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**FAKTOR-FAKTOR BUDAYA SEBAGAI PETUNJUK KEPADA PROSES
PENYESUAIAN DAN KEBERKESANAN DIRI BAGI PENCAPAIAN
EKSPATRIAT-EKSPATRIAT AKADEMIK DALAM PERSEKITARAN
AKADEMIK MALAYSIA**

ABSTRAK

Pada tahun 2011, bekas Perdana Menteri Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak menuntut keperluan Kementerian Pendidikan untuk meningkatkan bilangan pelajar antarabangsa yang belajar di Malaysia menjelang tahun 2025. Jumlah kemasukan pelajar antarabangsa telah diselaraskan dengan Indeks Prestasi Utama (KPI) pengantarabangsaan Pendidikan Tinggi Malaysia. Situasi ini meningkatkan peluang pekerjaan kepada golongan yang mempunyai kelayakan PhD dan menarik lebih ramai ekspatriat akademik untuk menyertai institusi-institusi pendidikan tinggi selaras untuk memenuhi permintaan pelajar-pelajar antarabangsa dan meletakkan Malaysia di dalam peta dunia pendidikan tinggi dengan mencapai standard antarabangsa. Dalam usaha meningkatkan jumlah pelajar antarabangsa, institusi-institusi pendidikan tinggi di Malaysia telah menumpukan perhatian mereka untuk mengenalpasti cara yang lebih baik untuk mendapat dan mengekalkan para ekspatriat akademik. Usaha-usaha ini adalah hasil yang bergantung kepada sejauh mana para ekspatriat akademik berjaya menyesuaikan diri mereka dengan persekitaran pendidikan Malaysia. Kesukaran menyesuaikan diri boleh mempengaruhi prestasi kerja para ekspatriat akademik dan ini boleh mengakibatkan keputusan mereka sama ada untuk kekal atau meninggalkan institusi. Oleh itu, kajian ini mempunyai objektif-objektif untuk mengkaji (1) hubungan antara faktor budaya ekspatriat akademik Malaysia (budaya akademik, taktik sosialisasi kontekstual dan kecerdasan budaya) dan

penyesuaian sosio-budaya (umum, pekerjaan dan interaksi penyesuaian), (2) hubungan antara ekspatriat akademik Malaysia penyesuaian sosio-budaya (umum, pekerjaan dan interaksi penyesuaian) dan prestasi kerja dan (3) akhir sekali kesan moderator (keberkesanan diri) pada hubungan antara faktor budaya ekspatriat akademik Malaysia (budaya akademik, taktik sosialisasi kontekstual dan kecerdasan kebudayaan) dan penyesuaian sosio-budaya (umum, pekerjaan dan interaksi penyesuaian). Faktor-faktor budaya yang telah diuji adalah budaya akademik, kepintaran budaya dan taktik-taktik konteks sosialisasi. Kajian ini telah mengagihkan soal selidik tinjauan kepada 8 institusi pengajian tinggi awam dan 14 institusi pengajian tinggi swasta yang dipilih untuk pengumpulan data. Sebanyak 305 soal selidik yang dikembalikan dan hanya 200 soal selidik yang boleh digunakan. Saiz sampel adalah berjumlah 200 ekspatriat akademik yang berkerja di Malaysia. Data dikumpul dan dianalisis menggunakan kaedah "*Partial Least Square*". Kajian ini mendapati budaya akademik, kepintaran budaya dan taktik-taktik konteks sosialisasi mempunyai beberapa kaitan yang signifikan terhadap penyesuaian sosio-budaya terutamanya untuk kesan moderator. Hasil kajian juga membuktikan bahawa budaya akademik adalah petunjuk yang paling kuat terhadap penyesuaian socio-budaya, diikuti dengan kepintaran budaya dan taktik-taktik konteks sosialisasi. Berdasarkan hasil-hasil kajian, beberapa implikasi teori, praktikal dan kaedah kajian telah dibincangkan.

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ABSTRACT

In 2011, the former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak claimed that the Ministry of Education (MOE) needs to increase the number of international students studying in Malaysia by 2025. The enrolling number of international student is coordinated with Key Performance Index (KPI) of internationalisation of Malaysian Higher Education. This situation would increase job opportunities for those who are with PhD qualifications and attract more expatriate academics into Malaysia higher education institutions as to fulfil the needs of the international students and to put Malaysia in the world map as higher education hub. In the effort of increasing the number of international students, higher education institutions in Malaysia has drawn their attention to identify on how to better accommodate and retain expatriate academics. These efforts are resulted depending on how well the expatriate academics adjusted themselves into Malaysian academia. Adjustment difficulties among expatriate academics could affect their job performance and these may affect their decision to remain at or leave the institution. Thus, the present study has objectives to examine (1) the relationship between Malaysia expatriate academics' cultural factors (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence) and sociocultural adjustment (general, work and interaction adjustment), (2) the relationship between Malaysia expatriate academics' sociocultural adjustment (general, work and interaction adjustment) and (3) lastly the moderator (self-efficacy) relation between Malaysia expatriate academics' cultural

factors (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence) and sociocultural adjustment (general, work and interaction adjustment). The cultural factors tested were academic culture, cultural intelligence and contextual socialisation tactics. This study has distributed survey questionnaires to 8 public higher education institutions and 14 private higher education institutions which were chosen for data collection. 305 questionnaires were returned and 200 questionnaires were usable. The sample size of 200 expatriate academics were analysed using Partial Least Square Method. This study found that, academic culture, cultural intelligence and contextual socialisation tactics was found to have significant influence on sociocultural adjustment specifically on the moderation effect. Furthermore the results evidence that academic culture is the strongest predictor towards sociocultural adjustment followed by cultural intelligence and contextual socialisation tactics. Based on the findings, several theoretical, practical and methodological implications of the study were discussed.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter presents the background of the study on globalisation and its impact on employment particularly, the increasing rate of expatriates in various industries including the academic world. This is related to the process of internationalisation of the higher education institutions (HEIs) in many countries including Malaysia and the rising number of expatriates in this country too. The statement of the problem discusses the issues pertaining to expatriate academics, particularly their ability for sociocultural adjustments and the role of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, and cultural intelligence to predict their sociocultural adjustments in terms of general adjustment, work adjustment and interaction adjustment. The moderating role of self-efficacy on the relationships between the independent and dependent study variables is also discussed. This chapter also presents the research objectives and research questions as well as the significance of the study. Key terms used ubiquitously in this study are defined and scope of the study is also presented.

1.1 Background of the Study

Malaysia's development in recent decades has been astounding in the economic sector. Its robust macroeconomic management and political stability have led to being recognised as the 20th most competitive economy in the world (Schwab, 2014). Thus, Malaysia needs to sustain its competitive edge and continue to transform its economy into an innovative, knowledge driven economy. In the pursuit of the status as a developed nation, Malaysia identifies the development of its higher education as one of the main strategies of achieving this goal (Tham, 2013; Wan & Morshidi, 2017).

The formulation of the National Higher Education Strategic Plan 2007-2020 in 2007 included internationalisation of the higher education and establishes Malaysia as the international hub of higher education excellence in the Southeast Asia region (Ministry of Higher Education, 2007: 12). Further to that, the focus on internationalisation was heightened in the Malaysia Education Blueprint (Higher Education) 2015-2025 whereby it is considered as one of the ten shifts needed to transform the Malaysian higher education system (Ministry of Education, 2015). Malaysia aims to attract 200,000 international tertiary students by year 2020 (Samokhvalova, 2017).

In 2009, UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education has ranked Malaysia at 11th place but in 2014 Malaysia ranked at 9th place in comparison with other countries in the world for attracting international students to higher education institutions in Malaysia (Adeeba, Ibrahim, Muenjohn & Saber, 2015). This situation is proven by the increasing numbers of international students in Malaysian higher education institutions from less than 2,000 in 1995 to 75,000 in 2009 and to 135,500 in 2014 (Adeeba et al., 2015). The international students in Malaysian higher education institutions are mostly from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA countries), Western Asia and lastly one-third of them are from Indonesia and China (Education, 2011; Adeeba et al., 2015). According to the statistics presented by World Education News+Reviews (WENR), and as shown in Figure 1.1, there was a drastic increase of international students' enrolment in Malaysian higher education institution after 2015 (Luo, 2017).

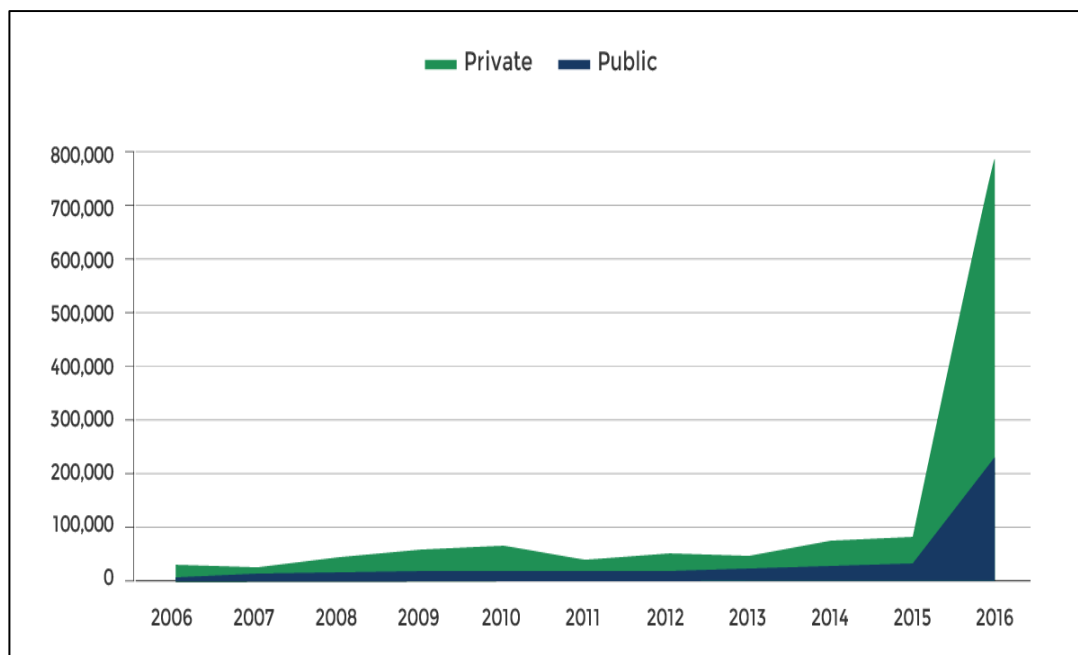


Figure 1.1 International Students' Enrolment in Malaysian Higher Education Institutions (2006-2015)

Source: Luo (2017)

The former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak (2011) mentioned that the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) needs to increase the number of international students in Malaysia which lead to greater demand for lecturers in Malaysia (Awang et al., 2016) as in Figure 1.1 and Table 1.1. This in turn increases job opportunities for academicians in the higher education institutions (HEIs) and attracts international staff into Malaysian academia to fulfil the expectations on the entry of international students and to achieve higher level of education with international standards (Yahya, Mansor & Warokka, 2012).

During mid-1990s, four educational acts were implemented in Malaysia higher education institutions such as the Education Act of 1995; the 1995 Amendments to the University and University Colleges Act of 1971 (1995 Amendments to the UCCA 1971); the Private Higher Education Institutions Act of 1996 (PHEIA, 1996), and the

National Council on Higher Education Act of 1996 (NCHEA, 1996). Malaysia's public and private institutions of higher education are encouraged to offer science and technologies courses and encourage establishing franchises with foreign universities after the implementation of all the four educational acts in Malaysian higher education institutions (Malaysia, 1998). The legal regulatory frameworks that govern the Malaysians' higher education system nowadays are the one in the National Aspirations and Education Philosophy which stated by Malaysian Education Blueprint 2015 – 2025 (MoHE, 2015). The National Higher Education Strategic Plan (NHESP) encompassed of seven strategic thrusts to achieve such as: (1) widening access and enhancing equity, (2) improving the quality of teaching and learning, (3) enhancing research and innovation, (4) strengthening institutions of higher education, (5) intensifying internationalisation, (6) enculturation of lifelong learning and (7) reinforcing the higher education ministry's delivery system. These seven thrusts help higher education institutions to transform Malaysia into international hub for higher education in Southeast Asia (MoHE, 2007).

The government of Malaysia stresses its attention on the strengthening of the quality of education in the opening speech former Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak in presenting the national budget of 2019 (Ministry of Finance, 2018). Furthermore, he claimed that the 11th Malaysia Plan shows emphasis on education, training and lifelong learning which were deemed as priorities under the National Higher Education Strategic Plan (NHESP). There are seven strategic goals in this plan. The present study is inspired based on the fifth goal which is intensifying internationalisation. By intensifying internationalisation in the education sector, Malaysia is expected to become an international hub for higher education by 2020. This urged Malaysia's higher education institutions to target at achieving a 15

percentage of international staff to be recruited by the year 2020 under the National Higher Education Strategic Plan (NHESP) (MoHE, 2011). A sum of RM 61.6 billion is allocated in 2018 under the Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025 to accomplish the government's aim to ensure Malaysia's education system is developing first-class human capital and is able to attain world-class standards in education (Ahmad, 2017). In the effort of strengthening the academic faculty, the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) escalated their effort to raise the number of academic members with PhD qualifications which attracts expatriate academics from top-notch institutions across the globe to serve as lecturers or researchers with Malaysian higher education institutions (Tham, 2013). The government's effort might be the reason for the increase of expatriate academics since 2007.

Due to all these changes and demands, the education is pressured to adapt to a "world model" and also respond to the local and national forces (Arokiasamy and Nagappan, 2012). The highly globalized higher education institutions (HEIs) need to be more flexible, creative and innovative when engaging with new challenges and updates (Serdyukov, 2017; Chitiba, 2012). Expatriation is a common phenomenon related to internationalisation but its occurrence within the educational context in Malaysia is something quite new. This has led to the focus of this study, which is, examining the phenomenon of expatriate academics in higher learning institutions in Malaysia from a sociocultural perspective.

Sociocultural adjustment refers to the extent of one's comfort and familiarity with the host country (Rhein, 2018). However, the sociocultural adjustment is a complex construct as it is multidimensional. Black et al. (1991) proposed a model of in-country adjustment with three dimensions which are: general adjustment,

interaction adjustment and work adjustment. General adjustment relates to the psychological comfort on the host cultural environment such as weather, living conditions and food while interaction adjustment is the adjustment to the differences in communication styles in the home and host countries. Work adjustment is the psychological comfort gained from the expatriates' involvement in different work values, expectations and standards (Alshammari, 2013).

Academic culture has been identified as a crucial enabling factor in the entire type of adjustment process as it covers the degree of academic freedom, institutional autonomy, collegial governance, academic tenure, and academic career which are practiced in higher education institutions (Schoepp, 2010; Arokiasamy et al., 2011; Shin & Gress, 2018). Many researchers identified many loop holes in the education system of academic culture (Amin, 2002; Morris et al., 2004; Siron, 2005).

Besides that, there is the need to focus on the contextual socialisation tactics of each and every expatriate academic in predicting their adjustment in the institution (Weis & Suss, 2007; Chen, 2010). The constructs of contextual socialisation tactics include social tactics (Saks, Uggerslev & Fassina, 2007), content tactics (Chao, O'Leary-Kelly, Wolf & Klein, 1994; Fisher, 1986) and context tactics (Gruman et al., 2006; Kim et al., 2005). Despite its relevancy to explain a wide scope of socialisation issues, there are few studies that investigated on the relationship between contextual socialisation tactics and adjustment process in the context of education system (Saks et al., 2007).

Another cultural factor of interest in this study is cultural intelligence which is defined as the ability of an individual to adapt and interact effectively to new cultural situations (Earley & Ang, 2003). Kaur and Pany (2018) added that cultural intelligence

teaches people to deal effectively with others from various cultures and more acceptable to difference in perceptions and perspectives. According to Ang et al. (2006), the cultural intelligence model consists of cognition, meta-cognition, motivation and behaviour. In the Malaysian context, there are some studies on cultural intelligence which focused on the relationship between cultural intelligence, adjustment process, and job performance (Ang et al., 2007) but none were done in the context of education system.

The considerable evidences have also shown that the lack of self-efficacy might obstruct the academics in adjusting and performing themselves as per the institution practices (Gilman & Huebner, 2003; Huebner, 2004). Academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, and cultural intelligence plays a vital role towards adjustment (Jack & Stage, 2005; Sims & Schraeder, 2004; Bodycott & Walker, 2000) but the extent of their roles may be strengthened with the personal belief of the expatriate on what he or she can do. Thus, it is important to study the expatriate academic's adjustment when there is academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, and cultural intelligence practices in assuring the success of adjusting themselves into the Malaysian higher education institutions with consideration of their belief or self-efficacy.

1.2 Statement of the Problem

The present study is investigated with the problems faced by the expatriate academics in Malaysia in terms of their academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence, and sociocultural adjustments in the higher education institutions in Malaysia. According to Selmer, Chiu and Shenkar (2007), Malaysia is a unique country that differs from other developing nations specifically in culture and it is also

a challenging country for expatriate academics; therefore, they are bound to face difficulties arising from cultural differences, and academic differences among other difficulties (Adeeba et al., 2015).

The mobilisation of people in the pursuit of a globalised education caught the attention of research. However, most studies are concentrated on student mobility (Brooks, 2017; Bhandari & Blumenthal, 2011) but lesser studies assess the mobility of academicians (Bendenlier & Zawacki-Richter, 2015; Cai & Hall, 2015; Kim, 2017; Morley, Alexiadou, Garaz, Gonzalez-Monteagudo, & Taba, 2018). Although academic expatriation has been practised since medieval times (Kim, 2015) but with the globalisation and internationalisation, this phenomenon has increased tremendously (Altback, Reisberg & Rumbley, 2010). Due to the rising tendency of higher education institutions adopting the internationalisation policy worldwide, studying the expatriate academics is deemed important so as to understand the impact of globalisation on education more broadly.

The higher education institutions must be equipped with human resources of high quality to ensure that the delivery of education at tertiary level is capable of producing individuals that can become global workers. Hence, there has also been an increase of the influx of expatriate academics in the country. Malaysia has seen an increase number of expatriates working in the education sector. As shown in Table 1.1, the number of academics, both citizens and non-citizens (expatriates) are on the rise from 2007 to 2017. No data was available yet to record the number of these academics for 2018 at the time of this study. However, as shown from this table, the percentage of expatriate academics are rising steadily. Therefore, there is a great need

to understand how these expatriate academics are adjusting to the sociocultural environment in Malaysia.

Table 1.1
Citizen and Non-Citizen (Expatriates) Academics from Year 2007-2017

Year	Citizen Academics	Non-Citizen Academics	Total	% Non-Citizen Academics
2017	73,110	7,273	80,383	9.0
2016	58,321	4,503	62,824	7.2
2015	61,609	5,018	66,627	7.4
2014	63,063	5,039	68,102	7.4
2013	47,725	9,267	56,992	16.3
2012	37,675	2,151	39,826	5.4
2011	58,100	3,963	62,063	6.4
2010	64,498	6,686	71,184	9.4
2009	58,872	6,010	64,882	9.3
2008	52,050	2,895	54,945	5.3
2007	40,145	2,267	42,412	5.3

Source: *Buku Perangkaan Pendidikan Negara: Sektor Pengajian Tinggi* (2017)

One of the main concerns on expatriates working in the host country is their adaptability to the cultural difference between their culture and the cultures practised in the host country. It is common for individuals to have difficulties in adapting to the culture and norms of a different country where they are working since they are coming from a different culture and background (Morris et al., 2004; (Doherty, 2013; Fanghanel, 2012; Pinto & Araujo, 2016). The expatriate academics may struggle to adapt to the Malaysian culture and local practices which in turn could affect their job performance, work behaviour and attitude (Hassan & Hashim, 2011). Awang et al. (2016) claimed in their studies that senior self-initiated expatriate academic left when they found themselves difficult to adjust into Malaysian higher education institutions. This shows that expatriate academics they might be facing difficulties to fit into the culture of Malaysian academia because of challenges to their adjustment (Tham, 2013).

Referring to the real-world problem in Malaysia's context, the increasing level of internationalisation has led to the high turnover rate of local academics and expatriate academics (Tahir & Ismail, 2007). The most common reason is poor sociocultural adjustment (Adeeba et al., 2015, Amin, 2002; Hassan & Diallo, 2013; Tahir & Ismail, 2007; Tham, 2013;). Another common reason is the expatriate's family inadaptability and instability in the host country (Hassan & Diallo, 2013; Tham, 2013; Adeeba et al., 2015). From Tham's (2013) study, it was shown that expatriate academics lacked the ability to adjust themselves in the host country due to the inadaptability to sociocultural factors in the host country. This issue has been previously studied around the world, but there is generally less focus done on the cultural factors as predictors of adjustment.

These inclusion of variables like academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence to explain sociocultural adjustment by expatriate academics are considered as relevant and justified to understand their predicaments. Cultural factors have been identified as important determinants of an expatriate's adjustment (Ang, Van Dyne & Koh, 2006; Ricardson, & Zikic, 2007; Schoepp, 2010). The cultural factor is defined as the culture that serves as a causative agent to cultivate the quality in a person with regard to attitude, behaviour and manner (Schoepp, 2010). Many researchers in their previous studies have identified the variables of cultural factors that affect the expatriate academic's adjustment process including academic culture (Ambrose, Huston & Norman, 2005; Callister, 2006; Hung-Wen, 2007; Richardson, 2008; Schoepp, 2010; Hassan & Hashim, 2011), contextual socialisation tactics (Kim, Cable & Kim, 2005; Gruman, Saks & Zweig, 2006), and cultural intelligence (Earley & Ang, 2003; Ang et al., 2006; Ng & Earley, 2006; Imai, 2007). The considerable evidences have also shown that the lack of self-efficacy might

obstruct the academics in adjusting and performing themselves as per the institution practices (Gilman & Huebner, 2003; Huebner, 2004). Besides that, the present study has adopted the framework of international adjustment and social exchange theory in the theoretical framework.

In conclusion, the Malaysian Higher Education Ministry (MoHE) is not able to justify the adjustment of expatriate academics in the higher education institutions. This has resulted in the difficulty to get maximum benefits from the expatriate academics (Tham, 2013). Thus, the present study investigated the sociocultural adjustment and the role of cultural factors of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence with moderation by self-efficacy of expatriate academics in the higher education institutions in Malaysia. The expatriate academics in Malaysia need to have the ability of sociocultural adjustment towards cultural factors in order to succeed in their job (Schoepp, 2010; Selmer & Luring, 2011; Hassan & Hashim, 2011; Callister, 2006; Amin, 2002; Morris et al., 2004; Siron, 2005; Saks et al., 2007; Chao et al., 1994; Gruman et al., 2006; Ang et al., 2006; Ang et al., 2007).

1.3 Research Objectives

Based on the statement of problems, the followings are the four research objectives of the present study:

- a) To examine the relationship between expatriate academics' academic culture and general adjustment, work adjustment, and interaction adjustment in Malaysia.
- b) To study the relationship between expatriate academics' contextual socialisation tactics and general adjustment, work adjustment, and interaction adjustment in Malaysia.

- c) To examine the relationship between expatriate academics' cultural intelligence and general adjustment, work adjustment, and interaction adjustment in Malaysia.
- d) To examine if self-efficacy moderates the relationships of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, cultural intelligence with sociocultural adjustment stronger among the expatriate academics in Malaysia.

1.4 Research Questions

Based on the statement of problems, the followings are the four research questions of the present study:

- a) Are there relationships between expatriate academics' academic culture and general adjustment, work adjustment, and interaction adjustment in Malaysia?
- b) Are there relationships between expatriate academics' contextual socialisation tactics and general adjustment, work adjustment, and interaction adjustment in Malaysia?
- c) Are there relationships between expatriate academics' cultural intelligence and general adjustment, work adjustment, and interaction adjustment in Malaysia?
- d) Does self-efficacy moderate the relationships of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence with sociocultural adjustment stronger among the expatriate academics in Malaysia?

1.5 Significance of the Study

This study aims to provide theoretical and practical significance to the frame of knowledge on cultural factors as predictors, which will help in enhancing expatriate academic's sociocultural adjustment process. This study will add new literature to

complement existing literature on cultural factors (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, and cultural intelligence) and sociocultural adjustments (general adjustment, work adjustment, and interaction adjustment).

1.5.1 Theoretical Significance

First of all, this study helps to close some of the literature gaps on the influence of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, and cultural intelligence on sociocultural adjustment. This study benefits the academic community and helps to fill the literature gap although many studies have been conducted on sociocultural adjustment with academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, and cultural intelligence.

The present study intended to provide an explanation on the ways that the expatriate academics' academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, and cultural intelligence are associated with general adjustment, work adjustment, and interaction adjustment in Malaysia. This study explored a research model consisting of academic culture with new measures of dimensionality which include academic freedom, institutional autonomy, collegial governance, academic tenure and academic career. These were found to be emergently important in current situation and enrich the measurement of academic culture. Additionally, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence were also deemed as important variables and included as cultural predicting factors of sociocultural adjustment. The present study seeks to enhance understanding on sociocultural adjustment which is accounted by general adjustment, work adjustment and interaction adjustment among expatriate academics and the influences of cultural factors comprising of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence. Further to that, the relationships of these cultural

factors with sociocultural adjustments and the moderating role of self-efficacy were also examined.

Basically, this study helps to understand the influencing factor on the direct relationship between (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence) and sociocultural adjustment. Besides that, this study included self-efficacy as a moderator to examine the indirect relationship between (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence) and sociocultural adjustment.

1.5.2 Practical Significance

The present study helped to address some useful insights to the Malaysian Higher Education to overcome the challenges faced by the expatriate academics in accommodating the practices and culture in the Malaysian higher education institutions. Furthermore, expatriate academics could benefit from this study by implementing the suggested solutions and perform in their job more successfully. Meanwhile, the present study provides recommendation for policy makers to improve service quality for Malaysian higher education institutions to attract, maintain and receive expatriate academics in the near future. The contemporary higher education is fundamentally an international enterprise that is experiencing an increase of the influx of expatriate academics. This evolution has motivated the higher education institutions around the world to look for expatriate academics who are able to internally generate greater diversity among the institutions.

This study explained sociocultural adjustment as the enabler for academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence to impact, either positively or negatively, towards expatriate academics' sociocultural adjustment. This

could influence expatriate academics of higher education institutions to formulate an adjustment training program which focuses on expatriate academic skills and behaviors that could elevate the sociocultural adjustment of expatriate academics in the higher education institutions.

The present study draws attention to the effects of self-efficacy on sociocultural adjustment. The moderator is the key which influences the directions of how academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence impact sociocultural adjustment of expatriate academics. This, in general could influence human resource department or policymaker of higher education institutions in Malaysia to change the perception on expatriate academics exhibiting academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence factors, and to consider conducting a self-efficacy assessment as part of the effort to improve cultural knowledge and adjustment process.

1.6 Definitions of Key Terms

Below are the definitions of key terms used in the present study.

- **Academic**

A member of an academy; an intellectual (Richardson, 2001).

- **Expatriate Academic**

In the present study, expatriate academic is referred to a person who can work as an expatriate in the host country for at least 6 months and above.

- **Culture**

According to Triandis (1994), culture is a set of human-made objective and subjective elements. Both of them could increase the probability of survival and resulted in the satisfaction for the individual's involvement in an environment. The individual could communicate with one another by using the same language and living in the same place

- **Academic Culture**

According to Bolman and Deal (2003), organisational culture is defined as the interrelated criteria of artefacts, values, beliefs, and behaviours that ascertain the associates for who they are and how they organise their work. For this study, academic culture is defined as the shared beliefs and values of the academician that are relevant to the academia. It is considered as a multidimensional variable comprising of academic freedom, institutional autonomy, collegial governance, academic tenure and academic career.

- **Academic Freedom**

According to Scott (2006), academic freedom is defined as academic with a considerable degree of teaching license to complement their teaching and research.

- **Institutional Autonomy**

Bladh (2007) defined institutional autonomy as the freedom of an institution to administer its own affairs without any interference.

- **Collegial Governance**

Based on Merriam-Webster;s (2008) explanation, collegial governance is defined as the self-determination that expects high contribution from colleagues to realize and to

establish a shared purpose, to contribute in decision making as well as the endorsement of academic decision making.

- **Academic Tenure**

Hohm and Shore (1998) defined academic tenure as assurance of an academic from being fired as the result of voicing out something that the management might not be in favour with.

- **Academic Career**

Dowad and Kaplan (2005) explained academic career as an academic's capability to obtain external validation through their work, but the progress towards tenure generally dictates a commitment to a particular institution which heads to an accessible progression structure.

- **Contextual Socialisation Tactics**

According to Van Maanen and Schein (1979) and Jones (1986), contextual socialisation tactics is referred as a general dimension on continuity from individualised to institutionalised tactics depending on a set of circumstances. In the context of this study, contextual socialisation tactics are the strategies used by the expatriate academics to facilitate socialisation and interaction with others in the higher institution of learning where they are working. As a multidimensional variable, contextual socialisation tactics can be categorised as social tactics, content tactics and context tactics.

- **Social Tactics**

Griffin, Colella and Goparaju (2000) defined social tactics as the social or interpersonal aspects of organisational socialisation.

- **Content Tactics**

Klein and Heuser (2008) explained content tactics as the task and organisation-related information acquired by the newcomers.

- **Context Tactics**

Jie and Derek (2010) stated that context tactics refers to the way in which organisations provide information to newcomers.

- **Cultural Intelligence**

According to Earley and Ang (2003, pg. 3), cultural intelligence (CQ) is defined as “a person’s capability to adapt effectively to new cultural contexts.” This definition is applicable in this present study as referring to the expatriate academics’ capability to adapt to the cultural environment in the higher education institutions in Malaysia. Four dimensions of cultural intelligence involve meta-cognitive, cognitive, motivation and behavioural.

- **Meta-cognitive Cultural Intelligence**

Ang et al. (2004) described meta-cognition as an individual’s knowledge or control over cognitions that leads to deep information processing.

- **Cognitive Cultural Intelligence**

Imai (2007) defined cognitive cultural intelligence as the acquired knowledge on a certain culture and it involves the general knowledge about the structures of a culture.

- **Motivational Cultural Intelligence**

Motivational cultural intelligence is defined as the person's interest in learning and functioning in cross-cultural situations.

- **Behavioural Cultural Intelligence**

Behavioural cultural intelligence is the adaptability of knowing and recognising the ways to do work and having facilities to persistence and attempt (motivation), but also possessing a set of personal behaviours, which include needed responses to a certain situation (Earley, 2002).

- **Self-Efficacy**

Hoy and Miskel (2001) defined self-efficacy as the personal judgment about one's competence to adopt certain behaviours and actions to achieve certain tasks with expected outcomes. In this study, self-efficacy relates to the expatriate academics' belief and confidence in their ability to manage cultural difference in the host country where they are working.

- **Sociocultural Adjustment**

Takeuchi et al. (2002) defined it as a term that has been conceptualised as the degree of comfort, familiarity, and ease that an individual felt towards a new setting of the host country. This comprises of general adjustment, work adjustment and interaction adjustment.

- **General Adjustment**

General adjustment refers to one's mental comfort connecting to the factors of the host cultural settings such as basic living necessities (Takeuchi et al., 2002).

- **Work Adjustment**

Work adjustment refers to one's mental comfort who binds different work expectations, standards, and values together (Takeuchi et al., 2002).

- **Interaction Adjustment**

Interaction adjustment refers to one's adaptation to varied communication styles and communication processes with the people in the host country who practise different culture (Takeuchi et al., 2002).

- **Globalisation**

Kaplinsky (2005) defined globalisation as a complex and multidimensional process, and an outcome of technological advances augmented by the natural curiosity of the human species, where it focuses on the flow of economy, people, information, values across borders, knowledge, ideas and belief systems.

- **Internationalisation**

Knight (2004) defined internationalisation as a process that integrates international or intercultural dimensions into the teaching, research, and service functions of an institution.

1.7 Scope of the Study

The scope of the present study is in Malaysia as it is a developing country. The higher education institutions consider Malaysia as an important market arena for business expansion in the education sector (Hassan & Diallo, 2013). Hence, this has resulted the inflow of expatriate academics into Malaysia. This study is therefore, limited to Malaysian higher education institutions only.

Most studies on expatriates are from other business arena but this study is specifically focused on expatriate academics, in particular, the self-initiated expatriates. Furthermore, the scope of this study is limited by an inclusion criterion subjected the selection of the expatriate academics among those who are currently working in the universities and colleges in Malaysia and have worked in Malaysia for at least six months (Schoepp, 2010). The focus on the subpopulation of expatriate academics is to provide a brand new and meaningful data regarding the cultural factors that are considered as challenges for expatriate academics' successful employment experiences here, and also to provide insights from the perspective of the expatriates on their adjustment experiences in Malaysia. However, the narrow choice of the target population has precluded any totality of generalizability of the findings in representing the foreign academicians as a whole.

1.8 Organisation of the Remaining Chapters

Chapter 1 has explained about the background of this study, its problems and objectives. Furthermore, it also described the significance of this study. The following chapter focuses on the varied steps that were carried out in this study.

The composition of the remaining four chapters are as the followings: (a) the second chapter presents the literature review on the antecedents and outcomes of general, work, and interactions adjustments by the expatriate academics and moderation by self-efficacy, the theoretical framework, and hypotheses development; (b) the third chapter focuses on the methodology that described this study's sample, data collections methods, employed measurements, and type of analysis carried out; (c) the fourth chapter highlights the statistical analyses and results that describes the response rate, the demographics of the respondents and identify the interrelationships

of the research variables; and (d) the fifth chapter presents the discussion and conclusions by recapitulating the study findings, discussion of findings, implications of the study in term of theoretical and practical implication, limitations of the study and the conclusion.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter starts with a discussion of previous literature on globalisation and expatriation followed by the underlying theories used in the present study. Next, this chapter elaborates each variable proposed in the research framework, including academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, cultural intelligence, sociocultural adjustment, and self-efficacy. At the end of this chapter, a theoretical framework and hypotheses are presented.

2.2 Globalisation and Expatriation

Globalisation has led to integration and the blurriness of borders with impact on various aspects of life like increasing expatriation among managers and corporate executives. Expatriation is one of the key consequences of globalisation as more and more people are opting to work outside the borders of their home country (Mitrev & Culpepper, 2012). These people, known as expatriates are sent by their companies to work abroad or on their own initiatives and motivation to work abroad. This shows world seems to be getting smaller, as many people prefer working away from their home country and meeting people from different cultural background (Richardson, 2008). This global movement of employees is one of the impacts of globalisation. Globalisation process is known as a worldwide integration strategy that operates throughout the world (Bartol & Martin, 1998; Awang, Ismail, Hamid & Yusoff, 2016). It requires adoption of cross-cultural perspectives whereby a high level of selection, training and motivation of people are needed to successfully achieve the goals in terms

of world economy (Bhagat & Prien, 1996). Globalisation and expatriates are thus hand to hand, in which expatriates have to adjust themselves to changes brought upon by globalisation.

Expatriates as defined by McNulty and Brewster (2017) are “legally working individuals who reside temporarily in a country of which they are not a citizen in order to accomplish a career-related goal, being relocated abroad either by an organisation or by self-initiation, or directly employed within the host country” (p. 30). An expatriate is also defined as “an employee who is sent away from his or her home country to handle operations of their organisation in the host country” (Tahir & Ismail, 2007, pg. 73). These definitions show that expatriates bring with them the technical knowledge, expertise and experiences to the company that they serve in the host country (Richardson, 2008). Adler and Bartholomew (1992) and Porter (1990) indicated the importance of expatriates for organisations to move towards globalisation and liberalization. Expatriates bring with them the technical knowledge, expertise and experiences to the company that they serve (Richardson, 2008). Among other benefits of employing expatriates are abundance, prosperity and wealth to the organisation, qualities over quantity, knowledge transfer and enhance business relation to control the global market (Dowling, Festing & Engle, 2008). There is rise in the demand of expatriates, especially when the organisation faces many challenges and receives many opportunities for global business. Besides, expatriates could also enhance their careers as most of the organisations often support the talented professionals with international experiences (Mendenhall, Dunbar & Odduo, 1987).

Initially, expatriation mainly consists of assigned expatriates or organisational expatriates (OEs) whereby managers and executives were sent from the home country

a desired goal, the goal itself might not be learning the Malaysian culture but might be learning the culture of the other international students that the expatriate academics are immersed in. For example, the expatriate academics might be keener to learn the Chinese culture in comparison to the Malay culture and therefore, did not have enough ability to process information on Malay culture. This could lead to the expatriates' failure to work and interact well with Malay colleagues.

5.3.6(b) Self-Efficacy Moderation on Cognitive Cultural Intelligence and Dimensions of Sociocultural Adjustment

It was found that cognitive cultural intelligence's relationship with general and work adjustments were moderated by self-efficacy but the relationship with interactional adjustment was not significantly moderated by self-efficacy. The simple slope analysis showed that the interaction effect of high self-efficacy with high cognitive cultural intelligence, and the interaction effect of low self-efficacy with high cognitive cultural effect have almost similar effect on general and work adjustments. This proposes that low or high self-efficacy works well to strengthen the effect of high cognitive cultural intelligence on general and work adjustments. Cognitive cultural intelligence relates to the acquired knowledge on a certain culture (Imai, 2007). Bandura (1997) mentioned that self-efficacy relates to the social learning theory and therefore, it is closely associated with learning. Thus, the moderating effect of self-efficacy on the relationships of cognitive cultural intelligence with general and work adjustments can be explained by the notion that learning or acquisition of knowledge and efficacy are linked to each other. Knowledge of culture in general and relating to the workplace can be boosted by one's confidence that he is able to gain the cultural information and use them to adapt to the foreign culture that he encounters in Malaysia. However,

cultural knowledge itself does not guarantee that one has the skills to interact with others of different culture, thus, the moderation effect on the relationship between cognitive cultural intelligence and interactional adjustment is not significant.

5.3.6(c) Self-Efficacy Moderation on Motivational Cultural Intelligence and Dimensions of Sociocultural Adjustment

Motivational cultural intelligence is about one's interest to learn and function in cross-cultural situations (Ang et al., 2006). This study found that having more confidence in one's ability to perform a task and achieve goals does not guarantee that improving motivational cultural intelligence will lead to easier adjustment in general, at work and in interaction. The possible reason to justify the insignificant moderation by self-efficacy might be due to the same reason that explains the insignificant moderation on the relationships of meta-cognition cultural intelligence and sociocultural adjustment. The motivation to learn culture might not be for all cultures but partial to a particular culture, and therefore, even with high self-efficacy, this was not able to boost motivational cultural intelligence to influence sociocultural adjustment.

5.3.6(d) Self-Efficacy Moderation on Behavioural Cultural Intelligence and Dimensions of Sociocultural Adjustment

The relationships of behavioural cultural intelligence with general and work adjustments were not moderated by self-efficacy and only its relationship with interactional adjustment was moderated by self-efficacy. The simple slope analysis showed that high self-efficacy boosts high level of behavioural cultural intelligence to ensure greater interactional adjustment. Behavioural cultural intelligence or the possession of capabilities to response to a diverse culture can help the expatriate to

adjust interactionally (Earley, 2002). Behavioural cultural intelligence's effect on interactional adjustment is boosted by a high self-efficacy mainly because behavioural cultural intelligence means having the cultural competency tools to address cross-cultural situations (Earley, 2002; Thomas, 2006; Gooden et al., 2017) and by being confident of one's ability or being efficacious, they are more likely to adapt to the challenges of interacting with others from different cultures. However, the level of self-confidence might not be enough to facilitate themselves in general and work environment as this might require different sets of cultural competency tools like cognitive tools rather than behavioural tools. Thus, the efficacious expatriates were able to boost their behavioural cultural intelligence to adapt to interaction but not to general and work environment.

5.4 Implications of the Study

The findings of the present study lead to some implications to the expatriate academics' sociocultural adjustment process. The present study highlights these implications into three perspectives which are theoretical and practical perspectives.

5.4.1 Theoretical Implications

The present study has enriched the literature on cultural factors and sociocultural adjustment, by integrating the moderator into one holistic research model. This study integrates multi-dimensional of cultural factors, namely academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence with the moderator role of self-efficacy, to examine the predictors of sociocultural adjustment, encompassing general adjustment, work adjustment and interaction adjustment.

The use of Black et al.'s (1991) international adjustment and the social exchange theory in this study was able to explain expatriate academics' sociocultural adjustment in the Malaysian setting to a certain extent, but the existing theoretical gap had to be addressed and this study was able to provide valuable insights to enrich and enhance the theories. From Black et al. (1991) model of international adjustment, the concept of adjustment was theoretically developed. Sociocultural adjustment was accepted in this study as a multidimensional construct of general, work and interactional adjustments. However, this model identified anticipatory adjustment and in-country adjustment as the predictors of sociocultural adjustments (Black et al., 1991; Halim et al., 2016, 2018). The impact of cultural factors were not explicitly explained in Black et al. (1991) model of international adjustment although self-efficacy and organisational culture were mentioned in the model. Hence, this study has also used the social exchange theory to explain the impact of interaction of the expatriate academics with others in Malaysia. This theory was able to explain the aspect of socialisation and its link to expatriates' adjustment in Malaysian higher education institutions' culture.

This study has introduced academic culture as a possible predictor of sociocultural adjustment. The findings of the present study have provided significant insights to enrich the present theories. It presented the complexity of academic culture which in this study was regarded as a multidimensional construct consisting of academic freedom, institutional autonomy, collegial governance, academic tenure and academic career (Szelenyi & Rhoads, 2013). Most of previous studies have measured academic culture as an influential factor for variables such as degree of equal treatment or procedural justice (Loi, Ngo & Foley, 2006; Schoepp, 2010; Hassan & Hashim,

2011); leadership (Norman, Ambrose & Huston, 2006; Callister, 2006); collegiality (Ambrose et al., 2005; Barnes, Agago & Coombs, 1998; Dee, 2004); and adjustment of expatriate and their family (Sims & Schraeder, 2004; Bhaskar-Shrinivas, Harrison, Shaffer & Luk, 2004; Hung- Wen, 2007). However, there is a lack of attention on the role of academic culture in the Malaysia education system (Amin, 2002; Morris et al., 2004; Siron, 2005). This study was able to enlighten the roles of these dimensions to explain general, work and interactional adjustments of the expatriate academics in Malaysian higher education institutions. Therefore, the development and adoption of three independent variables – academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence was done and their effects on sociocultural adjustment were explored in this study.

Additionally, this study also recognised contextual socialisation tactics as one of the predictors to explain sociocultural adjustment. The present study identified that contextual socialisation tactics are also a very complex variable with three dimensions of social, content and context tactics. Previous studies have investigated contextual socialisation tactics as predictor of work motivation, job involvement, organisational commitment, low turnover, innovative and cooperative behaviour (Van Maanen, 1976; Feldman, 1981), self-efficacy (Fournier & Payne, 1994), professional and personal development (Reichert & Pihet, 2000; Ng & Feldman, 2007), adult identity and decision-making abilities (Ng & Feldman, 2007), and psychological well-being (Reichert & Pihet, 2000) but none were focused on education system particularly to explain expatriate academics' adaptive behaviours. From a social exchange theory perspective, socialisation is an important factor of adjusting to an environment and the case of this study, it was highlighted that content tactics and social tactics were more

important compared to context tactics. This study was able to highlight the more critical aspect of socialisation that can explain sociocultural adjustment.

Another important contribution of this study is the investigation on the role of cultural intelligence to explain sociocultural adjustment. Research on cultural intelligence has been measured as an important factor of culture shock (Hisam, 1997; Mumford, 1998), big five personality traits (Ang et al., 2006), job performance (Shaffer, Harrison, Gregersen, Black & Ferzandi, 2006), realistic job preview and realistic living condition (Templer, Tay & Chandrasekar, 2006), decision making (Ang, Van Dyne, Koh, Ng, Templer, Tay & Chandrasekar, 2007), and negotiation sequences (Imai & Gelfand, 2010) but none towards explaining sociocultural adjustment. Thus, the present study has contributed in the explanation of sociocultural adjustment by adding the cultural intelligence dimension in the research framework. Past research conducted on cultural intelligence towards adjustment and job performance in Malaysia (Ang et al., 2007) was carried out but the study did not focus on education system. The present study identified that various aspects of cultural intelligence is indeed a critical contributor of different aspects of sociocultural adjustment. For instance, cognitive cultural intelligence can explain general and work adjustment while behavioural cultural intelligence is able to explain interactional adjustment.

Further to that, this study had also included self-efficacy as a moderator in the research framework. Self-efficacy is a construct in the international adjustment model of Black et al. (1991) and its role in social exchange theory has been repeatedly mentioned and examined in past studies (Bandura, 1986, 1997; Hoy & Miskel, 2001; Osman-Gani & Rockstuhl, 2009). However, by exploring its role as a moderator in the

present study, its relevance in the existing theories was validated. In addition, this study showed that self-efficacy does not moderate all the relationships but rather appears to be quite selective. In this study, self-efficacy moderated the relationships of academic tenure, content tactics and cognitive cultural intelligence with general adjustment, the relationships of institutional autonomy, academic career, social tactics, content tactics and cognitive cultural intelligence with work adjustment, and the relationships of collegial governance and behavioural cultural intelligence with interactional adjustment. Thus, these findings were able to streamline the interrelationships of the cultural factors (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence) and moderation with self-efficacy to explain sociocultural adjustment (general, work and interactional adjustments). This study showed that academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence were not able to explain sociocultural adjustment effectively but at the dimensional level, the dimensions of academic culture, the dimensions of contextual socialisation tactics, and the dimensions of cultural intelligence were able to explain general, work and interactional adjustments.

5.4.2 Practical Implications

The findings of this study contribute significantly in terms of providing important information that can help policymakers, higher education institutions' administration team and their human resource management, and the practitioners, or the expatriate academics. This study has highlighted the effects of academic culture's dimensions like academic freedom, institutional autonomy, academic tenure, collegial governance and academic career, contextual socialisation tactics' dimensions like social, content and context tactics, and cultural intelligence's dimensions like meta-cognitive,

cognitive, motivational and behavioural cultural intelligence on general, work and interactional adjustments. The study has also identified the selective moderating effects of self-efficacy on the relationships of the dimensions of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, and cultural intelligence with general, work and interactional adjustments. The findings of the study help the education stakeholders to understand how these factors can help in facilitating faster and successful adaptation and adjustment to the general, working and interactional aspects of the higher education institutions in Malaysia.

According to Abukari (2017), the findings of the study help in the development of the expatriate academic profiles which can be used to improve the recruitment and selection of expatriate academics working in Malaysia. HEIs need to target expatriate academics who have the capabilities to fit with the growth and development of the HEIs in Malaysia, with the least issues of adjusting so that they can contribute directly towards enhancing the quality of education in HEIs in this country and expedite the attainment of the status as an education hub in the Southeast Asian region. With the development of an expatriate academic profile, this helps to ensure that the expatriate academics are aware of their job requirements, the work culture, the institutions that they will work for and their readiness to adapt to the living, working and interactional situation in Malaysia.

The importance of variables like academic freedom, institutional autonomy, academic tenure, collegial governance, academic career, socialisation tactics, content socialisation tactics, context socialisation tactics, meta-cognitive cultural intelligence, cognitive cultural intelligence, motivational cultural intelligence and behavioural cultural intelligence to explain general, work and interactional adjustments to

expatriate academics in Malaysia cannot be denied. The knowledge of which variables are more important and critical to facilitate expatriate academics' adjustment in Malaysia can be used to prepare the HEIs in this country to receive expatriate academics. Findings of this study stress the needs for training and supporting programs that help expatriate academics to adapt to the cultural environment in the host countries (Chan, 2015). It is important for HEIs to have a comprehensive intercultural training program that prepare new expatriate academics and continuous programs to support expatriate academics who are already serving in Malaysia. Abukari (2017) suggested that there should be adequate and sustainable support structures, avenues and activities for expatriate academics that provide them with advanced social, material, administrative and personalised and individualised support; guidance and counselling that cover issues of cross-cultural adjustment, and matters of pedagogy, faculty, organisation, administration, social, finance and daily issues.

The success of sociocultural adjustment of the expatriate academics is not the responsibility of the expatriate academics and the HEIs only. The host country nationals or in particular, Malaysians should also play their roles to facilitate the expatriate academics' adjustment to the culture of this country. The participation of host country nationals to ensure successful adaptation of the expatriate academics was reported in Paik et al. (2008) and Toh, DeNisi and Leonardelli (2012). Host country nationals should be more open to receive expatriate academics as these people bring new knowledge and skills to Malaysia which not only benefit the HEIs due to their intellectual contribution but would also benefit the local academics through knowledge transfer (Abukari, 2017). Toh et al. (2012) suggested that local academics should become socialising agents and this task should be defined in their job description as

mentor or buddy to the expatriate academics and merit a reward when the role is fulfilled.

These suggestions are supported by the findings of this study as it was found that the multiple factors investigated in this study critically influence sociocultural adjustment of the expatriate academics. Therefore, the findings of this study have a significant implication to practice in the context of HEIs in Malaysia.

5.5 Limitations of the Study

Even though this study provides theoretical and practical implications to both academics and practitioners, there are some limitations in this study which readers should be aware and take note.

There are several limitations inherent in this study. Firstly, the limitation of this study is that it was difficult to obtain information about the total population of expatriate academics from some higher education institutions in Malaysia. These institutions were unwilling to provide detailed information of the number of expatriate academics working in the institutions due to confidentiality issues. Due to the difficulty in obtaining the complete listing, the actual population of the expatriate academics working in these higher education institutions cannot be determine. Thus, an accurate determination of the sample size cannot be done. This study was also not able to use a random sampling study and had to select a snowball sampling method. This prevented the researcher to apply random process in identifying the respondents. Hence, there could potentially have some biases in identifying the respondents. Thus, the generalisation of the finding is limited to the defined population of this study. In addition, the lack of information about the expatriate academics working in the

targeted higher education institutions led to a poor response using e-mail as it could not be ascertained whether the e-mail address of the targeted respondents were correct and in active use.

Secondly, only a limited number of public and private universities or colleges were included in this study. Out of 20 public universities and 534 private universities and colleges in Malaysia, only eight public universities and 14 private universities and colleges were involved in this study. The universities and colleges involved in this study were: Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) and Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM)) as public universities; and Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), Universiti Multimedia (MMU), Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNITAR), University of Nottingham in Malaysia (UNiM), Monash University Malaysia (MUM), Universiti Industri Selangor (UNISEL), Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL), Universiti Teknologi Kreatif Limkokwing (LUCT), Kolej Universiti Sunway (SyUC), Kolej Universiti HELP (HUC), Kolej Universiti Antarabangsa INTI (INTI) and Kolej Universiti Taylor's) as private universities/colleges. Thus, it may not represent the entire higher education institutions in Malaysia. As such, the generalization of the results to all the higher education institutions in Malaysia is limited.

Thirdly, due to the absence of a sampling frame, this study has to employ a non-probability sampling method using snow balling technique which limited the generalisation ability of the research findings to the population of HEIs in Malaysia.

This has led to the decision of using PLS-SEM as the main method of data analysis because it allows the analysis of data without the rigid requirement of normality (Hair et al., 2014).

Lastly, this study employed a cross-sectional study and thus, the causal relationship between the variables that the findings could only describe the phenomenon at the certain point of time (Sekaran & Bougie, 2016). The use of a cross-sectional design however, is common in many researches (Zhang & Goodson, 2011) and it helps the study to determine the relationships between the variables in the research model.

5.6 Suggestions for Future Study

Despite the limitations highlighted in the previous section, the research has provided very valuable findings, and there are opportunities to expand the research to understand further the issues and interdependencies surrounding cultural factors (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence) and sociocultural adjustment (general adjustment, work adjustment and interaction adjustment).

Firstly, the future study can be expanded to examine a larger scope of public and private higher education institutions. This would enable better generalisation of the study results, which could benefit more practitioners from larger scope of public and private higher education institutions to be able to enhance prediction of cultural factors (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence), adjust well and to get a greater representation of expatriate academics working in Malaysia.

Secondly, this study was able to highlight the relationships of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence with sociocultural adjustments at a dimensional level as well as the moderating role of self-efficacy and the findings were able to identify which dimensions of the independent variables were more significant in explaining general, work and interactional adjustment. The recommendation for future research is to repeat the study with another group of expatriate academics and focus on the important variables might shed more information and provide a better picture of the variables that matter and critical to ensure successful adaptation of the expatriate academics in Malaysian higher education institutions.

Thirdly, this study showed the demographic profiles of the respondents showed that expatriate academics showed varieties in terms of gender, age, home country, race and tenure. Thus, in future study, the moderating effect of demographic characteristics may provide greater insights to understand the effects of cultural factors (academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence) towards the adjustment process of expatriate academics in Malaysia.

Fourthly, it might also be beneficial to determine how expatriate academics working in public universities adjust socially and culturally in comparison to those working in private universities, as well as exploring the role of local academic supports to facilitate the expatriate academics' adjustment to Malaysian culture.

Lastly, research in the future might want to adopt a longitudinal study to measure changes at several points in time of the expatriate academics' sociocultural adjustment. As longitudinal study helps to track expatriate academics' adjustment over time, this might provide a better understanding about their adjustment process based

on the influence of cultural factors such as academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics and cultural intelligence.

5.7 Conclusion

The study had identified the theoretical and empirical gaps in research practices that led to the investigation of the three cultural factors (academic culture, cultural intelligence and contextual socialisation tactics) and their effects on expatriate academics' sociocultural adjustment (general, work and interaction adjustment). The research objectives guided this study in terms of methodological approach that enabled the collection and analyses of data to answer the research questions. This study has also explored the theoretical framework and decided on the international adjustment model (Black et al., 1991) and the social exchange theory to provide theoretical support for this study. Findings were able to further validate the inclusion of variables in the model and theory such as the multidimensional variables of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, cultural intelligence, self-efficacy and sociocultural adjustment.

This study clearly showed that the impacts of academic culture, contextual socialisation tactics, cultural intelligence on sociocultural adjustment were not evident but at the dimensional level, the impacts of the sub-dimensions of each variable were visibly explored and understood. Academic freedom, institutional autonomy, academic tenure, context socialisation tactics, cognitive cultural intelligence, motivational cultural intelligence and behavioural cultural intelligence were significantly related to general adjustment. Academic freedom, institutional autonomy,

collegial governance, academic tenure, context socialisation tactics and cognitive cultural intelligence were significantly related to work adjustment.

Academic freedom, institutional autonomy, academic tenure, academic career and context socialisation tactics were significantly related to interactional adjustment. Self-efficacy moderated the relationships of academic tenure, content socialisation tactics and cognitive cultural intelligence with general adjustment. In the meantime, self-efficacy moderated the relationships of institutional autonomy, academic career, socialisation tactics, content socialisation tactics and cognitive cultural intelligence with work adjustment. Besides that, self-efficacy moderated the relationships of collegial governance and behavioural cultural intelligence with interactional adjustment. Thus, these findings showed that general, work and interactional adjustments were affected by different variables pertaining to academic culture, social contextualisation tactics and cultural intelligence.

In addition, self-efficacy moderated selected relationships of the academic culture, social contextualisation tactics and cultural intelligence with general, work and interactional adjustments. The findings of this study can facilitate informed decision-making on ensuring a more effective and efficient sociocultural adjustment of the expatriate academics in Malaysian higher education institutions. Various stakeholders benefitted from the research findings and ultimately ensures that Malaysia becomes a renowned educational hub in the Southeast Asian region, and in the near future, a global education hub for both local and international students.

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APPENDIX A

SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE



Filter Questions (Tick One):

Please answer the following questions before going through the rest of the questionnaire.

- 1) Are you a self-initiated expatriate?
 Yes No (Kindly do not proceed.)
- 2) How long have you been working in Malaysian higher education institution (HEI)?
 Less than 6 months More than 6 months
(Kindly do not proceed.) (Kindly proceed to answer the questionnaire, TQ.)

Cultural Factors as Predictor of Adjustment Process and the Role of Self-Efficacy as A Moderator Among Expatriate Academics in Malaysia.

Dear Respondents,

I am currently working on my PhD thesis and the topic is about the adjustments process of expatriate academics in Malaysian Universities. This study is conducted to explore the relationship among factors influencing adjustment and performance of expatriate academics.

This questionnaire will take about 15 minutes to complete. The findings from this questionnaire will provide us information on how to help expatriate academics to adjust and perform better in Malaysian environment. Your time, effort, and cooperation are very much appreciated.

Your complete anonymity is assured because your answer will not be identified individually. Data will be aggregated (shared as the whole group of all respondents) and no individual responses will be shared.

I will appreciate it very much if you could return the completed questionnaire.
Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely yours,

Researchers,
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Universiti Sains Malaysia.

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SECTION 1: ACADEMIC CULTURE

This section is seeking your opinion regarding the Cultural Factors practices among you and your institution. For each statement, please indicate the degree of your extent of agreement using a 5-point scale.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree (SD)	Disagree (D)	Neutral (N)	Agree (A)	Strongly Agree (SA)

SD D N A SA

Academic Freedom					
1.	I am satisfied with my teaching/research load.	1	2	3	4 5
2.	I am satisfied with the office facilities in my institution.	1	2	3	4 5
3.	I am satisfied with the library facilities in my institution.	1	2	3	4 5
4.	I am satisfied with the research/lab facilities in my institution.	1	2	3	4 5
5.	Teaching opportunities encourages me to work better.	1	2	3	4 5
6.	Consulting opportunities motivate me in my working life.	1	2	3	4 5
7.	Research and professional development opportunities motivate me in my work life.	1	2	3	4 5
8.	The degree of academic freedom motivates me to work.	1	2	3	4 5
Institutional Autonomy					
1.	I am satisfied with my salary.	1	2	3	4 5
2.	I am satisfied with my benefit packages (housing, flights, healthcare, etc.).	1	2	3	4 5
3.	I am satisfied with the vacation length in my institution.	1	2	3	4 5
4.	I am satisfied with the semester length.	1	2	3	4 5
5.	I am satisfied with the clerical support in my institution.	1	2	3	4 5
6.	Reputation of department encourages me to be attached with the institution.	1	2	3	4 5
7.	Reputation of institution encourages me to be attached with the institution.	1	2	3	4 5

8. Research and professional development funding encourage me to perform better.	1	2	3	4	5
9. The climate of my institution encourages me to fit in better.	1	2	3	4	5
10. Scholarly environment in my institution helps me in my working life.	1	2	3	4	5
11. Cost of living motivates me to work in this institution.	1	2	3	4	5
12. The degree of institutional autonomy motivates me to work.	1	2	3	4	5
Collegial Governance					
1. Reputation of associates encourages me to be attached with the institution.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Collegiality helps me to perform well and to be a better person.	1	2	3	4	5
Academic Tenure					
1. Promotion and reappointment process help me to enhance my working capabilities.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Contractual employment in my institution motivates me to work	1	2	3	4	5
Academic Careers					
1. Career advancement opportunities motivate me in my working life.	1	2	3	4	5
2. The impact of the institution on my career, enhance my career development.	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION 2: CULTURAL INTELLIGENCE

For each statement, please indicate the degree of your perceived rate of Cultural Intelligence using a 5-point scale.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree (SD)	Disagree (D)	Neutral (N)	Agree (A)	Strongly Agree (SA)

SD D N A SA

Meta-Cognitive Cultural Intelligence						
1.	I am conscious of the cultural knowledge that I am using when interacting with people with different background.	1	2	3	4	5
2.	I adjust my cultural knowledge as I interact with people from an unfamiliar culture.	1	2	3	4	5
3.	I am conscious of the cultural knowledge that I apply to cross-cultural interactions.	1	2	3	4	5
4.	I have checked the accuracy of my cultural knowledge as I interact with people from different cultures.	1	2	3	4	5

5.	I am acknowledged of the legal and economic systems of other cultures.	1	2	3	4	5
Cognitive Cultural Intelligence						
6.	I am familiar with the rules (e.g., vocabulary, grammar) of other languages.	1	2	3	4	5
7.	I am aware of the cultural values and religious beliefs of other cultures.	1	2	3	4	5
8.	I understand the marriage systems of other cultures.	1	2	3	4	5
9.	I am familiar with the arts and crafts of other cultures.	1	2	3	4	5
10.	I acknowledge the rules of expressing non-verbal behaviors in other cultures.	1	2	3	4	5
Motivational Cultural Intelligence						
11.	I enjoyed interacting with people from different cultures.	1	2	3	4	5
12.	I am confident that I can socialize with the local people in a culture which is unfamiliar to me.	1	2	3	4	5
13.	I am confident I can deal with an unfamiliar culture	1	2	3	4	5
14.	I have enjoyed living in cultures that are unfamiliar to me.	1	2	3	4	5
15.	I am confident that I can get accustomed to the shopping conditions in a different culture.	1	2	3	4	5
Behavioural Cultural Intelligence						
16.	I have changed my verbal behaviour (e.g., accent, tone) when a cross-cultural interaction requires it.	1	2	3	4	5
17.	I used pause and silence differently to suit different cross-cultural situation.	1	2	3	4	5
18.	I varied the rate of my speaking when a cross-cultural situation requires it.	1	2	3	4	5
19.	I have changed my non-verbal behaviour when a cross-cultural situation requires it.	1	2	3	4	5
20.	I changed my facial expression when a cross-cultural situation requires it.	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION 3: CONTEXTUAL SOCIALISATION TACTICS

Using the scale provided below, estimate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. Next to each item, circle a number that best describes the level of your agreement or disagreement with regard to that statement.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree (SD)	Disagree (D)	Neutral (N)	Agree (A)	Strongly Agree (SA)

SD D N A SA

CONTEXT TACTICS					
1. In the last six months, I have been extensively involved with other new recruits in common, job related training activities	1	2	3	4	5
2. This organisation puts all newcomers through the same set of learning experiences	1	2	3	4	5
3. I have been into a set of training experiences which are specifically designed to give newcomers a thorough knowledge of job related skills	1	2	3	4	5
4. I did not perform any of my normal job responsibilities until I was thoroughly familiar with departmental procedures and work methods	1	2	3	4	5
SOCIAL TACTICS					
1. Almost all of my colleagues have been supportive for me personally	1	2	3	4	5
2. My colleagues have gone out of their way to help me adjust to this organisation	1	2	3	4	5
3. I am gaining a clear understanding of my role in this organisation by observing my senior colleagues	1	2	3	4	5
4. I have received little guidance from experienced organisational members as how I should perform my job task	1	2	3	4	5
CONTENT TACTICS					
1. There is a clear pattern in the way one role leads to another or one job assignment leads to another in this organisation	1	2	3	4	5
2. The steps in the career ladder are clearly specified in this organisation	1	2	3	4	5
3. I can predict my future career path in this organisation by observing other people's experiences	1	2	3	4	5

4. The way in which my progress through this organisation will follow a fixed timetable of events has been clearly communicated to me	1	2	3	4	5
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SECTION 4: SOCIOCULTURAL ADJUSTMENT

Using the 1 – 5 scale, indicate your agreement with each item by circling the appropriate number.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree (SD)	Disagree (D)	Neutral (N)	Agree (A)	Strongly Agree (SA)

I can adjust myself **SD D N A SA**

GENERAL ADJUSTMENT					
1.to the living condition in general.	1	2	3	4	5
2.to the housing conditions.	1	2	3	4	5
3.to the food.	1	2	3	4	5
4.to the shopping.	1	2	3	4	5
5.to the cost of living.	1	2	3	4	5
6.to the entertainment/recreation facilities and opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
7.to the healthcare facilities.	1	2	3	4	5
WORK ADJUSTMENT					
8.to specific work responsibilities.	1	2	3	4	5
9.to performance standards and expectations.	1	2	3	4	5
10.to supervisory responsibilities.	1	2	3	4	5
INTERACTION ADJUSTMENT					
11.to socialize with host-nationals.	1	2	3	4	5
12.to interact with host-nationals on a day-to-day basis.	1	2	3	4	5
13.with host-nationals outside of workplace	1	2	3	4	5
14.to speak with host-nationals.	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION 5: SELF-EFFICACY

The statements on this scale describe your sociocultural adjustment **since you come to Malaysia**. For each statement, please indicate the degree of your feelings using a 5-point scale.

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly Disagree (SD)	Disagree (D)	Neutral (N)	Agree (A)	Strongly Agree (SA)

		SD	D	N	A	SA
1.	I can always manage to solve difficult problems if I try hard enough.	1	2	3	4	5
2.	I manage to find means and ways to get what I want, even if someone opposes me.	1	2	3	4	5
3.	It is easy for me to stick to my aims and accomplish what I desire.	1	2	3	4	5
4.	I am confident that I could deal efficiently with unexpected events.	1	2	3	4	5
5.	Thanks to my resourcefulness, as I know how to handle unforeseen events.	1	2	3	4	5
6.	I manage to solve most problems if I invest the necessary effort.	1	2	3	4	5
7.	I manage to remain calm when facing difficulties because I rely on my coping abilities.	1	2	3	4	5
8.	Whenever I am confronted with a problem, I am capable of finding solutions or alternatives.	1	2	3	4	5
9.	If I am in trouble, I usually think of something to do.	1	2	3	4	5
10.	No matter what comes my way, I am always capable to handle it.	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION 6: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FORM

1. Age: _____
2. Gender: Male _____ Female: _____
3. Race/Ethnicity: _____
4. Marital Status (tick one):
 Single: Married:
 Divorced: Widowed:

- Other:
5. Where are you from (country/state of origin)? _____
6. Highest education completed (tick one):
 Certificate: Diploma: Bachelor's degree/ Professional Qualification:
 Postgraduate Degree:
7. Category of your institution (tick one):
 Public: Please specify type: (University / College/ Others: _____)
 Private: Please specify type: (University / College/ Others: _____)
 Others: Please specify: _____
8. Working years in Malaysian HEI: _____ years and _____ months
9. Tenure with your current institution in Malaysia: _____ years and _____ months
10. Your job position (tick one):
 Tutor Assistant Lecturer
 Lecturer Associate Professor
 Professor Others. Please specify: _____
11. Tenure with your current job position: _____ years

APPENDIX B

RESPONDENT'S PROFILE

Age

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid 18-34	28	14.0	14.0	14.0
Valid 35-57	172	86.0	86.0	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

Gender

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Male	148	74.0	74.0	74.0
Valid Female	52	26.0	26.0	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

Race

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Asians	130	65.0	65.0	65.0
Valid Africans	8	4.0	4.0	69.0
Valid Europeans	17	8.5	8.5	77.5
Valid Americans	1	.5	.5	78.0
Valid Mixed	44	22.0	22.0	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

MaritalStatus

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Single	27	13.5	13.5	13.5
Married	170	85.0	85.0	98.5
Valid Widowed	2	1.0	1.0	99.5
Divorced	1	.5	.5	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

Country

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Asia	133	66.5	66.5	66.5
Australia	3	1.5	1.5	68.0
Africa	21	10.5	10.5	78.5
Valid Europe	35	17.5	17.5	96.0
North America	6	3.0	3.0	99.0
South America	2	1.0	1.0	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

Qualification

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Certificate	1	.5	.5	.5
Valid Bachelor Degree/ Professional Qualification	1	.5	.5	1.0
Postgraduate Degree	198	99.0	99.0	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

UNiCategory

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Private	118	59.0	59.0	59.0
Valid Public	82	41.0	41.0	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

WorkingYearsinMsianHEI

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Below 1 year	1	.5	.5	.5
Valid 1-2 years	25	12.5	12.5	13.0
Valid 3-5years	63	31.5	31.5	44.5
Valid 6 years and above	111	55.5	55.5	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

TenureinCurrentInsinMsia

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid Below 1 years	1	.5	.5	.5
Valid 1-2 years	25	12.5	12.5	13.0
Valid 3-5 years	73	36.5	36.5	49.5
Valid 6 years and above	101	50.5	50.5	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

JobPosition

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Assistant Lecturer	6	3.0	3.0	3.0
Lecturer	127	63.5	63.5	66.5
Senior Lecturer	1	.5	.5	67.0
Valid Assistant Professor	3	1.5	1.5	68.5
Associate Professor	53	26.5	26.5	95.0
Professor	10	5.0	5.0	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

TenureCurrentJobPosition

	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Below 1 years	1	.5	.5	.5
1-2 years	29	14.5	14.5	15.0
Valid 3-5 years	73	36.5	36.5	51.5
6 years and above	97	48.5	48.5	100.0
Total	200	100.0	100.0	

APPENDIX C

COMMON METHOD VARIANCE

Component	Total Variance Explained					
	Initial Eigenvalues			Extraction Sums of Squared Loadings		
	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %	Total	% of Variance	Cumulative %
1	15.672	18.014	18.014	15.672	18.014	18.014
2	9.206	10.582	28.596	9.206	10.582	28.596
3	8.021	9.219	37.815	8.021	9.219	37.815
4	6.378	7.331	45.146	6.378	7.331	45.146
5	3.895	4.477	49.622	3.895	4.477	49.622
6	2.679	3.080	52.702	2.679	3.080	52.702
7	2.472	2.842	55.544	2.472	2.842	55.544
8	2.249	2.585	58.129	2.249	2.585	58.129
9	2.125	2.442	60.571	2.125	2.442	60.571
10	1.847	2.123	62.694	1.847	2.123	62.694
11	1.772	2.037	64.732	1.772	2.037	64.732
12	1.511	1.737	66.469	1.511	1.737	66.469
13	1.462	1.680	68.149	1.462	1.680	68.149
14	1.440	1.655	69.804	1.440	1.655	69.804
15	1.232	1.417	71.220	1.232	1.417	71.220
16	1.182	1.359	72.579	1.182	1.359	72.579
17	1.151	1.323	73.902	1.151	1.323	73.902
18	1.101	1.265	75.167	1.101	1.265	75.167
19	1.054	1.211	76.379	1.054	1.211	76.379
20	1.007	1.157	77.536	1.007	1.157	77.536
21	.946	1.088	78.624			
22	.907	1.042	79.666			
23	.836	.961	80.627			
24	.804	.925	81.552			
25	.798	.917	82.468			
26	.725	.833	83.302			
27	.709	.815	84.117			
28	.669	.769	84.886			
29	.611	.702	85.588			
30	.589	.676	86.264			

31	.581	.667	86.932
32	.576	.663	87.594
33	.545	.626	88.220
34	.531	.610	88.830
35	.515	.592	89.422
36	.471	.541	89.963
37	.455	.523	90.486
38	.426	.489	90.976
39	.409	.470	91.446
40	.393	.451	91.897
41	.386	.444	92.341
42	.365	.419	92.760
43	.350	.403	93.162
44	.340	.391	93.553
45	.328	.377	93.930
46	.304	.349	94.280
47	.299	.344	94.624
48	.290	.334	94.958
49	.285	.328	95.285
50	.266	.305	95.591
51	.250	.287	95.878
52	.237	.273	96.151
53	.231	.266	96.416
54	.218	.251	96.667
55	.204	.234	96.901
56	.194	.223	97.124
57	.185	.213	97.336
58	.182	.209	97.546
59	.169	.194	97.740
60	.167	.192	97.931
61	.157	.180	98.111
62	.148	.170	98.282
63	.136	.156	98.438
64	.128	.147	98.585
65	.119	.137	98.722
66	.115	.133	98.855
67	.108	.124	98.979
68	.104	.120	99.099
69	.087	.100	99.198
70	.085	.097	99.296
71	.083	.096	99.391
72	.079	.091	99.482

73	.070	.080	99.563		
74	.063	.073	99.635		
75	.061	.070	99.706		
76	.055	.063	99.769		
77	.052	.060	99.829		
78	.047	.054	99.882		
79	.038	.043	99.926		
80	.031	.036	99.961		
81	.023	.026	99.988		
82	.008	.009	99.997		
83	.002	.002	99.999		
84	.001	.001	100.000		
85	-1.075E-017	-1.235E-017	100.000		
86	-4.196E-017	-4.823E-017	100.000		
87	-1.322E-015	-1.519E-015	100.000		

Extraction Method: Principal Component Analysis.

APPENDIX D

NORMALITY TEST OF DATA FOR THE STUDY VARIABLES

VARIABLES	Mean	Std. Deviation	Skewness	Std Error Skewness	Kurtosis	Std Error Kurtosis
Academic Career	3.9876	.64941	-0.669	0.169	-0.781	0.291
Academic Freedom	4.2108	.87620	-0.441	0.169	-0.846	0.291
Academic Tenure	4.1851	.57446	-0.269	0.169	-0.67	0.291
Behavioral Cultural Intelligence	3.8985	.77002	-0.799	0.169	-0.792	0.291
Cognitive Cultural Intelligence	4.0030	.63577	-0.798	0.169	-0.529	0.291
Collegial Governance	3.7776	.80736	-0.552	0.169	-0.556	0.291
Content tactics	3.8271	.77460	-0.551	0.169	-0.596	0.291
Context Tactics	3.7701	.82681	-0.489	0.169	-0.697	0.291
General Adjustment	3.7701	.73802	0.465	0.169	-0.891	0.291
Institutional Autonomy	3.7403	.81933	-0.552	0.169	-0.829	0.291
Interactional Adjustment	3.7575	.87678	-0.505	0.169	-0.691	0.291
Meta-Cognitive Cultural Intelligence	4.0403	.67958	-0.126	0.169	-0.874	0.291
Motivational Cultural Intelligence	4.0970	.67160	-0.189	0.169	-0.851	0.291
Self-efficacy	4.0075	.73189	-0.56	0.169	-0.587	0.291
Social Tactics	3.8970	.74136	-0.512	0.169	-0.638	0.291
Work Adjustment	3.8843	.74710	-0.098	0.169	-0.789	0.291

APPENDIX E

CONSTRUCT VALIDITY: LOADINGS AND CROSS LOADINGS

Measures	AC	AT	AF	BCI	CCI	CGI	CNTNT	CT	GA	INTI	MC	MCCI	JP	SE	ST	CA	IA	
AC1	0.875	-0.139	-0.082	0.012	-0.283	-0.226	0.057	-	-0.023	0.047	0.208	0.078	0.062	-	-	-0.158	0.033	
AC2	0.924	-0.141	-0.02	0.032	-0.268	-0.365	0.021	0.024 0.046	-0.047	0.038	0.304	0.086	0.055	0.126	0.041	-0.201	-0.019	
AF1	-0.063	0.198	0.848	0.146	-0.002	0.007	0.268	0.605	0.446	0.311	-0.017	0.354	0.353	-	0.273	0.137	0.142	
AF2	-0.033	0.173	0.782	0.001	-0.021	-0.014	0.206	0.584	0.366	0.376	0.004	0.467	0.345	0.089	0.124	0.229	0.063	0.034
AF3	-0.003	0.142	0.829	0.188	-0.112	-0.045	0.243	0.532	0.385	0.339	0.087	0.422	0.243	-	0.232	0.101	0.084	
AF4	-0.056	0.203	0.816	0.11	-0.037	-0.019	0.219	0.531	0.421	0.34	0.034	0.452	0.323	0.191	-	0.282	0.098	0.15
AF5	-0.091	0.199	0.846	0.026	0.072	-0.024	0.212	0.561	0.401	0.297	0.029	0.366	0.261	0.179	-	0.241	0.103	0.149
AF6	-0.046	0.169	0.872	0.117	-0.091	-0.068	0.21	0.62	0.435	0.345	0.066	0.478	0.273	0.061	-	0.307	0.128	0.154
AF7	-0.014	0.159	0.814	0.12	-0.041	-0.055	0.329	0.514	0.371	0.333	0.085	0.329	0.282	0.103	-	0.217	0.18	0.116
AT1	-0.126	0.95	0.19	-0.022	0.078	0.028	0.024	0.221	0.447	0.274	-0.039	0.165	0.164	0.115	-	0.536	0.062	0.238
AT2	-0.169	0.956	0.218	-0.005	0.056	0.099	0.002	0.242	0.47	0.292	-0.019	0.183	0.164	0.141	-	0.588	0.11	0.26
BCI1	-0.033	0.001	0.103	0.829	-0.23	-0.112	0.046	0.121	0.084	0.015	0.229	0.063	0.131	0.116	-	-	-0.095	0
BCI2	0.084	-0.041	0.114	0.86	-0.229	-0.162	-0.066	0.128	0.075	-0.005	0.224	0.113	-0.046	0.059	0.013	-0.014	0.035	
BCI3	0.077	-0.014	0.096	0.872	-0.285	-0.238	0.002	0.119	0.052	0.003	0.279	0.081	0.052	0.076	-	0.074	-0.076	0.039
BCI4	0.05	-0.003	0.104	0.868	-0.222	-0.174	0.043	0.101	0.075	0.019	0.288	0.038	0.009	0.088	-	0.069	-0.072	0.064
BCI5	-0.064	-0.02	0.11	0.814	-0.179	0	0.098	0.075	0.074	0.024	0.125	0.03	0.115	0.039	-	0.075	0.002	0.006
														0.035				

CCI1	-0.181	0.034	0.028	-0.245	0.615	0.282	0.031	0.014	0.067	0.091	-0.28	-0.072	0.057	-	-	0.255	-0.047
CCI2	-0.248	0.055	-0.032	-0.223	0.852	0.333	0.115	-	-0.006	0.009	-0.553	-0.098	0.089	0.012	-	0.341	-0.148
CCI3	-0.241	0.074	-0.014	-0.24	0.825	0.299	0.09	-	0.033	0.047	-0.468	-0.131	0.059	0.039	0.02	0.236	-0.11
CCI4	-0.228	0.102	-0.069	-0.13	0.761	0.203	-0.087	-	-0.002	-0.032	-0.432	-0.204	0.022	0.071	0.017	0.261	-0.14
CCI5	-0.256	-0.016	-0.078	-0.188	0.69	0.222	-0.079	-	-0.06	-0.101	-0.317	-0.224	0.024	0.081	-	0.204	-0.048
CG1	-0.335	0.175	-0.031	-0.163	0.347	0.938	0.001	-	0.036	0.013	-0.389	-0.118	0.033	0.014	0.019	0.248	0.028
CG2	-0.3	-0.042	-0.04	-0.156	0.333	0.944	0.009	-	-0.044	0.046	-0.415	-0.142	-0.019	0.039	-	0.255	-0.019
CNTNT1	0.052	-0.034	0.275	0.024	0.031	0.028	0.921	0.257	0.039	0.13	0.052	0.116	0.318	-	-	0.08	-0.041
CNTNT2	-0.019	0.075	0.265	0.036	0.067	0.023	0.864	0.23	0.068	0.023	-0.015	0.117	0.3	0.034	0.011	0.062	-0.05
CNTNT3	0.054	0.029	0.238	0.029	-0.001	-0.037	0.888	0.244	0.081	0.085	0.049	0.148	0.31	-	0.069	0.035	0.006
CT1	0.043	0.225	0.608	0.185	-0.11	-0.131	0.238	0.902	0.434	0.355	0.032	0.558	0.322	-	0.354	0.01	0.064
CT2	-0.015	0.236	0.628	0.108	-0.006	-0.095	0.249	0.926	0.47	0.376	0.023	0.561	0.35	0.121	-	0.451	0.014
CT3	-0.017	0.212	0.631	0.083	-0.055	-0.096	0.256	0.921	0.468	0.384	0.001	0.566	0.329	-	0.444	-0.031	0.078
CT4	0.052	0.216	0.616	0.107	-0.067	-0.077	0.26	0.903	0.455	0.416	0.076	0.488	0.291	0.124	-	0.344	0.004
GA1	-0.054	0.481	0.43	0.072	0.024	0.045	0.114	0.45	0.877	0.508	-0.015	0.402	0.313	-	0.398	0.166	0.434
GA2	-0.023	0.44	0.475	0.059	-0.008	-0.054	0.087	0.456	0.916	0.527	0.038	0.464	0.335	-	0.466	0.023	0.494
GA3	-0.043	0.46	0.468	0.091	-0.05	-0.075	0.068	0.488	0.888	0.519	0.037	0.441	0.349	0.387	-0.32	0.517	0.012
GA4	-0.047	0.402	0.433	0.135	0.043	0.072	0.048	0.443	0.881	0.47	0	0.411	0.369	-	0.381	0.032	0.527
GA5	-0.017	0.466	0.42	0.076	0.035	-0.027	-0.008	0.427	0.897	0.521	-0.042	0.425	0.352	-	0.396	0.064	0.458
GA6	-0.031	0.385	0.39	0.011	0.023	0.003	0.093	0.421	0.897	0.504	-0.021	0.446	0.327	0.334	-	0.413	0.05
GA7	-0.034	0.348	0.4	0.084	0.005	0.009	0.007	0.419	0.849	0.448	-0.045	0.419	0.354	-	0.387	0.001	0.446
IA1	0.007	0.252	0.138	0.018	-0.191	0.047	0.035	0.097	0.469	0.142	0.125	0.188	0.071	0.366	-	0.224	0.014
														0.269			0.876

IA2	0.024	0.26	0.15	0.048	-0.144	-0.02	-0.019	0.105	0.496	0.135	0.182	0.184	0.065	-	0.294	-0.073	0.917	
IA3	0.003	0.289	0.137	0.023	-0.122	-0.03	0.006	0.112	0.485	0.142	0.119	0.149	0.087	0.212	-	0.283	-0.03	0.886
IA4	-0.025	0.203	0.113	0.027	-0.092	0.009	-0.07	0.042	0.453	0.069	0.106	0.11	0.081	0.183	-	0.166	-0.025	0.895
IA5	-0.009	0.255	0.13	0.019	-0.137	-0.007	-0.038	0.039	0.483	0.145	0.102	0.117	0.1	0.247	-	0.188	-0.029	0.899
IA6	0.005	0.195	0.093	0.006	-0.163	-0.016	-0.003	0.044	0.493	0.142	0.126	0.156	0.078	0.165	-	0.21	-0.043	0.906
IA7	0.027	0.188	0.126	0.058	-0.111	0.02	-0.066	0.059	0.457	0.085	0.07	0.104	0.089	0.226	-	0.158	-0.052	0.884
IA8	0.003	0.263	0.145	0.068	-0.08	0.025	-0.074	0.074	0.453	0.095	0.11	0.09	0.074	0.275	-	0.208	-0.009	0.902
IA9	-0.003	0.191	0.12	0.012	-0.051	0.013	-0.024	0.072	0.455	0.151	0.111	0.125	0.1	0.173	-	0.15	-0.018	0.864
INTA1	0.003	0.267	0.353	-0.033	0.024	0.031	0.098	0.363	0.517	0.88	-0.018	0.275	0.337	0.239	-	0.248	0.168	0.169
INTA2	0.077	0.254	0.37	-0.02	0.008	-0.01	0.11	0.399	0.507	0.928	-0.009	0.301	0.325	0.184	-	0.273	0.159	0.087
INTA3	0.067	0.283	0.36	0.055	-0.002	0.045	0.104	0.423	0.511	0.909	-0.053	0.33	0.314	0.184	-0.19	0.262	0.105	0.083
INTA4	0.016	0.255	0.353	0.048	0.005	0.049	0.044	0.303	0.473	0.842	-0.02	0.268	0.308	0.182	-	0.234	0.141	0.162
MCC11	0.14	-0.15	0.085	0.13	-0.307	-0.248	0.071	0.103	-0.02	-0.031	0.686	0.031	-0.108	-	-	-0.139	0.085	
MCC12	0.138	-0.056	0.02	0.134	-0.323	-0.236	0.093	0.027	-0.06	-0.07	0.777	0	-0.12	0.058	0.069	-0.198	0.075	
MCC13	0.249	-0.075	0.049	0.247	-0.457	-0.332	0.069	0.021	-0.027	0.03	0.784	-0.029	-0.114	0.001	0.039	-0.149	0.128	
MCC14	0.271	0.058	0.078	0.299	-0.471	-0.395	0.036	0.003	0.036	0.018	0.835	0.04	-0.088	0.027	0.018	-0.224	0.105	
MCC15	0.282	0.026	-0.007	0.245	-0.534	-0.393	-0.057	0.016	0.022	-0.041	0.772	0.113	-0.123	0.025	0.06	-0.285	0.115	
MCI2	0.063	0.15	0.362	0.051	-0.174	-0.076	0.072	0.435	0.385	0.26	-0.025	0.87	0.206	-	0.454	-0.084	0.155	
MCI3	0.065	0.065	0.435	0.067	-0.18	-0.115	0.103	0.507	0.341	0.233	0.131	0.776	0.175	0.184	-	0.291	-0.039	0.126
MCI4	0.111	0.168	0.417	0.024	-0.158	-0.13	0.123	0.503	0.421	0.304	0.075	0.848	0.171	0.011	-	0.39	-0.065	0.111
MCI5	0.065	0.212	0.449	0.107	-0.12	-0.142	0.168	0.55	0.468	0.303	0.011	0.866	0.261	0.103	-	0.453	0.001	0.127
SE1	-0.013	-0.103	-0.203	-0.13	0.016	0.026	-0.154	-	-0.398	-0.199	-0.036	-0.149	-0.15	0.112	-	-	-0.052	-0.204
							0.174							0.672	0.162			

SE2	-0.091	-0.067	-0.084	-0.08	0.061	0.029	0.073	-	-0.362	-0.134	0.009	-0.153	-0.153	0.791	-	0.06	-0.219
SE3	-0.099	-0.056	-0.119	-0.03	-0.031	-0.035	0.023	0.172	-0.287	-0.175	0.015	-0.047	-0.124	0.803	0.094	0.022	-0.186
SE4	-0.122	-0.123	-0.101	-0.036	0.066	0.045	0	0.117	-0.313	-0.13	-0.033	-0.081	-0.107	0.878	0.053	-0.033	-0.188
SE5	-0.112	-0.142	-0.104	-0.03	0.042	-0.023	-0.003	0.049	-0.345	-0.192	0.025	-0.098	-0.145	0.826	0.138	-0.06	-0.174
SE6	-0.082	-0.026	-0.057	-0.003	0.003	0.043	-0.025	-	-0.194	-0.082	-0.005	0.006	-0.073	0.686	0.032	-0.017	-0.173
SE7	-0.136	-0.181	-0.094	-0.037	0.087	0.074	-0.016	0.044	-0.35	-0.189	-0.016	-0.105	-0.124	0.853	0.014	-0.008	-0.207
ST1	-0.051	0.582	0.281	0.036	-0.072	-0.037	0.032	0.043	0.474	0.284	0.019	0.459	0.157	-	0.155	0.011	0.237
ST2	-0.026	0.493	0.212	0.092	-0.078	-0.019	0.03	0.332	0.348	0.185	0.015	0.389	0.099	-	0.121	-0.053	0.162
ST3	-0.056	0.458	0.294	0.055	0.011	-0.014	0.048	0.419	0.416	0.237	0.006	0.415	0.178	-	0.097	0.019	0.201
ST4	0.014	0.578	0.307	0.027	-0.015	-0.051	0.08	0.408	0.462	0.302	0.043	0.446	0.203	-	0.111	0.017	0.235
WA1	-0.209	0.09	0.087	-0.043	0.291	0.298	0.009	-	0.029	0.089	-0.244	-0.1	-0.011	-	0.122	0.838	-0.023
WA2	-0.134	0.11	0.19	-0.052	0.271	0.149	0.073	0.062	0.086	0.192	-0.212	0.031	0.131	-	0.001	0.023	0.003
WA3	-0.183	0.047	0.103	-0.09	0.361	0.245	0.096	0.072	0.039	0.148	-0.261	-0.06	0.097	-	0.047	0.029	0.893
								0.002						-	0.003	0.904	-0.061

Note: Id values are the loadings of the constructs which are greater than 0.5

APPENDIX F

PLS STRUCTURAL MODEL OF THE STUDY

