SPIRITUAL CAPITAL AND PROMOTION OF JOB PERFORMANCE AND ORGANIZATIONAL CITIZENSHIP BEHAVIORS (CASE STUDY: MAROON PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY)

CAPITAL ESPIRITUAL E PROMOÇÃO DO DESEMPENHO NO TRABALHO E COMPORTAMENTOS DE CIDADANIA ORGANIZACIONAL (ESTUDO DE CASO: MAROON PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY)

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Abstract: The present study has aimed to study the relationship between spiritual capital and improvement of employees' job performance with the purpose of upgrading organizational citizenship behaviors among employees of Maroon Petrochemical Company. This study is an applied research conducted as a field study. To collect the information, standard questionnaires have been used. To analyze the obtained information, the correlational research method and SPSS software have been used. The cluster sampling method has been used to select the statistical sample of the study. The tools for gathering the data in this study were the following: Peterson's standard job performance questionnaire, organizational commitment questionnaire of Ellinger et al., service quality commitment questionnaire of Ellinger et al., organizational citizenship behavior questionnaire of Ellinger et al. and Golparvar's spiritual capital questionnaire. The content validity and the reliability of these questionnaires were confirmed by calculating the Cronbach's alpha of them which were as follows: 0.718, 0.824, 0.862, 0.701 and 0.713, respectively. Then, the questionnaires were distributed among the respondents. The findings of this study have confirmed the significant relationship between spiritual capital and employee commitment and the job performance of employees. In addition, job performance of employees has shown a significant relationship with organizational citizenship behaviors.

Keywords: *spiritual capital, organizational citizenship behavior, job performance.*

Resumo: O presente estudo teve como objetivo estudar a relação entre o capital espiritual e a melhoria do desempenho no trabalho dos funcionários com o objetivo de melhorar os comportamentos de cidadania organizacional entre os funcionários da Maroon Petrochemical Company. Este estudo é uma pesquisa aplicada conduzida como um estudo de campo. Para coletar as informações, questionários padrão foram usados. Para analisar as informações obtidas, foram utilizados o método de pesquisa correlacional e o software SPSS. O método de amostragem por conglomerados foi usado para selecionar a amostra estatística do estudo. As ferramentas para coleta de dados neste estudo foram as seguintes: questionário padrão de desempenho profissional de Peterson, questionário de comprometimento organizacional de Ellinger et al., Questionário de compromisso de qualidade de serviço de Ellinger et al., Questionário de comportamento de cidadania organizacional de Ellinger et al. e o questionário de capital espiritual de Golparvar. A validade de conteúdo e a confiabilidade desses questionários foram confirmadas pelo cálculo do alfa de Cronbach das mesmas, sendo 0,718, 0,824, 0,862, 0,701 e 0,713, respectivamente. Em seguida, os questionários foram distribuídos entre os respondentes. Os resultados deste estudo confirmaram a relação significativa entre o capital espiritual e o comprometimento dos funcionários e o desempenho no trabalho dos funcionários. Além disso, o desempenho no trabalho dos funcionários mostrou uma relação significativa com os comportamentos de cidadania organizacional.

Palavras-chave: capital espiritual, comportamento de cidadania organizacional, desempenho no trabalho.



Introduction

Many of today's organizations need a huge mutation in the respect of being more competitive and keeping pace with their opponents. Therefore, a substrate must be built so that the employees would have their best performance, so that the organization would be successful. Scholars also emphasize that the mutual goal of studies in this field must be defining different personal behaviors that set new standards for the organization so that the way would be paved for employees to use the most suitable skills (Carg and Rastogi, 2006). One of the skills that can help employees in this regard is organizational citizenship behavior. Organizational citizenship behavior is nowadays used as a modern approach to modern management of the human force in many organizations (Asadi, Maddafi and Shafei Roudposhti, 2012). Organizational citizenship behavior is defined as a set of voluntary and personal behaviors which have not been directly designed by the official rewarding systems of the organization; but nonetheless improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall performance (Organ, 1997).

Padsakoff et al. (1990) defines organizational citizenship behaviors in the form of five dimensions. These five dimensions are altruism (which means helping colleagues finish their jobs in abnormal conditions); sponsorship (i.e. a behavior expressed by employees who goes further than their obligatory responsibilities to do a job); civic virtue (which is politeness and respectful behaviors on employees' behalf because of which no unnecessary problems would be created in the work environment); conscientiousness (which is tendency to tolerate unavoidable disturbances and abuses without complaining) and courtesy (how employees treat their colleagues, superiors and customers of the organization). Ellinger et al. (2013) have also stated that organizational citizenship behavior is desirable for any given organization, because it is related to important variables such as job performance, social capital, etc. and leads to organization to fulfill its objectives.

On the other hand, before taking any action, organizations rethink their behaviors towards their employees and make employee satisfaction their priority so that they would reach a high level of job performance. Lack of proper job performance on the part of employees in regards with providing suitable organizational goods and services will cause different problems for the organization in today's competitive world (Abasi and Salehi, 2012). Employees' job performance consists of task-related performance and underlying performance. These are tools that must be thoroughly and carefully examined and accurately controlled. This way, the individual and organizational goals will be fulfilled and a tool will be obtained for efficiently using the manpower of the organization (Jiang et al. 2012). In addition, on the one hand, increased job performance leads to the improvement of the quality of the services and production of organizations as well as promotion of organizational citizenship behaviors (Ellinger et al., 2013). Moreover, organizational citizenship behaviors and job performance of employees are influenced by a number of factors. One of these factors that has attracted a great deal of attention is spiritual capital. The reasons for this is that spiritual capital has an energizing nature and as a mental - spiritual source, it provides individuals with considerable achievements and benefits. People with spiritual capitals tend to be more patient when they are faced with difficulties and issues (Golparvar and Abshahi, 2014). On the other hand, the more people are attached to spiritual and religious principles, they more hopeful they will be when faced with problems. This is because of the fact that spirituality has some divine infrastructure based on the intervention of a supernatural or a higher power (the mighty God) in human affairs. Stress on spiritual values such as trust, valuableness and integrity of human beings, belief in high aspirations in the lives of human beings lead to the formation of a kind of trust and consequently a spiritual influence. In general, it can be said that existence of spiritual capital in the organization and the special attention that should be paid to it equip organizations with competencies and capabilities that enhance organizational citizenship behaviors and improves employees' job performance. Therefore, the present study has aimed to investigate has increasing spiritual capital in the organization helped the improvement of job performance of employees of Maroon Petrochemical company and if yes, how has it led to the reinforcement and improvement of organizational citizenship behaviors?

Ultimately, since the oil and petrochemical industry and the other depending industries have a stable and significant status in the process of development of Iran, managers of this industry need to develop suitable strategies and equipment and keep pace with the existing conditions. The

necessity of identifying and encouraging motivated employees with a high level of performance and proper voluntary organizational behaviors such as civic virtue, sponsorship, courtesy, etc. in the petrochemical industry are essential in the sense that I this industry, managers are always after new methods to reduce waste, increase quality, decrease the final cost, enhance their ability to respond to various needs of the customers and ultimately increase productivity. As a result, they will be able to quickly respond to the rapid changes of the current market. Also, in addition to fulfilling the domestic needs, they can play a crucial role when it comes to exportations of the country in the bad situation caused by the sanctions.

Importance and Necessity

Given that educating efficient and specialized manpower has become more broad and common and also there are numerous efforts that are being made in the respect of creating centers for attracting and presenting knowledge about energy and providing engineering and technical services, it has become quite clear that it is important for managers to invest in manpower in regards with increasing their job performance. In each of these domains, the role of human capital and optimum management of this capital can lead to the evolution and improvement of job performance and productivity in the industries.

In addition to the significance of paying attention to the job performance of employees, the concept of organizational citizenship behavior has received a great deal of attention as an important subject in many of the studies conducted by organizational researchers. The cause of this increased importance in the recent years is the contribution of employees' job performance to increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the organizations through the evolution of resources, innovations and adaptability (Behrangi and Movahedzadeh, 2011). Previous studies which have focused on organizational citizenship behavior are mainly of three types. The first type of these researches have focused on predicting and empirically examining the factors that create organizational citizenship behavior, namely job satisfaction, organizational commitment, organizational identity, organizational justice, trust, different styles of leadership, etc. On the other hand, a number of researches have focused on the consequences of organizational citizenship behavior including performance of the organization, organizational effectiveness, organizational success, customer satisfaction, customer loyalty, social capital, service quality, etc. (Igbal, 2012). A limited group of studies have also focused solely on the concept of organizational citizenship behavior and have attempted to propose a new definition for organizational citizenship behavior and to specify its dimensions (Askarian and Teheri Attar, 2011).

Thus, given the aforementioned information, reviewing organizational citizenship behavior is important because: 1- organizational citizenship behavior puts emphasis on behaviors that goes further than one's job and therefore reduces the need for the allocation of rare resources; 2- emphasizing organizational citizenship behavior can minimize the conflicts resulted from the ambiguity associated with job expectations; 3- by determining and examining different dimensions of organizational citizenship behavior, organizations can create an environment where organizational citizenship behavior is increased and the barriers are removed; 4- it gives the managers an opportunity to have a deeper perception of the organizational citizenship behavior factors and job and organizational variables associated with them (Oplatka, 2009).

One of the newest structures in the domain of studies on spirituality is spiritual capital (Waetford, 2007). Spirituality rose as a dimension of human capital in the 18th century and it was two or three decades ago that it explicitly entered the scientific texts and studies as spiritual capital. Intangible cultural heritage, or in other words, spiritual capital, has been defined by the Convention on the Protection of the Intangible Cultural Heritage as behaviors, symbols and rituals which are recognized by a community as a part of its cultural heritage. It is extremely important to perceive the definition provided by the Intangible Cultural Heritage to recognize this heritage in the society where people live and how to protect and preserve it. Spiritual capital is the mental – spiritual joy, power and energy which has been created because of the psychological connection between human beings and the unique power of the mighty god and leads to purposeful and hopeful behaviors and patients as far as fulfilling small and big goals are concerned (Golparvar et al., 2014). Spiritual capital is an important factor and at the same time, it is quite delicate and vulnerable in the

maintenance of cultural – religious differences in the face of globalization. Perception of spiritual capital in different communities encourages people to respect one another. The importance of spiritual capital is evident not only in terms of its cultural aspects but also knowledge and skills that are passed on from one generation to another through spiritual capitals. Economic and social value of the knowledge and skills that are passed on to future generations in this way are evident in the current of social groups of a country and it is equally important for both the developing countries and developed countries. Perhaps, it can be said that religious identity is one of the elements that create social connection and homogeneity in the societies. Throughout a process, because of religious identity, people become attached to religion and therefore, it plays a crucial role in the creation and formation of a collective identity (Mohammadian et al., 2014).

Research background

Mahadevan (2013) conducted a research called spirituality in business in India. In this research, it has been stated that because of the economic crises in the past, scholars have been interested in studying the role of spirituality in business management. This study firstly traces the field of spirituality as a practical tool in business. Then, it reports managers' beliefs about spirituality and its conceptual status in business. In the conclusion section, it has been mentioned that the concept of spirituality is applied more and more these days in business which is because of the economic and social crises.

Fransica Montemaggi (2010), from the University of Cardiff, conducted a study called promoting spiritual capital. In this study, she has discussed the root of spiritual capital. She believes spiritual capital is a religious phenomenon and it is resulted from social capital.

Antoni Middlebrooks and Allen Noghiu (2010) have done a research called leadership and spiritual capital. They have attempted to review the relationship between organizational values and services presented to customers by the organizations. They have also studied the advantages of spiritual capital for organizations. They have described spiritual capital as a multilayered concept of organizational values.

Peter Berger and Robert Hefner (2004) have conducted a research on spiritual capital and defined it as a subcategory of social capital which varies depending on the power, knowledge and facilities of a person or an organization.

In 2003, Roger Finke conducted a research on spiritual capital and has opened up spiritual capital. However, he mostly paid attention to the concept and stated that religious capital depends on religious culture.

Khosrozadegan Nejad et al. (2017) conducted a research called spiritual capital as a new component of intellectual capital and came to the conclusion that intellectual capital is one of the important intangible assets in today's businesses. They also stated that in today's economy, knowledge is the most important capital and has replaced physical and financial capitals. Therefore, by putting emphasis on intellectual capital, they showed a basic difference between the operations of companies in the past and modern economies. They showed that in the past, value was the outcome of physical assets; whereas, in the modern economy, value is created when intellectual capital and science are used. In previous studies, some criteria that affect intellectual capital have been presented, including human capital, structural capital and relational capital. However, in this research, a criterion called spiritual capital has been discussed as a new component of intellectual capital.

Golparvar et al. (2017) have conducted a study called creating a short scale for Islamic spiritual welfare and spiritual capital and concluded that short form scale of spiritual capital is in compliance with the definitions of spiritual capital which have been presented in various paradigms, especially in the spiritual capital paradigm as an attachment and the connection with the mighty god and commitment to religious beliefs and mottos. This scale was composed of questions based on human valuation and the continuity and reinforcement of the connection human beings have with the mighty god and godly activities.

Bedakhshani (2017), in a book called spiritual capital and its effect on the performance of the organization, has stated that spiritual capital in an organization is way more valuable than its financial capital and can be the origin of creation of a basic evolution in leadership and its management by the organization. In addition, spiritual capital can help the organization when it comes to having capabilities that would lead to the sustainable development and excellence of the organizations. The model selected in this book was an adaptation of the model proposed in the studies of Dana Zohar and Ian Marshall. Generally, spiritual capital, at an organizational level, has 12 indexes: self-awareness, vision-led, positive use of adversity, holistic, compassion, diversity, independence, fundamental why, reframing, spontaneity, vocation and humility.

Maleki et al. (2017) have conducted a research called the relationship between spiritual leadership and organizational citizenship behavior with the mediating role of psychological empowerment and positive ethical atmosphere among employees of the prisons in Kurdestan province. They concluded that psychological empowerment can play a mediating role in the relationship between spiritual leadership and organizational citizenship behavior and improve organizational citizenship behavior.

Moradi (2016) did a study called the conceptual pattern of spiritual capital in light of the teachings of Quran. They came to the result that there is a bilateral relationship between economic capitals and spiritual capitals. They also showed that perception of the meaning of life and the purpose of creation as well as the spiritual correlation between employees are regarded as basic elements of spiritual capital and it is manifested in the services that are being presented to people.

Asli Shahraki et al. (2016) have studied the effect of the role of organizational spirituality (spiritual capital) on the administrative ethics of employees in support institutions and concluded that organizational spirituality is one of the principles that influences ethical behaviors.

Rahimi (2013) has done a study called examining the effectiveness of human resource measures on organizational citizenship behavior by considering the role of organizational commitment. He conducted this study in an education center in Shiraz. According to their findings, the coefficient of correlation between the variables effectiveness of human resource measures on organizational citizenship behavior by considering the role of organizational commitment was positive.

Bedakhshani and Peyravi (2011) have conducted a study called the concept of spiritual capital and organizational citizenship behavior of the Gas Company in Tehran Province prepared in the education center in Tehran. The results obtained from their examinations are indicative of the positivity of the correlation coefficient between the organizational citizenship behavior and spiritual capital variables.

Research objectives

- 1. Examining the relationship between spiritual capital and commitment to the company among employees.
- Examining the relationship between spiritual capital and commitment to quality among employees.
- Examining the relationship between commitment to the company and job performance of the employees.
- Examining the relationship between commitment to the company and organizational citizenship behavior of employees.
- 5. Examining the relationship between commitment to quality and organizational citizenship behavior of employees.
- 6. Examining the relationship between commitment to quality and organizational citizenship behavior of employees.
- 7. Examining the relationship between job performance and organizational citizenship behavior of employees.
- 8. Examining the relationship between spiritual capital and organizational performance of employees.
- 9. Examining the relationship between spiritual capital and organizational citizenship behavior.



Conceptual definitions Spiritual capital

Spiritual capital is spiritual – mental joy, power and energy which has been created because of the psychological connection between human beings and the unique power of the mighty god and leads to purposeful and hopeful behaviors and patients as far as fulfilling small and big goals are concerned (Golparvar et al., 2014).

Job performance

Job performance refers to the extent to which one is committed to his/her job responsibilities. In simpler words, what is meant by the job performance of employees is the extent to which employees take advantage and benefit from their resources (Peterson et al., 2011).

Organizational citizenship behavior

From the viewpoint of Organ (1997), organizational citizenship behavior refers to a series of voluntary and personal behaviors which have not been directly designed by the official rewarding systems of the organization; but nonetheless improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall performance (Organ, 1997).

Practical definitions

Golparvar et al. (2014), in their study, have used the following dimensions for measuring spiritual capital:

- 1. Spiritual valuation (6 questions)
- 2. Having a private and strong connection with god (6 questions)
- 3. Importance of spirituality (6 questions)
- 4. Spiritual effectiveness (3 questions)

Job performance

Job performance of employees is measured from two dimensions: task-related performance (6 questions) and underlying performance (7 questions). These two dimensions have been adapted from the studies of Byrne et al. (2005) and Conway (1993).

Organizational citizenship behavior

Padsakoff et al. (1990) defines organizational citizenship behaviors in the form of five dimensions. These five dimensions are altruism, sponsorship, civic virtue, conscientiousness and courtesy, each of which is measured through a number of questions as follows: altruism is measured by 4 questions, sponsorship is measured by 4 questions, conscientiousness is measured by 4 questions, civic virtue is measured by 4 questions and courtesy is measured by 4 questions.

Organizational commitment

To measure organizational commitment, the questionnaire developed by Ellinger (2013) has been used. In this questionnaire, two dimensions of organizational commitment, i.e. commitment to the company and commitment to quality, have been studied using 12 items.

The relationships between the research variables Spiritual capital and organizational citizenship behavior

Scholars believe that citizenship behavior is essential for the effectiveness of any given organization. Development of social capital in the organization helps citizenship behavior so that the performance of the organization would be improved. Therefore, organizations have to create spiritual capital and develop it in order to develop citizenship behavior as well (Matin et al., 2010). Spiritual capital is a factor that moves the organization and generates energy, because of which the organizations would have capabilities that would lead to their development and excellence.

In fact, the thing that distinguishes these organizations from others is that they can achieve a sustainable capital. Because of spiritual capital, organizations can expand and develop their inner life and interact more with their surrounding environment. To put it differently, an organization with spiritual capital turns into a flexible and adaptable system which can reorganize itself if necessary. Organizations and societies that have such capability have a deeper sense of responsibility towards their surrounding environment. They are also more likely to have a more sustainable competitive advantage in comparison with organizations and societies that only think about their own benefits. In fact, spiritual capital is the origin of a basic evolution in leadership and management of organizations and societies. Spiritual capital in an organization is way more valuable than financial capital which can be the foundation of significant evolutions in the organizations and help them fulfill their goals and maximize their development. According to this description, spiritual capital, with its potentials, can lead to the expression of organizational citizenship behaviors.

Spiritual capital and job performance

Spiritual capital refers to one's awareness of his/her abilities, identifying the potentials of his/her surrounding environment, the ability to see issues and problems from various aspects, understanding great human values, being empathetic towards other human beings and understanding other humans, respecting the differences between humans and believing that these differences are purposeful and they can be exploited and finally, being capable of converting threats to opportunities and having a win-win approach to all levels of life. It is only when we possess the ability to think about more than our own personal benefits that we will be able to take the first step towards obtaining spiritual capital. The reason why spiritual capital enriches the lives of human beings is that it changes their views towards life and shifts their focus from themselves to the whole world surrounding them. They also come to believe that their verbal and behavioral processes can have a significant impact on the present and future lives of others who have direct or indirect connections with them. As a result, they would be quite careful and sensitive to their own performance and try to evaluate the consequences of their behaviors and their impacts on the internal and external environments associated with them and attempt to take measures. Spiritual capital is the belief that any human being has a responsibility when it comes to other human beings; because of which they must learn who they are, where have they come from, for what they have been created, what is the purpose of their creation, and finally, to understand the extent to which they impact their surrounding environment. If we do not know why we have been born or why do we establish an organization, everything we do would be pointless. Given the aforementioned issues, it becomes clear that spiritual capital puts emphasis on the sustainability of the future of humanity and enriches their daily lives. According to this view, spiritual capital leads to the permanent sustainability of the organizations and important and basic evolutions in business methods and guarantees the competitive advantage of organizations.

Considering the spiritual capital, organizations can be founded by being completely aware of their social responsibilities and set huge missions for themselves. The outcome of such phenomenon is nothing but prosperity, success and permanent profitability. Many scholars believe that spiritual capital revives the work and personal lives of human beings and guarantees their continuity and sustainability. Ultimately, presence of spiritual capital in an organization can make the individuals working in it more united. It also guarantees that the people working in an organization would benefit from the group advantages of an organization in an expanded win – win network. Simultaneously, this helps the organization reach sustainable development and excellence. Therefore, presence and development of spiritual capital can improve employees' job performance.

Methodology

In the research model, the effect of organization's investment in spiritual capital on the commitment and performance of employees has been reviewed. This model suggests that organization's investment in spiritual capital acts as a catalyst in regards with the creation of an attitude in employees, their commitment to the company and quality of the products, and mental norms of employees. In this model, instead of attitude, commitment to the quality of services as a mental norm of employees has been presented, because commitment to the company is a

universal attitude which is resulted from how a company treats its employees. Therefore, many service organizations consider commitment to the quality of services as a standard norm and as a norm that is expected by employees instead of employees' attitude. In fact, this model also suggests that commitment to the company and commitment to the quality of the services is resulted from the behaviors of employees (job performance and organizational citizenship behavior). In addition, this model reviews the direct effects of spiritual capital on these two behaviors and the effects of job performance on organizational citizenship behavior.

Conceptual Model

The view that the employees of an organization have towards their colleagues and customers of the organization has an impact on the success and prosperity of the organization. Organizational citizenship behavior helps employees create a space for empathy and cooperation within an organization, facilitate the process of fulfilling the set goals. As a result, an informal and unofficial atmosphere would be created and employees would be more motivated to work. In this respect, Lawrence lanakon (1990) states that spiritual capital can lead to the expression of behaviors beyond job tasks and to the improvement of job performance. He defines spiritual capital as follows: skills and experiences that are specifically related to one's religion, including religious knowledge, familiarity with the faith and religious doctrine and companionship with worshipers and believers. Therefore, knowledge, familiarity and companionships for reaching religion helps people in holding religious ceremonies. Religious experiences improve the capacity for the production of religious capitals. Ultimately, spiritual capital contains a degree of expertise and achievement of a particular religious culture. Competence and expertise refers to knowledge of and familiarity with religious ceremonies, beliefs and emotions. To completely participate in a religion, one must be familiar with how and when the rituals and prayers are done and also be aware of the stories and history of that religion. To have a complete understanding of a religion, we must have inner and emotional experiences. Religious activities such as prayers, ceremonies and essential and inner experiences not only increases and validity of a religion, but it also reinforces the emotional relationship of people with that given religion. Along with this emotional achievement and religious commitment, religious capital is formed. This capital helps people describe the religious activities and make them more satisfied.

Employees' attitude Employees' behavior Commitm lob ent to the performance company Investing in spiritual capital Commitmen Organizational t to quality citizenship behavior

Employees' norms

Fig. 1: the model for the relationship between research variables



Results Testing the hypotheses

Table 1, results of testing the research hypotheses

Hypothesis	Correlation coefficient	Significance level (Sig)	Result of the test
There is a relationship between spiritual capital and commitment to the company among employees.	0.62	0.019	Hypothesis confirmed
There is a relationship between spiritual capital and commitment to quality among employees.	0.57	0.022	Hypothesis confirmed
There is a relationship between commitment to the company and job performance of the employees.	0.68	0.00	Hypothesis confirmed
There is a relationship between commitment to the company and organizational citizenship behavior of employees.	0.34	0.31	Hypothesis confirmed
There is a relationship between commitment to quality and organizational citizenship behavior of employees.	0.71	0.27	Hypothesis confirmed
There is a relationship between commitment to quality and organizational citizenship behavior of employees.	0.86	0.013	Hypothesis confirmed
There is a relationship between job performance and organizational citizenship behavior of employees.	0.26	0.048	Hypothesis confirmed
There is a relationship between spiritual capital and organizational performance of employees.	0.69	0.043	Hypothesis confirmed
There is a relationship between spiritual capital and organizational citizenship behavior.	0.72	0.022	Hypothesis confirmed

To measure and test the research hypotheses, the statistical method correlational analysis has been used. Therefore, to calculate the correlation between variables, Pearson correlation coefficient has been extracted using SPSS software. The results of this analysis have been presented in the table below.

Discussion and Conclusions

Based on the results presented in the table above, the first hypothesis of the research is confirmed; meaning that there is a significant relationship between employees' commitment to the company and spiritual capital. This relationship is positive and relatively strong. According to this result, making efforts in the respect of improving spiritual capital can increase employees' commitment to the company. Thus, it is recommended to managers to reinforce the spiritual capital among employees in the respect of making them more committed to the company.

Based on the results presented in the table above, the second hypothesis of the research is confirmed; meaning that there is a significant relationship between employees' commitment to quality and spiritual capital. This relationship is positive and relatively strong. According to this result, making efforts in the respect of improving spiritual capital can increase employees' commitment to quality. Thus, it is recommended to managers to reinforce the spiritual capital among employees in the respect of making them more committed to quality.

Based on the results presented in the table above, the third hypothesis of the research is confirmed; meaning that there is a significant relationship between employees' commitment to the company and their job performance and this relationship is direct. Based on this description, employees' commitment to the company improves their job performance. Thus, it is recommended to managers to facilitate the job performance of employees to reinforce their commitment to the



company.

According to the results presented in the table above, the fourth hypothesis of the study is rejected; meaning that no significant relationship was observed between employees' commitment and organizational citizenship behavior.

According to the results presented in the table above, the fifth hypothesis of the study is rejected; meaning that no significant relationship was observed between commitment to quality and job performance of employees.

Based on the results presented in the table above, the sixth hypothesis of the research is confirmed; meaning that there is a significant relationship between employees' commitment to quality and their organizational citizenship behavior and this relationship is direct. Based on this description, employees' commitment to quality can improve their job performance. Hence, it is recommended to managers to reinforce employees' organizational citizenship behavior to develop and expand their commitment to quality.

Based on the results presented in the table above, the seventh hypothesis of the research is confirmed; meaning that a significant relationship has been observed between employees' job performance and their organizational citizenship behavior and this relationship is direct. Based on this description, an improvement in employees' job performance increase the expression of organizational citizenship behaviors on the part of employees. Hence, it is recommended to managers to reinforce employees' organizational citizenship behavior in order to improve their job performance.

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