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I. Introduction

Trade exhibition is an important marketing event (Gottlieb, Brown, & Drennan, 2011) and the sale and promotion strategy, a growing importance in today's business (Tafessa & Korneliussen, 2011) buyer and supplier trade exhibition events that bring together in one place and good location and a group of suppliers, the physical supply of goods and services from an industry or field are doing (Herbig, O Hara, & Palumbo, 1998) and (Sadeghi and Aghel Fadliah, 2010). The main function of exhibitions, marketing a particular industry (Sadeghi and Aghel Fadliah, 2010) and is an important tool for marketing communications (Blythe, 1999). Claimed second place after the trade exhibition personal selling to influence purchase decisions, especially industrial purchases is capable (Herbig, O Hara, & Palumbo, 1998). In general exhibitions are held for trading purposes and are not a direct access to final consumers, but beyond this the mission, modify, enhance and improve the distribution system, to facilitate business communications and transactions undertaken boom (Nazmi and Mirzadeh, 2006). In today’s economy more consumers seeking resolve their demands to satisfy their needs. This has led companies to attract more customers, develop and implement appropriate promotional programs participation in international exhibitions is an important aspect of this program. The research shows that the company's resources and capabilities are increasingly being stronger (Ling- yee, 2008). Three special groups with different goals and action plans in the hall into visibility exhibitions that include officials and practitioners, managers and business representatives participated in exhibitions (exhibitors) and visitors. Each of these groups to achieve certain goals they set foot in the hall in addition to spending time to attend exhibitions account. If these groups are not preset at the exhibition to achieve their goals, it can be concluded that the time and cost spent on wasted exhibition the exhibition has been successful in practice (Haghhighi, Biorani and Qarqi, 2010).

Studies have shown that in order to successfully participate in trade exhibition, exhibitors and organizers should try to achieve their goals and objectives to provide visitors. In other words, to fulfill the objectives of each depends on the goals of others (Nazemi, and Mirzadeh, 2006). Because visitor behavior before, during and after the trade exhibition is different and have
different needs at each stage (Lee & Kim, 2008), exhibitors are required to meet the needs of visitors to carry out a series of programs and activities. However, for some of these activities, resources and capabilities that is needed. The most important issue that will be addressed in this study assesses the importance sources of the participants (company’s exhibitors) at trade exhibition and the impact that these resources will be the purpose of the exhibition. In this study, we believe that the impact of the company resources and capabilities to achieve sales targets and non-sales trade exhibition is studied.

II. Literature Review and Research Background

a) Commercial Exhibition

The exhibition is meant to show the location and location. Exhibitions in various areas of commercial, industrial, cultural, social, scientific, are formed. Common form of industrial sales is promoting trade exhibition. Trade exhibition is both domestically and internationally scene. Given the above definitions, we can say that trade exhibition are places and big or small for public goods and services, industrial, consumer and offer some new ideas on the inner surface and International are in place and are generally formed in major cities to study certain ends (Eizadi Seresht, 1996). Exhibitions, organized display of works of art, science, or industry that would motivate the public interest, increase production and to expand trade, or progress, or perform a variety of productive activities to show (Ogunrombi & Babafemi, 1997).

b) Establishing goals and participate in exhibitions

Trade exhibition is Bridge between merchants, professionals, industrialists and researchers from different countries. International Exhibition for the display of goods and trade negotiations are held about them, but information about the various competitive prices globally, quality standards, the latest industrial developments, achievements in scientific research and economic and technological ideas are also discussed during the exhibition. To create a favorable background for the meeting between the political and economic elite countries, to establish a rapport between them, expresses the philosophy of international exhibitions, so much so that today the international exhibitions as one of the most effective means to expand and deepen political relations have become cultural. In general, countries or companies or holding companies at trade exhibition comparable to pursue common goals. However, each country or company with the general purpose and special purpose in mind, goals should be clear that this explanation is logical, accessible and have little economic (Ahmadi & Naimi, 2009). Exhibition organizers, exhibitors and visitors each major and vital role in the marketing activities are achieving the goals and objectives of each depends on the others.

- The objectives of the exhibition (curator purposes): a transition process that provides services to each of the parties cannot do it alone. Exhibit an implied by the exhibitor trends in the exhibition space will convey to visitors and orientation visits the exhibition space on the right mix of exhibitors or to say to those who are ready to goods, services and information for visitors to the show, transfer. In full view of the role of intermediary for the exhibit, creating added value to exhibitors and visitor interaction, the primary purpose (Feriedman, 2003). The exhibition will be held in our country unique, like many countries, a government agency in addition to pursuing the goals, field goals also provides microeconomic institutions. Goals exhibiting internationally created fertile ground for the latest industrial and technological phenomena, facilitating the development of different economic sectors through national and international collaborations, creating favorable conditions for the development of non-oil exports, the export of such goods display of goods, familiarity with the Iranian foreign goods and technology and the best choice among them. Reflect the policies to attract foreign investment through active participation in trade exhibition economic sectors, access to scientific research and new technology for industry and planners (Ahmadi & Naimi, 2009).

- The objectives of the exhibition (target companies): Experts have always emphasized developing marketing purposes prior to participating in the exhibition. In this case we can say that the goal of the exhibition is derived from marketing objectives and medium-term objectives set by the company. As far as the exhibition is intended to evaluate the company's objectives, participants can choose to attend the exhibition, which is consistent with his goals. Below is a list of objectives that must be provided with a flexible approach to be considered (Dukate, 2002): Prepare a list of potential customers, negotiating with customers about their needs and demand, advertising, Collecting information from new markets, explore new markets and try to attend them, assessment of export opportunities, represented a range of services to market, development of distribution networks, looking for new members, the satisfaction of the Company's products in the market, supply prototypes, evaluating the success of a product on the market, introducing innovative products, assess the location and size of the market, compare prices and conditions, provision of needed goods sourcing company, find similar products company and inform them of the applications.
In a division other companies for exhibition purposes, including sales and sales targets.

- **Sales goals**: Sales targets based on the achievement of the objectives referred to in the trade exhibition (Hansen, 1999) the objectives include promoting sales of existing products, contact with new customers, promote new products and increase sales orders. The sales targets by non-exhibitors, including maintaining contact with existing customers, meet new distributors, keep in touch with distributors is present (Ling- yee, 2008). Also Niazi (2003) the objectives of sales in the exhibition include: identifying potential customers, access to key decision makers, sales, Distribution Facts and Personnel Services, addressing the problems of clients.

- **Non-target sales goals**: For non-commercial exhibition sales gains refers to behavior-based (Hansen, 1999), which includes data collection, illustration and activities to increase motivation (Hansen, 2004). It also includes market research, competitive intelligence acquisition, new product realization process, increased trade exhibition staff experience and enhance the company's image (Ling- yee, 2008). Niazi (2003) in their research goals include non-sales maintenance company to face competition, Customers, industry and media, valuable and useful information gathering, preserving and promoting the spirit of enterprise, product testing and improving the reputation of the company introduced its symbol. Fu et al. (2007) in a study of non-sale gain new customers, take orders, identify customer preferences for product improvement, discuss new customers, collecting information about competitors, study the dynamics of industry and technology development, find distributors, retailers and resellers, creating a strong positive image of the product have mentioned.

- **Goals of visiting the exhibition (goals visitor)**: visitor of trade exhibition, whether for personal reasons or on behalf of a legal person of the exhibition is a combination of different goals in mind. He/She is prepared to help plan for your visit, collect required information, and answer questions before your plan. However, depending on the purpose of visiting the exhibition, and varies from person to person, however, the following general objectives, including a visit to the exhibition place in the circle. Access to some of the world market and the market situation analysis and economic trends, compare prices and terms to find more suppliers, find goods required, familiarity with new products and applications, collect information on the use of specific technical and quality of the product or system, gather information to solve problems, attend seminars, conferences and professional associations, educational use, familiarity with new ideas and get new ideas, likewise detailed report on the personal archive or organization, establish business contacts, order and contract, comparative study of different companies, research facilities and the little bag on display in the exhibition next time (Dukate, 2002).

### III. Resources and Capabilities

In the strategic literature attempts distinguish between resources and capabilities. They know transferable resource inputs and outputs are controlled by the company becomes, a wide range of corporate assets and better mechanisms used function as invisible assets for the company over time through complex interactions among a large company sources of are defined. The combination of knowledge is skill competencies (Johnsen & Ford, 2006). Sources of elsewhere as a collection of assets, capabilities, organizational processes, the flow of information and knowledge of the company is although not all sources of the same importance in creating competitive advantage (Barney, 1991). It is noteworthy that the difference in performance is mainly due to the resources and capabilities of a distinct market that are valuable, rare, impossible to imitate and non-replacement (Wu, Yeniuyrt, Kim & Cavusgil, 2005).

It classified as other tangible and intangible resources can be divided into inventories. Resources can be tangible items such as tools, raw materials, equipment, cash, etc. is stored while resources, skills, knowledge worker, knowledge of customers, competitors, suppliers, etc (Hunt & Morgan, 1995). All inputs are included in the definition of company resources which allow the company to take advantage of its strategy to be employed (Olavarrieta & Ellinger, 1997).

At the trade exhibition, the only assets of the controlled company (Trade resources and personnel resources) but uncontrolled sources such as the location of the customer, company reputation, etc. The raw materials are included in the marketing activities of the company is the trade exhibition (Ling yee, 2008). Capabilities are inherently subtle and includes the company's capital resources are useful for distributing the product strategy - market. They have a complex set of skills and knowledge collected by the company which enables the company to use its resources to create value and competitive advantage (Hughes & Morgan, 2007). The shows are what we see is that instead of focusing on product; participants are main features of this product offer. Feature which is useful in the future for our customer’s value added processes (Golffetto & Gibbert, 2006). Today, the emphasis has changed to the capabilities which have enabled the company to
consistently higher value for its customers (Ngo & O’Cass, 2009).

According to the theory, resource-based view, the company’s resources include all assets, capabilities, organizational processes, firm attributes, information, knowledge, etc. controlled by the Company and is able to understand them and empowering them with knowledge and can apply its strategy and improve efficiency and effectiveness. In terms of resources, and informal elements is key to competitive advantage. Resource-based view emphasizes the importance of collecting and utilizing the assets, skills and knowledge that cannot be replaced, valuable, rare and unparalleled (Auh & Menguc, 2008). In this research, resources and capabilities to participate in trade exhibition is five cases considered in the following literature review each turn.

- Sources of holding exhibitions: The efficiency of sources of allocation exhibition could be made more competitive forms of the booth, stand location, design, and methods that attract the target audience to visit the booth absorbs (Ling-yee, 2008). The sources of funding sources exhibition refers to variables such as stands, it is the location and design (Gopalakrishna, Lilien, & Williams, 1995). Exhibition sources of materials and tools needed to promote activities in the exhibition provides, which stands a large, attractive design and location of the exhibition as a promotional tool to attract attention, stimulate interest, motivation and increase the number of visitors to the booth (Ling-yee, 2008). Elsewhere in the study, the most important issues in selecting trade exhibition in this way is: Location booth at the exhibition, the ability to talk, size and location of the booth, booth traffic density, easy mobility inside and out, moving in and out of facilities, parking, the program schedule exhibition the time factor, that among these sources of exhibition the observed (Herbig, O Hara, & Palumbo, 1998).

- The staffing sources of shows: The efficiency of personnel in other words the personal sales booth at the exhibition dates and the number of booths and personnel training. Booth staff training can be effective in relation to customers who visited the booth, increase the number of staff in the booth can be effective in creating sales increase customers who have communicated with the seller (Ling-yee, 2007). Adhikary (2014) states that personnel sources of have a direct role in achieving financial goals. They play the role of color that can improve vision. Experience and training trade exhibition by Tanner et al. (1995) have been studied. The participants’ goals and requirements for a capable staff that can control many calls during the exhibition, focused. This has proved to be adequately trained staff who can communicate with customer expectations, while the force is sufficient booth personnel can call a more efficient way to get sales leads (Gopalakrishna, Lilien, & Williams, 1995). Researchers have shown that better results when available, a close coordination between the knowledge and skills of employees, visitors, exhibitors and features and information needs that exist. Employees who are officially trained booth, booth traffic, better run, this is a significant opportunity for dialogue with visitors to increase sales eligible (Hanchett, 2007).

- Capabilities related to customer: Capabilities associated with potential customers outside including the ability to identify the wants and needs of customers, and to build good relationships with the customers. Capabilities related to many aspects of creating competitive advantages to our customers. These capabilities require time to develop and support sources of relies on complex interactions. This is based on personal skills and tacit knowledge is inherently difficult for competitors to imitate them. It is the most important function of any organization (Hooley, Greenley, Cadogan, & Fahy, 2005). In the area of trade show exhibit features associated with customer sales to the private sale agreement will facilitate the exhibition (Tanner, 1994). The exhibition also features associated with client vendors to enable after the exhibition attempts to track whether improved customer purchase intention and exhibition return on investment is (Smith, Gopalakrishna, & Smith, 2004). Superior functionality associated with the customer directly affects the level of sales and the impact of the knowledge of the expectations and requirements of the customers (Theoharakis & Hooley, 2003).

- The management capabilities: Management capabilities, capabilities and internal - external effectively along traditional lines have been classified. Including human resource management is to improve people within the organization to achieve organizational objectives tend. Operational management of the production and delivery of goods and services and the transfer of raw data output for our valued customers, are relevant. These sources of are deeply entrenched in the organization is inherently difficult to emulate it (Hooley et al., 2008). Management capabilities, including human resource management literature emphasize the importance of management and employee training to maintain competitive advantage. However, improvements in product literature on product innovation capabilities vital role are as a focus on competitive advantage. Operational management by converting raw data
and output is associated with increased customer value. Financial management of the financial sources of associated with the program director (Ling-yee, 2008). Research by Miettinena & Poutvaara (2014) is performed; suggest communicating with the market, thus leading to an increased need to strengthen the management of human resources. Human resources management capacity will lead to sales organizations.

- **Features of Partnership**: Partnership functionality refers to the ability to access tangible assets, the Company through relationships with strategic partners and network of relationships, such as knowledge management, local market knowledge and network support services connected. Such a capability-based partnership tends to be subtle (Srivastava, Shervani, & Fahey, 1998). Assuming a trade show as grid and trade exhibition is a good place to work on a partnership relationship provides and because this is a new participant in trade exhibition, construction and expansion of the network through the search for new customers and develop relationships with new suppliers (Seringhaus & Rosson, 1998). Piercy (2009), research conducted to investigate the relationship between a company (in all aspects) with members of the supply chain as the company has business partners. The results suggest that coordination between marketing, sales and units within the organization and management of strategic relationships with members of the supply chain (customers, suppliers and business partners) ultimately to achieve your company's goals. He proposes to strengthen the ability of managers, they should be able to manage the process, communication strategy with local partners and increase internal marketing activities. One of the main indicators is network measurement capabilities partnership. The network is composed of various means to create value for the organization. Network of a company may be widespread or limited to a few companies.

IV. **Conceptual Model and Research Hypotheses**

Theoretical and experimental studies have been done on the subject, and the parameters of the model Ling-Yee (2008), conceptual research model (Figure 1) is designed.

Based on the empirical literature and conceptual research hypotheses were formulated:

**a) Main hypothesis**

i. The company's resources have significant and positive impact on achieve the goals of the trade exhibitions.

ii. The ability of the company has significant and positive impact on achieve the goals of trade exhibitions.

**b) Sub-hypothesis**

i. Exhibit resources have significant and positive impact to achieve sales goals at trade exhibitions.

ii. Exhibit resources have significant and positive impact on to achieve the non sales goals of at trade exhibitions.

iii. Booth personnel resources have significant and positive impact on to achieve sales goals on trade exhibitions.

![Figure 1: Conceptual model of research](image_url)
iv. Booth personnel resources have significant and positive impact on to achieve non sales goals, on trade exhibitions
v. Managerial capabilities has significant and positive impact on achieve sales goals on trade exhibitions.
vi. Managerial capabilities has significant and positive impact on achieve non sales goals, on trade exhibitions.
vii. Customer-linking capability have significant and positive impact on achieve sales goals on trade exhibitions.
viii. Customer-linking capability have significant and positive impact on achieve non sales goals, on trade exhibitions.
ix. Partnering capabilities have significant and positive impact on achieve sales goals, on trade exhibitions.
x. Partnering capabilities have significant and positive impact on achieve non sales goals, on trade exhibitions.

V. Research Methodology

The study in term of purpose is applied and in term of data collection is descriptive - and the correlation. The population of companies manufacturing their products to the trade exhibition offered Bushehr from spring to winter 2014. The number of these companies totaling 180 companies. The population for this study due to limited sample size of table Grace Morgan was used. To determine the size of the target population of 180 companies, based on a sample size of 120 is considered the table. After the distribution of the sample of 150 questionnaires, 143 questionnaires were returned, of which 18 questionnaire due to incomplete data entry, were excluded from the analysis finally, 125 questionnaires were analyzed. The simple random sampling method was used. Data for this study was a questionnaire. Our questionnaire, through theoretical and experimental background research topic using a questionnaire, a number of researchers in their study and scope of the study were used, was designed. The questionnaire had 30 questions. To determine the validity (validity) of the questionnaire survey method was used to formal credit. For this purpose, a questionnaire was designed to provide a number of professors and experts in management and marketing executives and industry experts and producers participating in the exhibition and each of them was asked to express their opinion about the validity states. After collecting the comments, the final questionnaire was designed. To assess the reliability of the study, the most common method of evaluating the reliability or internal consistency, Cronbach’s alpha was used. Cronbach’s alpha coefficient for the whole questionnaire of this study was 83%, which is a good factor and suggests that there is an appropriate level of reliability. The results of Cronbach’s alpha reliability are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Inventory component reliability

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<th>No</th>
<th>Component</th>
<th>Label</th>
<th>Cronbach’s alpha</th>
<th>Number of question</th>
<th>Reliability</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>Sources of exhibition</td>
<td>A</td>
<td>0.732</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Desired</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Booth personnel sources</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>0.755</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>Desired</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Managerial capabilities</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>0.764</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Desired</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Customer linking capabilities</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>0.763</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Sales goals</td>
<td>F</td>
<td>0.70</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>Non-sale goals</td>
<td>G</td>
<td>0.739</td>
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<td>Total questionnaires</td>
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<td>0.834</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Desired</td>
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Source: Authors’ findings.

As table 1 show, according to the value of Cronbach’s alpha coefficients for all variables are greater than 0.7, so the question of the reliability of the variables in question is at an acceptable level. After collecting all data, survey data were transferred to the software SPSS20 and then the method of structural equation modeling software Lisrel, conceptual model and research hypotheses were tested.

VI. Data Analysis and Results

Analysis of the data, descriptive statistics was used to analyze the demographic variables. Table 2 is related to demographic variables that collected from 125 questionnaires were analyzed.
**Table 2**: Demographic characteristics of respondents

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<th>Demographic variable name</th>
<th>Levels</th>
<th>Frequency percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sex</td>
<td>Male</td>
<td>75.2</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Female</td>
<td>24.8</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Diploma</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Associate Degree</td>
<td>19.4</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Bachelor degree</td>
<td>44.6</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Master degree and higher</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Age</td>
<td>20 to 30 years old</td>
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<td></td>
<td>30 to 40 years old</td>
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<td>40 to 50 years old</td>
<td>20.8</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Over 50 years old</td>
<td>17.6</td>
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<td>Type of Industry</td>
<td>Furniture</td>
<td>21.6</td>
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<td>Carpet</td>
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<td>Construction industry</td>
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**Figure 2**: Confirmatory factor analysis measurement model with a significant amount of T

**Figure 3**: Confirmatory factor analysis measurement model with standardized values
Index model is one of the most important steps in the analysis of structural equation modeling. The criteria for answering this question are whether the model represented by the data model supports this measure? The results of the evaluation of the adequacy of the model parameters (suitability) and assess the relationships between the different variables of the model are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Indices conceptual model of the implementation of confirmatory factor analysis

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Grouping of indicators</th>
<th>Index</th>
<th>Abbreviation</th>
<th>The resulting value</th>
<th>Acceptable fit</th>
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<tr>
<td>Absolute fit indices</td>
<td>Chi-square surface covered</td>
<td>$X^2$</td>
<td>0.09</td>
<td>Greater than 5%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Goodness of fit index</td>
<td>GFI</td>
<td>0.936</td>
<td>GFI&gt;90%</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Adjusted goodness of fit</td>
<td>AGFI</td>
<td>0.916</td>
<td>AGFI&gt;90%</td>
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<td>Absolute fit indices</td>
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<td>NNFI(TLI)</td>
<td>0.925</td>
<td>NNFI&gt;90%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Normalized fit index</td>
<td>NFI</td>
<td>0.908</td>
<td>NFI&gt;90%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Comparative fit index</td>
<td>CFI</td>
<td>0.927</td>
<td>CFI&gt;90%</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Incremental fit index</td>
<td>IFI</td>
<td>0.916</td>
<td>IFI&gt;90%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thrifty fit indices</td>
<td>Thrifty normalized fit index</td>
<td>PNFI</td>
<td>0.641</td>
<td>More than 50%</td>
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<td>The root mean square error of the estimate</td>
<td>RMSEA</td>
<td>0.040</td>
<td>RMSEA&lt;7.10</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Chi square tests normalized to the degrees of freedom</td>
<td>CMIN/df</td>
<td>1.943</td>
<td>Value between 1 and 3</td>
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Source: Authors’ findings.

Based on the results of the confirmatory factor analysis extracted data, the structure of the conceptual model is verified. The results of the evaluation of the adequacy of the model parameters (suitability) and assess the relationships between the different variables of the model is telling the truth. After extracting the data from the confirmatory factor analysis, we can begin to test the hypotheses of the study. The main hypothesis of the test results is given in Table 4.

Table 4: The main hypothesis testing of research

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<th>Hypothesis</th>
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<th>Standardized path coefficient</th>
<th>P-value</th>
<th>Test result</th>
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<td>Company sources Achieving the objectives</td>
<td>13.07</td>
<td>0.73</td>
<td>0.05&lt;</td>
<td>Accepted</td>
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Source: Authors’ findings.

To respond to the secondary hypotheses, path analysis, structural equation modeling was used. Structural equation modeling enables us to the latent variable with a minimum error measure. With this method, the weight of each variable appears and can be detected in the role of each variable (latent variables) corresponding to the set itself.

Given the values of model parameters, the conceptual model of the desirable level of fit is achieved. The overall structure of the conceptual model and adequacy of confirmatory factor analysis model to model multiple layers studied were confirmed desirable. After extracting the data path analysis, we can begin to test this sub hypothesis. Research sub-hypothesis test results are shown in Table 5.
Table 5: Test research Sub hypotheses

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<th>Test result</th>
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VII. Conclusion and Suggestions

The aim of this study was to assess the importance sources the participants in the trade exhibition and the impact that it will have sources to achieve the objectives of the exhibition, respectively. After studying literature and theoretical background of the research done in this field, assumptions and conceptual model was designed. As shown in Table 5, there is a significant positive relationship between sources and achieving sales targets in a trade exhibition. The findings of this study, the findings of other researchers, such as Ling-Yee (2008), Gopalakrishna (2010), Herbig (1998) is confirmed. This means that one of the requirements to achieve the objectives sources the exhibition is for sale. Based on the findings, it seems to strengthen the sources of a company selling exhibition will contribute to achieving the objectives. The findings support the existence of any relationship between purposes sources exhibition and sale will this means that the data is not appropriate to confirm the relationship. As the definition of objectives is non-removable sales organization, achieve these objectives directly related to the design of the stand, its size and resources of the exhibition are not. The results in Table 5, the personnel sources and achieve sales objectives in trade exhibition significant relationship. A significant correlation between personnel sources to achieve the purposes exhibition and sale at the trade exhibition will be confirmed. Exhibition includes a number of personnel sources, skills, knowledge and training of employees. As a result of the above hypothesis by finding Hanchet (2007), Adhikary (2014) and Tanner & Chonko (1995) has been approved and enforced. Based on these findings, we can conclude that there is a positive and significant impact between the objectives sources sales and sales personnel to exhibition. This means that the company has strengthened its staff sources by strengthening education, number, knowledge and skills they could achieve sales goals and increase sales. These findings underscore the relationship between customer and sales targets do not provide communication capabilities. These findings are consistent with findings by Hooly et al (2005) and Theoharakis & Hooly (2003) is in conflict. In accordance with the findings of the research capabilities of the customer relationship is a significant positive correlation with sales purposes, in
accordance with the findings of Smith et al (2004), who found a significant correlation between the ability to communicate with customers and other sales targets confirmed. So to strengthen the customer relationship capabilities can be added to achieve sales purposes.

Based on the findings, the trade exhibition management capabilities and achieve sales targets in a positive and significant relationship exist. In accordance with the findings of Miettinena Poutvaara (2014), with increased management capabilities through strengthening human resource management will be more likely to achieve sales targets. Research findings have also been completed by Adhikary (2014) and Hooly et al. (2005), this relationship is approved. Thus, by increasing the scale of management, such as financial management, human resource management and operational management will lead to the achievement of sales targets. The results obtained from this study shown there was a significant positive correlation is the management capabilities and achieve sales targets non-commercial exhibition. These findings support the existence of any relationship between management capabilities will provide sales and other targets. This means that the data is not appropriate to confirm the relationship.

The results in Table 5, the capabilities of the partnership and achieve sales goals and trade exhibition positive relationship exists. The findings also indicate that there is no significant correlation between the ability of partnerships and achieve sales targets in the commercial exhibition. Srivastava research findings (1998), Seringhaus and Rosson (1998) and Piercy (2009) also refers to the relationship between strategic partners and achieve sales goals. But as it is removable from Table 5, both of the above hypotheses are not confirmed by the findings. In other words, these data are sufficient to confirm the hypothesis is not necessary.

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