# Quality of Work Life Towards Organizational Agility Through Millennial Employee Work Engagements as Mediation

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Abstract. The shift in leadership from the older generation to the younger generation has now occurred in the Japanese Foreign Capital Company (PMA) organization in Indonesia, causing a shift in value. This research intends to develop conceptual and empirical models, influence work-life quality on organizational agility, and investigate the indirect effect of work-life quality on organizational agility via work engagement. This study uses quantitative methods with survey techniques using a questionnaire through 380 samples in the millennial age range at Japanese foreign capital companies in several industrial areas in West Java. The AMOS version 24 software was used to analyze the data using structural equation modeling (SEM). The results showed that the work engagement variable as mediation was proven positively and significantly influenced the quality of work-life and organizational agility. Policy implications that can be recommended for Japanese foreign capital companies in West Java are to increase work engagement and organizational agility as well as maximize the quality of work life. By increasing work engagement and organizational agility, Japanese Foreign Capital Companies will survive and compete in Indonesian.

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# **1** Introduction

Millennials fill around 40% of the workforce in Indonesia, who in the future will be the successors and replacements for the current leaders. Japanese PMA companies in Indonesia have also experienced a shift in the leadership generation from the older generation to the younger generation (HRPA member survey September 14-28, 2016). The formulation of the problem in the study is whether there is an effect of quality of work life on organizational agility with work engagement as a mediating variable in Japanese PMA companies in West Java. This study aims to find a conceptual model by analyzing the influence of quality of work life on the agility of Japanese PMA company organizations in West Java with work engagement millennial employee as mediation, and will provide an overview of the conditions of the millennial workforce working in Japanese PMA companies.

Thus, this study will contribute to policies relating to human resources and the professional duties of an employee in the manufacturing industry. From a number of previous studies [1]-[6]. In addition, this study has a number of novelties that distinguish it from previous studies. First, from the aspects of the object and subject of the study, where this research was conducted at companies engaged in the manufacturing industry in Japanese PMA companies in West Java

and took millennial employees as samples. Previous studies generally took the object of employees of various ages, while this study was specifically for millennial ages. Previous research only had similarities in one or two variables, and this study involved millennial employee work engagement as an intervening variable.

The novelty of this research is that the work engagement variable of millennial employees as a mediating variable can increase the effect of the indirect relationship between the Quality of Work Life variable on Organizational Agility. There are still not many researches on Japanese PMA companies that analyze the quality of work life and its effect on work engagement in organizational agility efforts. The mediation variable analyzed, namely the work engagement of millennial employees, will be different from the results of previous studies. This study focuses on variables that are thought to have an influence on the work engagement of millennial employees and the organizational agility of Japanese PMA companies. The variable that influences it is the quality of work life in Japanese PMA companies in several industrial areas in West Java Province. The problem in this study is based on a question whether the quality of work life of millennial employees has a positive effect on organizational agility in Japanese PMA companies with work engagement as mediation. The final objective of this research is to study organizational development in the context of the company's sustainability in running its business by having more and different advantages from other organizations. This model in this study is a model of causality or relationship and influence. The analysis used Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) which is operated through the AMOS version 24 software to test the hypothesis.

# 2 Method

This study uses a quantitative approach. The survey was conducted using google form of 380 respondents who are millennial employees aged between 19 and 40 years at Japanese PMA manufacturing companies in West Java Province (Bekasi Regency, Bekasi City, Karawang Regency, Karawang City, Purwakarta Regency and Subang Regency). which includes the automotive, electronics, chemical, food and beverage, plastic and metal industries. The instrument used to obtain research data was carried out using a five-scale questionnaire (Linkert scale). Compiled based on the theories that have been synthesized for each variable, conceptual definitions, operational definitions, dimensions and indicators.

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# **3** Results and Discussions

The research results and discussion are based on the data analysis from questionnaire using the AMOS version 24 software.

# 3.1. Results

# 3.1.1 Validity and reliability

The results of the validity and reliability test of the research variables are shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

Variable	Coefficient Correlation	Significance	Cut of Value	Information
X1 Quality of Work Life	0.681	0.000	0.05	Valid
Y1 Work Engagement	0.472	0.000	0.05	Valid
Y2 Organizational Agility	0.611	0.000	0.05	Valid

Table 1. Results of Test Validity of Research Variables

**Table 2.** Results of Test Reliability of Research Variables

Variable	Number of instruments	Cronbach's Alpha	R table	Result
Quality of work life	27	0.757	0.6	Reliable
Work Engagement	12	0.710	0.6	Reliable
Organizational Agility	12	0.751	0.6	Reliable

All instruments are appropriate to use, based on the results of the validity and reliability tests being high.

#### 3.1.2 SEM analysis results

SEM analysis results are presented in Table 3. Testing the Research Hypothesis are presented in Table 4.

Goodness of Fit Index	Cut off Value	Model Test Results	Information
Chi-Square (df = $109$ )	< 134.368	303.970	Good
Probability	$\geq 0.05$	0.059	Good
CMIN/DF	$\leq 2.00$	1.139	Good
AGFI	$\geq 0.90$	0.930	Good
GFI	$\geq 0.90$	0.943	Good
TLI	$\geq 0.95$	0.992	Good
CFI	$\geq 0.95$	0.993	Good
RMSEA	$\leq 0.08$	0.019	Good

Table 3. Results of Testing the Feasibility of the Research Model

Based on the analysis results (Table 3), the analyzed model was cursive model with a sample size of 380. Chi-Square value = 303.970 with df = 265 and probability 0.000. The Chi-Square results show that the null hypothesis which states the model that the same as empirical data is accepted which means the model is fit.

#### 3.1.3 Hypothesis test

Based on Table 4, hypothesis testing can be explained as follows.

Table 4. Testing the Research Hypothesis

Variable	e		Estimate	<b>Standard Error</b>	<b>Critical Ratio</b>	Probability
WE	<	QWL	0.118	0.038	3.084	0.002
OA	<	QWL	0.144	0.054	2.678	0.007
OA	<	WE	0.468	0.154	3.044	0.002

The Critical Ratio (CR) value of 3.084 with a probability of 0.002 is the estimation parameter for examining the effect of Quality of Work Life on Work Engagement. As a result, because the probability value was less than 0.05, the Quality of Work Life variable was found to have a positive and significant impact on Work Engagement. The findings demonstrated that the theory was put to the test.

The CR value of 2.678 with a probability of 0.007 is the estimation parameter for examining the effect of Quality of Work Life on organizational agility. As a result, because the probability value was less than 0.05, we may conclude that the Quality of Work Life variable has a positive and significant impact on organizational agility. The findings demonstrated that the theory was put to the test.

The CR value of 3.084 with a probability of 0.002 is the estimation parameter for assessing the effect of Quality of Work Life on Work Engagement. Because the probability value was less than 0.05, the effect of Quality of Work Life on organizational agility via Work Engagement was 0.238 X 0.246 = 0.059, resulting in a total effect of 0.211. According to these findings, the indirect influence outweighs the direct effect. As a result, the Work Engagement variable has been shown to be a positive and significant mediator between Quality of Work Life and Organizational Agility. The findings demonstrated that the theory was put to the test.

#### 3.2. Discussions

The ability of an organization to survive and improve in an environment of constant and unpredictable change is referred to as organizational agility [7]. or it can refer to the ability to move quickly, to move quickly and easily, and to think quickly and wisely [8]. It is hoped that the organization will gain a competitive edge by being able to face and adapt to changing business situations with this skill. This is certainly a necessity for the company to continue in any business environment. Japanese Foreign Capital Companies in West Java are customeroriented by paying attention to employee needs in an effort to improve the quality of employee resources for a more conducive work environment.

Based on the results of SEM analysis, research findings show that quality of work life encourages work engagement and agility of Japanese foreign capital companies in West Java, which means that Japanese foreign capital companies in West Java have a better quality of work life by carrying out activities that improve relationships. employees with a work environment will increase the agility of Japanese foreign investment companies in West Java. This means that if the quality of work life increases, the work engagement as willingness to try earnestly in doing the job, as well as persistence and persistence in facing difficulties in work [9] and agility of Japanese foreign capital companies in West Java will also increase.

According to the findings of the study, the mediating variable of millennial employee job engagement can boost the indirect association between quality of work life and organizational agility when compared to the direct relationship between each component and organizational agility. This is due to the fact that various indicators in the quality of work life variable, such as job security, occupational health, compensation, and pride, would offer millennial employees' enthusiasm and connection to their jobs. Good work engagement will make vigor, work dedication and high absorption, and have an impact on employee competence, speed and responsiveness of employees in the context of employees and companies' ability to adapt to changes in the company's internal and external environment in an effort to sustain business in Japanese Foreign Capital Companies. is in West Java.

#### 4 Conclusion

Through job engagement, Quality of Work Life has a positive and significant impact on Organizational Agility. The indirect effect of work life quality on organizational agility, as mediated by job engagement, was found to be larger than the direct effect. As a result, it can be concluded that the variable Work engagement as a mediator has been shown to have a positive and significant impact on Organizational Agility.

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