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Knowledge sharing behavior, job attitudes, OCB and organizational learning culture

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Received: 28 April 2017 Accepted: 15 June 2017 Published: 21 August 2017 **Abstract**. This research tested the moderating effect of Organizational Learning Culture (OLC) with Organizational Citizenship Behavior (OCB) as a mediator variable on relationship of Job Attitudes (JA) and Knowledge Sharing Behavior (KSB). This investigation aims to clarify the linkage between JA, OCB, OLC and KSB. Research design was based on deductive approach and quantitative methods for the purpose of exploratory analysis. 100 respondents were involved in this survey in which 68 facilitators were from Urban Poverty Alleviation Program and 32 others were from Foundation for Development of Rural Potential. Data collected are analyzed and supported by SEM Program. Study showed that JA were not related significantly to KSB. The study also found that JA are correlated positivly and significantly to OCB. OCB has been found as a significant mediator of correlation between JA and KSB. It also found that OLC is a strong significant moderator of OCB toward KSB. It means that OLC has the most of role in strengthening of OCB to mediate JA and KSB. It suggests that in future research may investigate the role of OLC as a moderator variable for JA toward KSB.

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INTRODUCTION

Knowledge sharing behavior is a part of knowledge management (Mohamed, 2014; Idris, Nita & Godwin, 2015) including the exchange of knowledge, skill, experiences, and capabilities among co-workers or employees. Knowledge sharing behavior is interpreted to supply the information for the task of other people who can help them to negotiate the problems, policies, or development of new ideas (Pulakos, Dorsey & Borman, 2003; O'Donohue, Sheehan, Hecker & Holland, 2007).

For a dynamic and competitive economy, knowledge has a crucial role for sustainable competitive advantage (Davenport & Prusak, 1998). It is considered as a value that makes competitive advantage and remains in the market (Darvish & Nazari, 2013). The knowledge possessed by the firm is a strategic resource that can create a competitive advantage (Demsetz, 1988; Spender, 1996). Knowledge sharing has a few barriers. They are the lack of time, loss of awareness in knowledge management, and lost consciousness to knowledge (Leistner, 2010). The barriers occurred for the reason created and stored knowledge in organization's members (Chow, 2008; Ali, 2012).

The sticky in transferring knowledge was a key issue in the firm, because the transfer of knowledge within the firm takes time, incurs costs, and uncertainty (Szulanski, 2003). Knowledge sharing behavior was not common because people considered that their knowledge is a valuable asset and had a natural tendency to keep their information Davenport & Prusak, (as cited by Hsu, Ju, Yen & Chang, 2007; Teh & Sun, 2012). The reluctance of employees to share their

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knowledge with colleagues has created a problem for organization's survival (Lin, 2007; Teh & Sun, 2012). Salman (2015) stated that JA are linked with KSB. Teh & Sun (2012) has found that OCB have a direct effect on KSB but could not act as a mediator.

Most of scholars agreed that JA have correlated indirectly with KSB (Bock & Kim, 2001; Ryu, Ho & Hsu, 2003; Lin & Lee, 2004; Chatzoglou & Vraimaki, 2009; Tohidinia & Mosakhani, 2010; Zboralski, 2009). Antecedents of knowledge sharing in communities of practice (Zboralski, 2009; Jeon, Kim & Koh, 2011; Zhang & Ng, 2012; Jarvenpaa & Staples, 2001), but the other scientists concluded that JA linked directly with KSB (Teh & Sun, 2012). The other results of research show that OLC is correlated with OCB and Knowledge Sharing behavior.

Islam (2012) and Jo & Joo (2012) in their study found that OLC affected OCB and Knowledge sharing Behavior. It is indicating that the development of OLC will increase the KSB of employees. It also concluded that OLC has a strategic role towards both variables whether OCB or KSB. Al-Zu'bi (2011) stated that the antecedents of knowledge sharing and JA are OCB. This research will investigate the relationship between JA, OCB, OLC and KSB.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Knowledge Sharing Behavior

Knowledge sharing is that activity where agents (individuals, communities or organizations) exchange their knowledge (information, skills or expertise) (Ali, 2012; Blau, 1964).

It is linked to the knowledge management process, which can be broadly characterized by four activities, the creation, storage and retrieval, transfer and application of knowledge (Ireson & Burel, 2010; Ali, 2012; Nagshbandi, Kumar & Markscheffel, 2017). Davenport & Prusak (1998) defined that "Knowledge is a fluid mix of framed experiences, values, contextual information, and expert insight that provide a framework for evaluating and incorporating new experiences and information". Knowledge sharing behavior is spread and shares knowledge that has a value possessed by other members in the organization (Ryu et al., 2003). Knowledge sharing was supported by different purposes. They are to acquire knowledge, to reuse knowledge, and to develop new knowledge (Huysman & Dewit, 2002). According to Lin (2007), knowledge sharing is fundamental to generate new ideas and develop new opportunities through the socialization and learning process of employees. Knowledge sharing plays an essential role in

the organizational process because it helps an organization to transfer new ideas or solutions (Islam, 2012).

Job Attitudes

TRA (Fishbein & Ajzen, 1977) and TPB (Ajzen, 1991) explained the connection between attitude to behave, subjective norms, and control of perceived behavioral as the independent variables, intention to behave as a mediator variable, and behavior as a dependent variable. These theories stated that behavior will arise when there is an intention in a person to behave that is determined by attitude to behave, subjective norms, and control of perceived behavior. Both theories are applied to predict the influence of factors on KSB. Bock, Zmud, Kim & Lee (2005) stated that the KSB is determined by the intention to behave and intention to behave is determined by the attitudes to share knowledge. Ryu et al. (2003) argued that TPB as a theory which is considered success in predicting KSB. This finding indicates that JA are related to KSB with intention to share as a mediator. Holotezi (2002) found that JA were not correlating indirectly with KSB. It is consistent with Al-Zu'bi (2011) who found that JA are not an antecedent of KSB, but contrary to Teh & Sun (2012) who clarify that JA are directly related to KSB. To fill the gap of these findings, researcher assumes that enhancement of JA will spur KSB. Thus, it proposed a hypothesis that:

H1: JA affects positive significantly toward KSB.

The study showed that job satisfaction has a significantly influence on OCB (Huang, You & Tsai, 2012), and organizational commitment also has a significant influence on OCB in organizations (Ali, 2012; Schappe, 1998; Ali, 2012. However, another study found that job satisfaction (Schappe, 1998; Mohamed, 2014; Huang *et al.*, 2012) and organizational commitment (Ali, 2012; Huang *et al.*, 2012; Teh & Sun, 2012) have no significant effect on OCB of an individual. Job involvement also showed that it has a significant effect on OCB in organizations (Ali, 2012; Teh & Sun, 2012; Naqshbandi, Singh & Ma, 2016). Al-Zu'bi (2011) concluded in their research that job attitude is an antecedent of organizational citizenship behavior. As the determinant variables, JA show the significant effect on OCB (Holotezi, 2002). Furthermore, researcher hypothesized that:

H2: JA affects positive significantly toward organizational citizenship behavior (OCB).

Organizational Citizenship Behavior

OCB is the determinant of KSB (Al-Zu'bi, 2011; Ramasamy & Thamaraiselvan, 2011; Teh & Yong, 2011; Islam, 2012;



Teh & Sun, 2012). According to Susanti & Wimbarti (2012), OCB is not related to tacit KSB (Susanti & Wimbarti, 2012). OCB is a partial mediator (Islam, Hasan, Ahmed & Ahmed, 2011; Supriyanto, 2013; Allameh, Zamani & Davoodi, 2011; Jofreh, Aghaei & Mamqani, 2014; Naqshbandi & Kaur, 2011d). However, OCB is not able to mediate correlation between JA and KSB (Teh & Sun, 2012). Finally, it can be concluded that the improving of OCB would affect the growth of KSB. On the contrary, the lower OCB would produce lower KSB. Furthermore, it proposed the hypotheses that:

H3: OCB affects positive significantly toward KSB.

H4: OCB affects positive significantly toward mediation relationship between JA and KSB.

Organizational Learning Culture

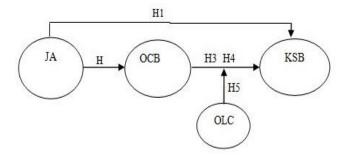
Behavioral Theory of the Firm (Cyert & March, 1963, Ali, 2012) stated a firm as an adaptive system, where experiences were embedded in a number of standard operating procedures (routine) in which dispute resolution procedures are based on the mechanism that has been set before. Time to time and with experiences changing, the firm changed its routines through the search process and organizational learning.

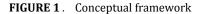
The view of this behavior theory was adopted by Huber (1991) and suggested that organizational learning occurred when components of organization acquire knowledge and recognize it as a potential benefit. Learning is one of the organizational culture elements (Schein, 1993; Robbins & Judge, 2013). OLC is an antecedent of OCB (Somech & Drach-Zahavy, 2004; Islam *et al.*, 2012). Furthermore, the more the OLC, the higher the OCB of employees. However, Islam *et al.* in Karimi & Akbari (2013) showed that there is no significant correlation between organizational learning ability and OCB.

Therefore, an improving of organizational learning ability would not affect growth of OCB. Organizational culture has a linkage with KSB (Holotezi, 2002; Issa & Haddad, 2008; Kouchaki, Ghayoomi & Moradi, 2012). As a process of learning, OLC has significantly affected KSB (Islam *et al.*, 2011). Finally, it can be concluded that the improving of OLC will strengthen OCB to improve KSB. Instead, the low OLC will give a weak OCB on the growth of KSB. Furthermore, researcher hypothesized that:

H5: OLC affects positive significantly toward moderation relationship between OCB and KSB.

Thus, conceptual framework can be seen in the following Figure 1.





RESEARCH METHODOLOGY Design

This research designs a deductive approach with quantitative method to explain the correlation between JA and KSB mediated by OCB and moderated by OLC. All hypotheses developed were tested using Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) processed by AMOS 22.

Samples

The total samples were 100 facilitators consisting of 68 facilitators of Urban Poverty Alleviation Program, and 38 facilitators of Foundation for Development of Rural Potential in Indonesia. The data were collected during the period of January 2015–November 2015 using a questionnaire and by personally visiting the organizations.

Measures

Standardized instruments were used for collecting the data. There were three indicators for measuring job attitude developed by Teh & Sun (2012). They are job involvement which is measured in four items developed by Schappe (1998), job satisfaction which is measured in six items developed by Islam *et al.* (2011), and organizational commitment which is measured in five items developed by (Lee & Allen, 2002; Teh & Sun, 2012). OCB is measured based on five main indicators developed by Organ (1988). They are altruism, civic virtue conscientiousness, and courtesy sportsmanship.

OLC is measured based on seven main indicators developed by (Szulanski, 2003). They are continuous learning, interaction and dialogue, collaborative team, creating a system, empowering people, connecting with organizations, and leadership strategy. Knowledge sharing behavior is measured based on two main indicators namely knowledge donation and knowledge collection (Jansen, Van Den Bosch



& Volberda, 2006; Tohidinia & Mosakhani, 2010; Schermerhorn & Harris Bond, 1997). Likert scale is used to measure the employees' responese on a 5-point scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree. Construct validity is measured with product moment (pearson) that should be in value minimum of $r \ge 0.3$ (Arikunto, 2006). Reliability test is analyzed with Cronbach's Alpha > 0,6 (Sekaran, 1992). Using $\alpha = 5\%$, validity and reliability test is processed by SPSS 22 and results show that all constructs are valid and reliable.

RESULTS

Descriptive Variables

Descriptive Statistic were used to describe the variables generally. The strength of each indicator should confirm the lambda value in range of ≥ 0.40 (Ferdinand, 2002).

Referring to Performance Importance Analysis (PIA) Muthusamy, White & Carr, (2007) show Job satisfaction and organizational commitment as the main factors of job attitudes; civic virtue, conscientiousness, and sportsmanship were the main factors of OCB; collaborative team, creating a system, and empowering people were the main factors of OLC; and knowledge donation and knowledge collection were the main factors of KSB. Descriptive Statistic are presented in Table 1.

TABLE 1 . Descriptive variable

Constructs	Indicators	Mean	Loading Factor
Job Attitudes	Job Involvement	3.89	0.61
	Job Satisfaction	3.84	0.85
	Organizational Commitment	3.60	0.68
Organizational	Altruism	3.88	0.56
Culture Behavior	Civic Virtue	3.70	0.59
	Contentiousness	3.84	0.58
	Courtesy	4.01	0.65
	Sportsmanship	3.94	0.68
Organizational	Continuous Learning	4.08	0.79
Learning Culture	Interaction And Dialogue	3.85	0.55
	Collaborative And Team	3.82	0.70
	Creating A System	4.07	0.80
	Empowering People	3.83	0.81
	Connecting to Organizations	4.12	0.73
	Leadership Strategy	3.99	0.78
Knowledge Sharing	Knowledge donation	3.87	0.83
Behavior	Knowledge collection	3.79	0.69

Hypotheses Testing

Result of testing indicated the standardized regression weights as shown in Tabel 2. For the moderation variable, it

used Ping and Jöreskog methods, as stated by Rohman, Solimun & Soehono (2013), to interact OLC with OCB. The test results of SEM can be seen in Table 2.

TABLE 2 . Standardized regression weights

Effect	Variable	OCB	KSB
Directly	JA	0.56**(s)	0.06 (ns)
	OCB		0.30** (s)
Mediation	OCB		0.17 (s)
Moderation	OLC x OCB		0.59** (s)

** Significant at $\alpha < 0.05$

TABLE 3 . Goodness of fit index

Criteria	Cutt off	Output	Remarks
Chi-square	Expected small	930.29	Small
GFI	≥ 0.90	0.28	Not fit
AGFI* ≥ 0.90	0.18	Not fit	
CFI	≥ 0.95	0.96	Fit
TLI	≥ 0.95	0.96	Fit
RMSEA	≤ 0.08	0.04	Fit

Source: Ferdinand (2002)

The model is feasible if at least one method of testing the feasibility of the model is fulfilled because in practice it is very difficult to meet the fifth test feasibility. However, when feasibility test model can meet more than one eligibility criterion, SEM will be better than only one (Widarjono, 2010).

The model as shown in Figure 3, showed that the values of CFI was 0.96, TLI was 0.96, and RMSEA was 0.04. It was stated by Hair, Anderson, Tatham & Black (1995) that the values of CFI and TLI \geq 0.95 and RMSEA \leq 0.08 were within the expected range of values that could be accepted. Therefore, it could be accepted even thought the value of Chi-square, GFI and AGFI were not within the expected range. Finally, it could be concluded the hypotheses that were previously are proposed as following:

 $\label{eq:H1} \begin{array}{l} \textbf{H1}: \textbf{JA} \rightarrow \textbf{KSB} = \textbf{rejected} \\ \textbf{H2}: \textbf{JA} \rightarrow \textbf{OCB} = \textbf{accepted} \\ \textbf{H3}: \textbf{OCB} \rightarrow \textbf{KSB} = \textbf{accepted} \end{array}$

 $\textbf{H4}: \textbf{JA} \rightarrow \textbf{OCB} \rightarrow \textbf{KSB} \texttt{=} accepted$

 $\textbf{H5}: \text{OCB x OLC} \rightarrow \text{KSB} = \text{accepted}$

DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

Study reveals that JA have correlated insignificantly with KSB. Therefore, Hypothesis (H1) is rejected. It means that the improvement of facilitators' job attitude will not de-



velop KSB. Job satisfaction and organizational commitment were the crucial elements of job attitudes. This finding is different from Teh & Sun (2012) who stated that JA are the main point of KSB. It occured because of the different situation of research which previously was in private sector while this research was in NGO. It is implying that employes who work in NGO such as in Urban Poverty Alleviation Program and Foundation for Development of Rural Potential will appear knowledge sharing if they are satisfied and committed to the organization. In addition, Teh & Sun (2012) imply that job involvement is the component to understand the task so that they are more confident and willing to engage in KSB.

In fact, facilitators in two NGOs do not have KSB because they have an opportunity to apply their abilities or skills that make them worry for lost power or position within organization which is stated by Chow (2008) that most of the employees are not ready to share their knowledge that gives a worth value because of worrying for exchanging their position held today.

Therefore, it is concluded that employees in private sector are more KSB than in public sector such as in NGO. This finding has been confirmed by research such as (Zhang & Ng, 2012). Study reveals that JA have a positively significant effect on OCB. Therefore, hypothesis (H2) is accepted. It means that the improvement of facilitators' job attitude will develop OCB. This finding is going on Teh & Sun (2012) who stated that JA have a direct effect on OCB because employees have job involvement and job satisfaction.

Organ (1988) stated that job involvement and job satisfaction are correlated with OCB. In addition, Schappe (1998) stated that organizational commitment affects OCB. It can be concluded that employees who work both in private sector and public sector will act according to OCB when they have a satisfaction, commitment, and involvement related to job organization. The study found that OCB impacts positively significantly the KSB. Therefore, Hypothesis (H3) is accepted. Sportsmanship becomes the biggest element for facilitator to behave with knowledge sharing with colleagues.

This finding is consistent with Teh & Sun (2012) research who stated that OCB is the determinant of KSB. It is supported by various studies such as Al-Zu'bi (2011); Ramasamy & Thamaraiselvan (2011). This study also found that OCB impacts positively significantly the mediating of the relationships between JA and KSB (Albarracin, Johnson & Zanna, 2014). Therefore, Hypothesis (H4) is accepted. It means that the improvement in OCB will not mediate the

ISSN: 2414-309X **DOI:** 10.20474/jabs-3.4.1 correlation with KSB. This finding is contrary to Teh & Sun (2012) finding OCB could not mediate the correlation between these variables. They explain that private sector in Malaysia has oriented in collectivism so that OCB has manifested in organization to KSB. The other factor contributing to IS personnel of private sector is altruism that gives an effect on KSB (Teh & Sun, 2012) while in this research not only altruism but also all of the indicators of OCB developed by Organ (1988) are affecting KSB. It is supported by (Al-Zu'bi, 2011; Ramasamy & Thamaraiselvan, 2011)). Study showed that OLC affects significantly in moderating the correlation between OCB and KSB.

Therefore, hypothesis (H5) is accepted. It means that the improvement of OLC will strengthen the correlation between organizational citizenship behaviors and KSB. It may conclude that OLC has a strategic role to strengthen OCB toward KSB (Casimir, Lee & Loon, 2012). Creating a system, collaborative and team, and Empowering people are the main reason for OLC. This study is going on Teh & Sun (2012) who revealed it is a moderator variable for OCB. This study is supported by Somech & Drach-Zahavy (2004) who stated that OLC is the component of OCB, and Islam et al. (2012) stated that OLC is linked with KSB. We concluded that JA have not affected KSB but affected OCB, OCB also acted as a mediating variable toward KSB, and OLC is full moderating for OCB toward KSB (Ho, Hsu & Oh, 2009). Thus, we proposed "Organizational Learning Model (OLM)" that presented is in Figure 2.

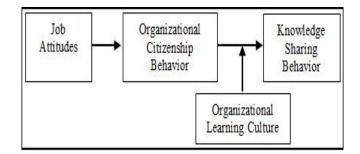


FIGURE 2. Organizational Learning Model (OLM)

Implications

This study gives an implication for developing of managerial and theoretical aspects. Form managerial perspective, JA should be concerned in NGOs. OCB has a capital role to mediate the JA determined by civic virtue, conscientiousness, and sportsmanship. These three variables were the main factors of OCB that should be owned by facilitator within facilitating the needs of community. OLC has a strategic role



to moderate OCB on KSB which determines factors that were collaborative team creating a system, and empowering people. These three indicators imply that the facilitators should establish a collaborative team, create a system, and empowering people to facilitate the community interests. With knowledge sharing behaviors' facilitator is collecting knowledge from the other people and donating his knowledge to the community. Theoretical Implications had given contributions to developing model of KSB resulted from organizational learning model as a new model which emphasizes KSB as an element important for NGOs and OLC as a moderator variable.

Limitations and Future Research

OLC acted as a moderator variable for OCB, while it had another moderation that is unreachable from this study such as job attitude which is found by (Malik & Danish, 2010). Thus, future research may investigate the other role of OLC. Subjective norm and perceived behavior of control are the other components of KSB that are unreachable in this research. So in the future research may add these variables. Samples of this study are facilitators who work in NGO so that in future research may investigate in another profession such as in government or private sector.

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