161 syarikat pembekal automotif di Malaysia. Data dianalisis dengan menggunakan teknik struktur persamaan model untuk menguji analisis statistik yang diperlukan dalam data kajian dalam usaha untuk menguji kebolehpercayaan dan kesahan instrumen, analisis kebolehpercayaan, analisis faktor penerokaan dan analisis faktor pengesanan telah dijalankan. Hasil dapatan kajian menunjukkan bahawa KE tidak memberi kesan kepada perhubungan antara TPM dan prestasi inovasi. Walau bagaimanapun, kajian ini menunjukkan gabungan KE dengan TPM memberi kesan yang lebih baik kepada prestasi inovasi. Secara ringkas, ini adalah satu kajian menyeluruh yang telah melalui kaedah terperinci dan analisis serta menyumbang kepada kesusasteraan yang sedia ada dalam pembangunan kajian berkaitan hubungan struktur antara TPM, KE dan prestasi inovasi terutamanya dalam industri automotif Malaysia. Kesan pelaksanaan amalan TPM ke atas prestasi inovasi semakin meningkat dengan adanya pengantara KE dalam industri automotif Malaysia. Kajian ini juga menyediakan asas dan hala tuju bagi penyelidik dalam penyelidikan lanjut dan pengamal untuk sentiasa memperbaiki prestasi inovasi melalui pelaksanaan TPM dan KE.

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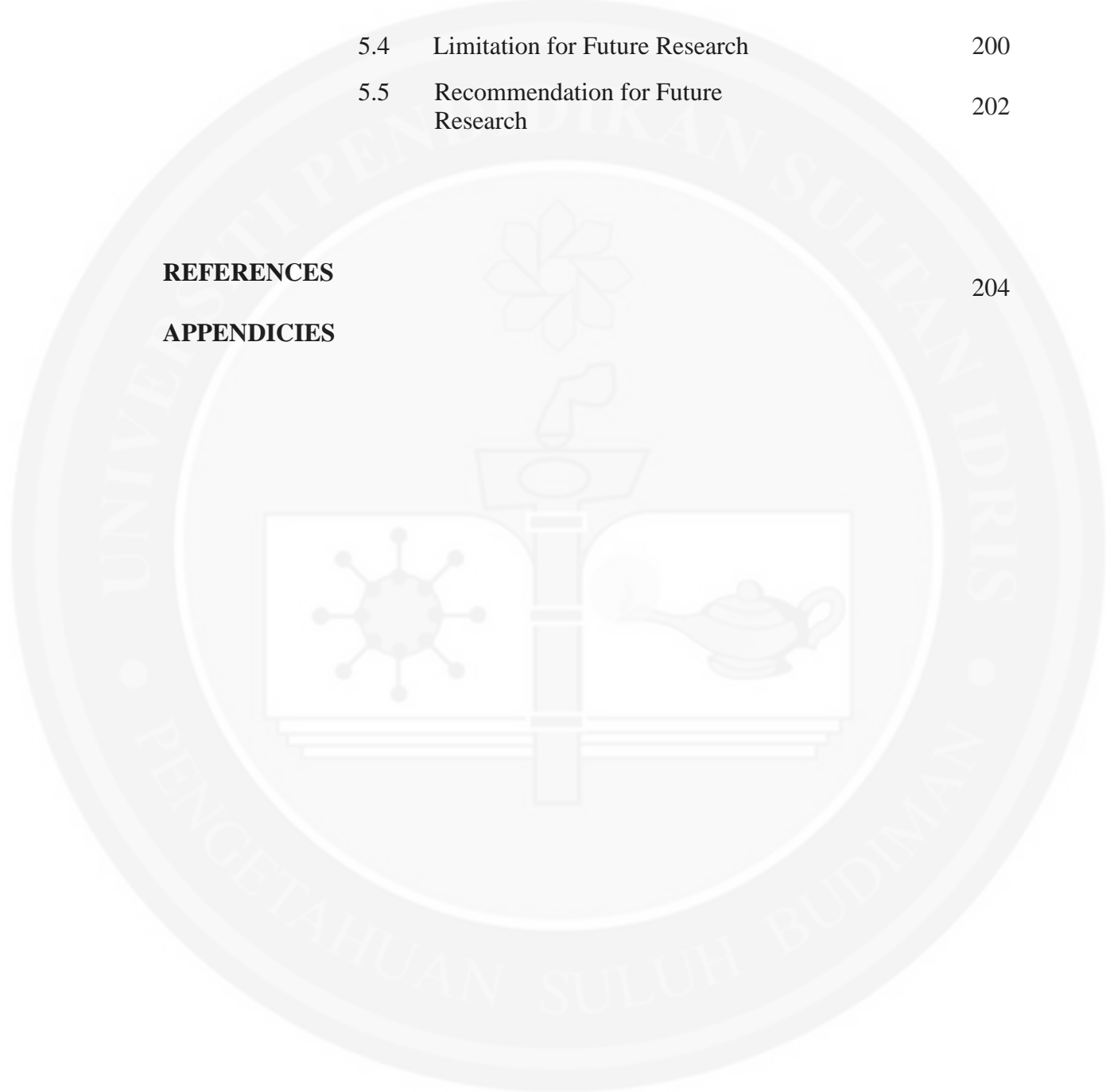
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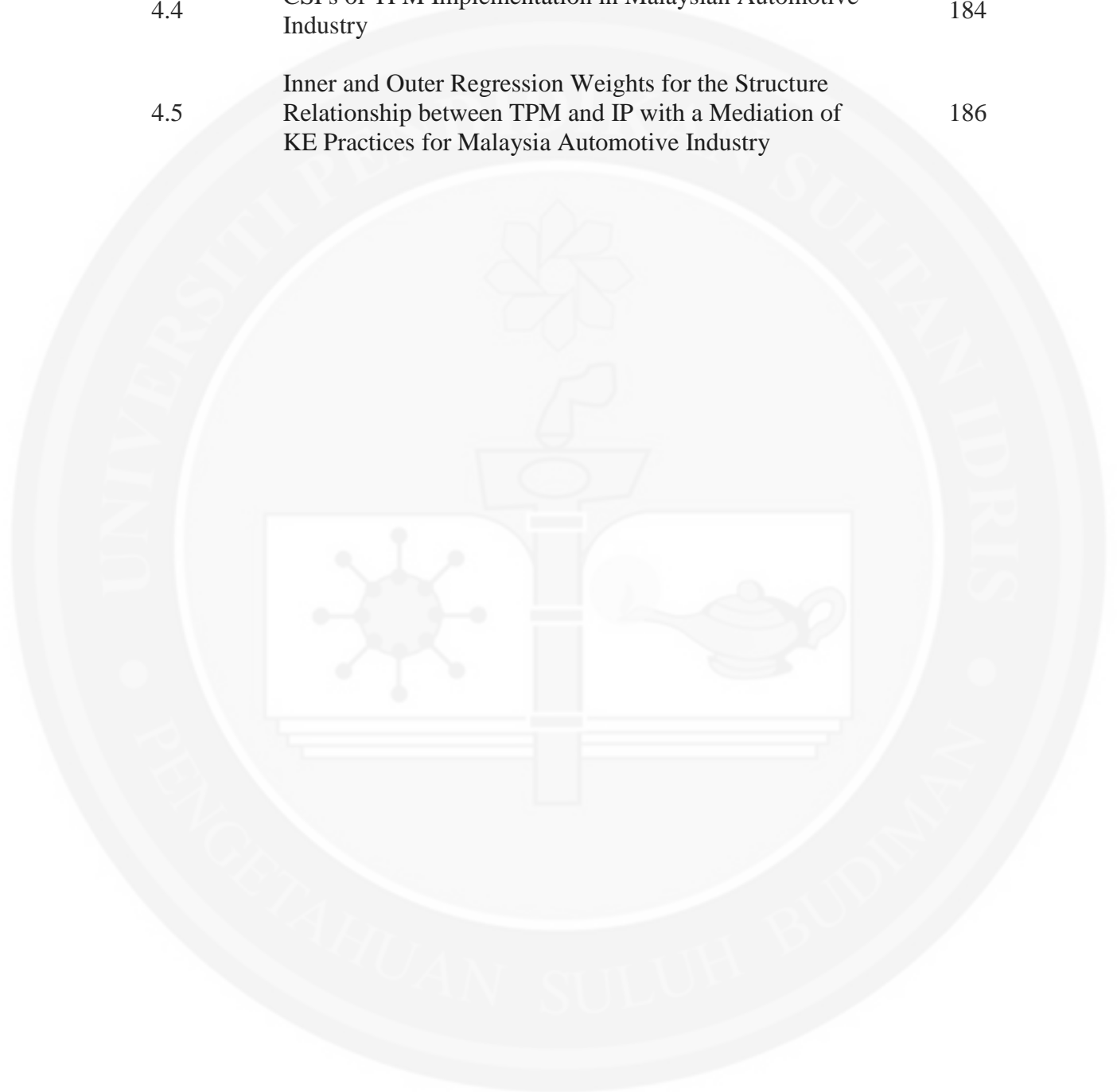
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AFTA	Asean Free Trade Area
AGFI	Adjusted Goodness of Fit Index
AIMS	Automotive Institute of Malaysia
AM	Autonomous Maintenance
AMOS	Analysis of Moment Structures
BPR	Business Process Reengineering
CBU	Complete built-up
CEPT	Common Effective Preferential agreements Tariffs
CFA	Confirmatory Factor Analysis
CFI	Comparative Fit Indexes
CSF	Critical Success Factors
EFA	Exploratory Factor Analysis
ESE	Employee Skill and Effort
ET	Education and Training
FA	Follow-up Activities
GFI	Goodness Fit Index
IATF	International Automotive Task Force
IP	Innovation Performance
JIT	Just In Time
KE	Kaizen Costing
KE	Kaizen Event
KMO	Keiser Meyer Olkin
KSA	Knowledge, Skill, and Attitude
KVP	Kelab Vendor Perodua
MITI	Ministry International Trade and Industry
MP	Manufacturing Performance
NAP	National Automotive Policy
NFMP	Non Financial Manufacturing Performance
OEE	Overall Equipment Effectiveness



PCA	Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
PM	Planned Maintenance
PMS	Performance Measurement System
PVA	Proton Vendor Association
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Manager
QM	Quality Maintenance
RAM	Reticular Action Model
RAMONA	Reticular Action Model or Near Approximation
RMSEA	Root Mean Square Error Approximation
SEM	Structural Equation Model
SMEs	Small Medium Enterprise
SPSS	Statistical Package for Social Sciences
TEI	Total Employee Involvement
TLI	Tucker Lewis Index
TPM	Total Productive Maintenance
TPS	Toyota Production System
TQC	Total Quality Control
TQM	Total Quality Management
WAI	Working Area Impact
WCM	World Class Manufacturing

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Research

The automotive industry is an important industry to the Malaysian economy. The sector's contribution to the economy is large and closely related to manufacturing and services industries. Malaysian automotive industry began with the import of vehicles which then progressed to assembly operations and the development of the automotive component industry. Malaysia is a country which places an emphasis on progress in the automotive sector to develop to a higher level of sustainable economy. Since the establishment of the Proton in 1985, Malaysia has succeeded in developing the country's automotive industry in a distinctive class with local design capabilities. Besides that, Malaysia has collaborated with other countries to increase the capabilities of the automotive industry with a larger scale operation. Since 2010,

Malaysia is ASEAN's largest vehicle market with annual sales of more than 500, 000 vehicles; only 10% of vehicles are made and assembled overseas (MITI, 2010).

However, after a number of major global automotive companies such as Toyota and Honda decided to make Thailand and Indonesia as an automotive hub for their vehicles products, the Malaysian automotive industry felt threatened. There were growing challenges in the Malaysian automotive industry. The country has dropped to third place after Thailand and Indonesia (MITI, 2014). Thus, the strategic direction and policy framework for the automotive industry must be reviewed. The Malaysian automotive industry must focus on quality improvement to fulfill the specific needs and to exceed the customer expectations (Rahman et al., 2009).

Generally, automotive industry is the most actively involved industry with multiple practices such as quality effort, low production cost, continuous improvement activities, development of supply chains, and adoptability advanced technology. These practices are adopted in this industry in order for Malaysia to achieve World Class Manufacturing (WCM) which emphasises the systematic and effective practices in manufacturing process. Besides that, the organisation's capabilities should provide world class performance element in their management process to achieve WCM, such as reducing cost (Kennedy and Widener, 2008; Johansson and Siverbo, 2009), higher quality (Ittner and Larcker, 1995), higher motivation (Towry, 2003), and safety (Nachiappan et al., 2009).

WCM is a different set of concepts, principles, policies and techniques for managing and operating a manufacturing company. It is one of the broadest

philosophies focusing primarily on production and includes more structural changes such as new production technology (Vokurka & Davis, 2004). Other than that, WCM is a process-driven approach where implementations usually involve the following techniques such as high employee involvement, cross functional teams, multi-skilled employees, continuous improvement, and zero defects. Therefore, organisations engaging in WCM strategies must focus on improving operations and strive to eliminate waste.

To achieve WCM, Malaysia has put the national automotive policy as a basis and foundation of development and growth for the local automotive industry. The overall National Automotive Policies (NAP) objectives are to generate sustainable economic value. This will maximize the long term contribution of the automotive sector to the national economy and at the same time provide benefit to Malaysian consumers. Therefore, this industry still needs the support of government policies in order to become more competitive internationally.

The NAP aims to produce optimal transformation and integration of national industry into the regional and global industry network. The government is targeting growth and increased competitiveness of Malaysian automotive industry through the resolution of structure issues such as the small scale of economies, high production costs and the low level in knowledge and technology. Expanding and competitive global environment requires urgent transformation. Consequently, the government has outlined the objectives of the national automotive sector as shown in Table 1.1 below.

Table 1.1

Objectives of the National Automotive Policy

- Ensure orderly development as well as long term competitiveness and capability of the domestic automotive industry as a result of market liberalization;
- Create a conducive environment to attract new investment and expand existing opportunities;
- Enhance the competitiveness of the national car manufacturer through strategic partnership;
- Foster the development of the latest, more sophisticated technology in the domestic automotive industry;
- Develop high value-added manufacturing activities in niche areas;
- Enhance Bumiputera participation in the domestic automotive industry;
- Improve safety standard for consumers and promote environment-friendly opportunities; and
- Enhance the implementation of current NAP's policy instrument

Source: MITI (2010)

Based on the NAP objectives, the automotive organizations are required to make substantial changes in their management systems either in maintenance systems, using the equipment, continuous improvement, investment in technology and innovation (Nachiappan et al., 2009). Furthermore, based on NAP, Proton has set the outlines of core value for the organization such as quality, customer focus, innovation, teamwork, speed, caring and honesty. This was followed by Proton's policy of seeking to make improvements in terms of quality, shown in Table 1.2 below:

Table 1.2

The Policies in Proton

- Ensure quality as the Number One work ethics in all operations;
- Establish an effective and efficient Quality System based on the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 standards;
- Provide adequate skills and knowledge to all levels of personnel through systematic and structured training programmes;
- Provide a culture and environment of continuous learning, improvement and innovation towards total quality excellence;
- Provide a conducive, safe and healthy working environment in which people like to work and prosper.

(Source: Annual PROTON, 2011)

There are similarities as well as differences between the aspects highlighted by the government and automotive companies. The goals to be achieved by the government and automotive companies in this country are indeed diverse. The government is geared towards resolving the issues related to cost, use of technology, and the highest international standards. On the other hand, the automotive companies place more emphasis on work environment, the production innovation, employee skills, and work ethic. As such, there are some practices that can be applied across the board to achieve the desired goals.

Based on the situation faced by the automotive industry, the Total Productive Maintenance (TPM) practice is a practice which can assist in solving the issues of cost, technology, and work environment. It also affects the innovations' performance which have been set by the automotive company. However, it must be supported by the other practice in order to improve the Innovation Performance (IP) is Kaizen Event (KE).

TPM is a unique Japanese philosophy, which has been developed based on the productive maintenance concepts and methodologies. This concept was first introduced by Nippon Denso Co. Ltd. of Japan, a supplier of Toyota Motor Company, Japan in the year 1971. TPM is an innovative approach to achieve the goal of zero breakdowns, zero abnormalities, zero defects and zero accident (Ncube, 2006). TPM practices are an efficient and strategic planning for business management. The TPM approach directly affects the level of efficiency and effectiveness in the manufacturing organization (Ncube, 2006; Jackson 2000).