

# The Organizational Citizenship Behaviors and Organizational Commitments of Organizational Members Influences the Effects of Organizational Learning

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**Abstract**—The purposes of the study were to examine the relationship among organizational citizenship behaviors, organizational commitments and organizational learning effects. The researchers employ person-organization fit (P-O fit) as the theoretical background. The researchers delivery 200 questionnaires to 12 companies; the final response rate is 52.5% (105/200). In this study, the researchers used SEM to test three hypotheses about organizational citizenship behaviors, organizational commitments and organizational learning effects. The results of the research include that organizational citizenship behaviors and organizational commitments influence organizational learning effects positively, and organizational citizenship behaviors can be influenced positively by organizational commitments.

**Index Terms**—component; organizational citizenship behaviors; organizational commitments; organizational learning

## I. INTRODUCTION

The aims of this study are therefore threefold: (1) we want to explore the meaning and character of the organizational citizenship behaviors in this study; (2) we want to ensure the meaning and character of the organizational commitments in this study; (3) we want to examine that the organizational citizenship behaviors and the organizational commitments influence the organizational learning positive. The primary research questions to be addressed in this study are as follows: (1) what are the meaning and character of the organizational citizenship behaviors in this study? (2) What are the meaning and character of o organizational commitments? (3)How do organizational citizenship behaviors and the organizational commitments influence the organizational learning?

## II. RESEARCH BACKGROUND

In recently years, organizational learning is getting considerable attentions; a part is the strategy of organizational learning which as well as regarding each industrial influence research [1]. One research provides the

relationship between organizational learning and organizational performance [2].

Recently, there is one study [3] discusses the issue that the harmful communicational pattern among the members of the organization will impact on the organizational performance. There are 66% members of the organization mention that when they suffer the impolite treat will decrease their performance; the 80% members of the organization note that they always spend time to cope with the impolite treat; the 78% members of the organizational proposes that they don't to work hard to implement the plan of organization when they suffer the impolite treat. To sum up, the poor communicational pattern will organization failed.

No studies directly state that the communicational pattern among the members of the organization will influence the effects of organizational learning, but communicational pattern will affect the performance of organization [3]. Owing to organizational performance is closely related to the organizational learning, and communicational pattern may influence the performance of organization probably.

The different opinions about organizational citizenship behaviors and organizational commitments of organizational members exist between employees and organization. If organization or enterprises have good commitments to organizational members, and the employees of organization will have loyalty to their organization. Similarly, the members display sufficient organizational citizenship behaviors to their organization; the organization will treat their members well.

There are a lot of studies which emphasize on the relationship between the organizational citizenship behaviors with organizational commitments, but we have not found the study about the organizational citizenship behaviors and organizational commitments influences the effects of organizational learning. So, we want to study the organizational citizenship behaviors and organizational commitments of organizational members influences the effects of organizational learning.

## III. THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

In this study, researchers consider person-organization fit (P-O fit) as the theoretical background. P-O fit refers to the compatibility between people and organization. Furthermore,

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P-O fit embraces three concepts: (1) complementary fit; (2) supplementary fit, as well as (3) both. Complementary fit means that at least one entity offers what the other demand. Supplementary fit can be defined as that they share similar fundamental features. And, P-O fit shows the degree of match between the individual characteristics of employees and the attributions of job [4, 5]. Additionally, the views of P-O fit refer to judgments of congruence between individual values of employees and the culture of an organization. Therefore, employees possess the values match the values of organizations and the members belong to the organizations, employees ought to engage in the broader mission of the organizations. Moreover, the perceptions of P-O fit should be associated with citizenship behaviors. And the result in a research demonstrates that the significantly correlation exists between P-O fit and peer-rated citizenship behaviors [6]. In the present research, personal variable is organizational citizenship behavior; organizational commitment and organizational learning belong to the field of organizational variable. What's more, the researchers want to realize the relationship among the three variables.

#### IV. ORGANIZATIONAL CITIZENSHIP BEHAVIORS

##### A. *The meaning of organizational citizenship behaviors*

Sangmook defined organizational citizenship behaviors (OCB) are viewed widely as contributing to an organization's overall effectiveness [7]. In addition, OCB refers to "those organizationally beneficial behaviors and gestures that can neither be enforced on the basis of formal role obligations nor elicited by contractual guarantee of recompense." [8]

In an organizational context, OCB is often part of an informal psychological contract in which the employee hopes that such extra effort may be perceived and then rewarded by the boss and the organization [9].

##### B. *The characters of organizational citizenship behaviors*

In the present study, researchers reveal four distinct elements constituting the concept of OCB.

- 1) Altruism is a type of discretionary behavior consisting of behaviors that help a specific other person [10] and motivate employees to assist other employees to deal with their problems of works whereas courtesy is also discretionary behavior not to create work-related problems with others [11].
- 2) Conscientiousness indicates the discretionary extra-role behaviors that exceed the requirements of the task, job, as well as work ethics [11].
- 3) Sportsmanship can be defined as any behavior demonstrating tolerance of less than ideal circumstances without complaining [10]. Sportsmanship of employees is to tolerate circumstances and unexpected or less preferable without complaining [11].
- 4) Civic virtue is one kind of behavior and the employees participate in organizational practices with the concern of the life of the company [11]. Civic virtue means a macro-level interest in or commitment to the whole organization [10].

#### V. ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENTS

##### A. *The meaning of organizational commitments*

Steven and Brian defined organizational commitment as the relative strength of an individual's identification and involvement in a particular organization [12]. On the other hand, Organizational commitment refers and focuses on the attachment, emotionally and functionally [13, 14].

##### B. *The characters of organizational commitments*

Three general themes in attitudinal conceptualizations of organizational commitment contain affective commitment (AC), continuance commitment (CC), and normative commitment (NC) [15]. And the three-dimensional construct is defined as follows [16]:

- 1) The affective commitment refers to the employee's emotional attachment to, identification with, and involvement in, the organization. The affective commitment represents the emotional attachment that an employee feels toward the employing firm.
- 2) The continuance commitment refers to commitment based on the costs that the employee associates with leaving the organization. Lawrence and William [17] also demonstrate that the continuance commitment represents an attachment to the organization, but represents the perceived costs to the employee of leaving the firm.
- 3) The normative commitment refers to the employee's feelings of obligation to remain with the organization. And researchers of one study indicate that commitment was related to job involvement and job satisfaction [18].

#### VI. ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING

##### A. *The meaning of organizational learning*

Victor assumed that organizational learning means the capability of one company to maintain and promote performance and interests [19]. Organizational learning focuses on four questions: (1) who learns? (2) How do they learn? (3) When do they learn? (4) Why do they learn? [20]

##### B. *The characters of organizational learning*

Micaela reported that organizational learning contain four constructs, which are information acquisition, information distribution, information interpretation, and information memory [21].

- 1) Information acquisition: the employers of the corporations encourage their employees to distribute the information about business.
- 2) Information distribution: the employees transfer the acquired knowledge at an individual level each other.
- 3) Information interpretation: it included four elements: (1) knowledge is translated, (2) developing models of understanding, (3) bringing out meaning, and (4) assembling conceptual schemes among key managers.
- 4) Information memory: organization collected knowledge and information; used theory; and shared mental model, database, procedures, routines, and guide behaviors.

## VII. RESEARCH HYPOTHESES

### A. *The organizational citizenship behaviors and the effects of organizational learning*

Anit and Anat [22] proposed a conclusion, which reveals that organizational citizenship behavior is related to organizational learning. According to the above statement, we suggest the first hypothesis as follows:

**H1.** The organizational citizenship behaviors positively influence the effects of organizational learning.

### B. *The organizational commitments and the effects of organizational learning*

There have been several references discussing about the impact of organizational learning on commitment [23]. One study argues that organizational learning is able to predict organizational commitment [24]. The other research also reveals that the relationship exist between organizational commitments and organizational learning [25]. As a consequence, we propose the second hypothesis as follows:

**H2.** The organizational commitments learning positively influence the effects of organizational learning.

### C. *The organizational citizenship behaviors and the organizational commitments*

The most frequently identified significance of OCB are that organizational commitments and organizational commitments have been found to predict organizational citizenship behaviors [26]. The research focusing on the organizational commitment has an impact on the organizational citizenship behavior [27]. In one study, a meta-analysis has shown that OCB correlated with organizational commitment [28]. In the other research, organizational commitment was positively related to OCB [29]. Based on the above descriptions, we provide the third hypothesis as follows:

**H3.** The organizational commitments positively influence organizational citizenship behaviors.

## VIII. DATA COLLECTION AND SAMPLE

We collect data from 12 companies in the north, the central, and the south of Taiwan for this study. There are 3 companies in north, 6 companies in central and 3 companies in south. The samples come from these companies, and the employees of the corporations had accepted our requirements, the range of the quantity of employees from 10 to 130, moreover, the respondents include the managers and staffs. The quantity of total questionnaires we delivered is 200, and the final

response rate was 52.5% (105/200).

## IX. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF DATA

In this study, the researchers employ SPSS 15.0 and Amos 7.0 to carry out the statistic and analyze the data which come from respondents. We used SPSS to implement the factor analysis, and reliability and applied Amos to complete CFA of SEM.

## X. THE RESEARCH STRUCTURE

The structure of research is the relationship with the organizational citizenship behaviors, organizational commitments, and organizational learning. There are four components of the organizational citizenship behaviors, which are altruism, conscientiousness, sportsmanship and civic virtue; the three elements of the organizational commitments are affective, continuance and normative; and the four factors of the organizational learning are information acquisition, and information distribution, information interpretation, information memory. The research structure of this study is showed in Figure. 1.

## XI. MEASURES

This study is a quantitative study; data was collected using a scale survey instrument. In the present study, first, we use the OCB scales of [30-32] to measure OCB. Second, we employ OCQ (organizational commitment questionnaire) [33] to examine organizational commitment. Finally, we take advantage of the research of [21] to understand the characteristic of organizational learning.

We will use these scale to investigate the participants, and test the relationship among the variables. All constructs were measured with a four point Likert scale. We measured them with 50 items using the scale: organizational citizenship behavior contains 19 items, organizational commitment is 15 items, and organizational learning includes 16 items.

## XII. RELIABILITY AND VALIBITY OF THE MEASURES

The validity of the measures used factor analysis to explore the loading of 50 items. The loading of all items' are above 0.3. So, no items should be deleted. The reliability of the 11 constructs measured by Cronbach  $\alpha$ . In terms of OCB, there were 0.702 for altruism, 0.662 for civic virtue, 0.603 for sportsmanship, as well as 0.645 for conscientiousness.



					<i>Second-order construct</i>	
Altruism	OCB01	0.702	0.762		OCB->	1.370***
	OCB02	0.654			Altruism	
	OCB03	0.689			OCB->	1.028***
	OCB04	0.708			Civic virtue	
	OCB05	0.619			OCB->	1.087***
Civic virtue	OCB06	0.493	0.814		Sportsmanship	
	OCB07	0.724			OCB->	1.000***
	OCB08	0.613			Conscientiousness	
	OCB09	0.678			OC->	1.000***
Sportsmanship	OCB10	0.654	0.725		Affective	
	OCB11	0.582			OC->	2.891***
	OCB12	0.632			Continuance	
	OCB13	0.708			OC->	1.688**
Conscientiousness	OCB14	0.548	0.676		OL->	1.000***
	OCB15	0.761			Information distribution	
	OCB16	0.818			OL->	1.195***
	OCB17	0.596			Information interpretation	
	OCB18	0.723			OL->	1.335***
	OCB19	0.675			Information memory	
				OL->	1.579***	
				Information acquisition		

Fit statistics for measurement model of 19 items for 4 constructs:  $\chi^2_{(2)}=6.046$ ; CFI=0.953; NFI=0.934; IFI=0.955

TABLE II. SECOND-ORDER CONFIRMATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENTS

First-order construct	First-order		Second-order
	Indicator	Loading	Loading
Affective	OC11	0.400	0.540
	OC05	0.584	
	OC02	0.739	
	OC07	0.109	
	OC09	0.406	
	OC15	0.500	
Continuance	OC06	0.762	0.886
	OC04	0.692	
	OC12	0.641	
	OC14	0.716	
	OC10	0.746	
Normative	OC08	0.708	0.855
	OC01	0.585	
	OC03	0.746	
	OC13	0.672	

Fit statistics for measurement model of 19 items for 4 constructs:  $\chi^2_{(0)}=0.000$ ; CFI=1.000; NFI=1.000; IFI=1.000

TABLE III. SECOND-ORDER CONFIRMATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL LEARNING

First-order construct	First-order		Second-order
	Indicator	Loading	Loading
Information distribution	OL01	0.329	0.730
	OL02	0.523	
	OL03	0.594	
	OL04	0.674	
Information interpretation	OL05	0.693	0.842
	OL06	0.575	
	OL07	0.634	
	OL08	0.366	
Information memory	OL09	0.524	0.816
	OL10	0.693	
	OL11	0.770	
	OL12	0.775	
Information acquisition	OL13	0.806	0.878
	OL14	0.736	
	OL15	0.524	
	OL16	0.783	

Fit statistics for measurement model of 19 items for 4 constructs:  $\chi^2_{(2)}=6.257$ ; CFI=0.974; NFI=0.963; IFI=0.975

TABLE IV CONSTRUCT STRUCTURAL MODEL

Linkages in the Model	Hypotheses		Standardized Parameter Estimates
	Number	Sign	
<i>Hypothesis</i>			
OCB->OL	H1	+	0.236**
OC->OL	H2	+	0.660***
OL->OCB	H3	+	0.794***

\*\*\*p<0.01; \*\*p<0.05; \* p<0.1

Fit statistics for measurement model of 50 indicators for 14 constructs:  $\chi^2_{(0)}=0$ ; CFI=1.000; NFI=1.000; IFI=1.000

## XVII. CONCLUSIONS

In the study, we used SEM to examine the three hypotheses, and we confirm all of them. First, there are sufficient evidence to prove that organizational learning can be influenced positively by organizational citizenship behaviors and organizational commitments. If the employees have higher willingness to organizational citizenship behaviors or organizational commitments, and the company can have higher quality of organizational learning.

On the other hand, we also verify the third hypotheses that organizational citizenship behaviors can be influenced positively by organizational commitments. These results lead to the conclusion that when the manager of an organization provides their staff with high organizational commitments, as well as the higher quality of organizational commitments results in the employees' organizational citizenship behaviors very well.

The anterior researches reveal that the organizational citizenship behaviors is related to organizational learning [22] and the relationship exist between organizational commitments and organizational learning [25]. Compared with the previous research, this study has verified that organizational citizenship behaviors and organizational commitments can positively influence organizational learning.

The research area is the organizational members' organizational citizenship behaviors and organizational commitments in the workplace. The limitations of the present research are the hidden reasons of organizational citizenship behaviors and organizational commitments.

To sum up, organizational citizenship behaviors, organizational commitments, and organizational learning are the fairly critical elements to managers and employees of an

organization. Thus, the different viewpoints between managers and employees to the organizational citizenship behaviors, moreover, organizational commitments and organizational learning can be measured in future studies.

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