# Elements of Facility In Job Satisfaction Of Special Education Teachers In Malaysia

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**Abstract:** Complete and safe facilities also play an important role in creating satisfaction in carrying out the duties as a special education teacher. Adequate facilities for the learning process can help teachers in avoiding the workload in building their own teaching materials. The situation can make teachers' teaching smoother and able to create job satisfaction. In addition to facility safety, safety when conducting classes and MBK is also a factor to job satisfaction. Job satisfaction is more guaranteed if MBK is not aggressive and provides good cooperation in the classroom. Although basic facilities are not the responsibility of the teacher or school to provide, the importance of obtaining complete facilities is undeniable. Even complete and safe facilities can help students' understanding in a learning. This study was conducted to detail the elements of facilities in creating job satisfaction of special education teachers. This qualitative study uses the interview method as a means of data collection. A total of 11 respondents consisting of special education program coordinators of each district in the state of Johor, Malaysia, were involved in this study. The implications of this study can be used as a reference to stakeholders in providing adequate facilities for special education.

Keywords: facility elements, job satisfaction, special education

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The most dominant element for the teacher job satisfaction construct is the facility element. This element is agreed by many previous researchers and recognized by experts as an effective element in increasing job satisfaction of special education teachers, especially for special education integration programs (PPKI). If the facilities available at PPKI do not exist, or exist but are not perfect, then the learning process will be affected. This makes the job satisfaction of teachers disrupted. These findings are in line with a study by Norazmi et al. (2019) who listed facilities as one of the determining factors to job satisfaction of special education teachers. These findings also support the statement by Fauziyana et al. (2020) who made facilities as one of the important elements in assessing the level of job satisfaction of teachers and its effect on the productivity of teachers. In addition, this element is also given attention by Norazmi (2020) in a study that discusses the relationship between head teacher leadership and job satisfaction of special education teachers. Zaid et al. (2021) found that the facility element is one of the factors that cause stress and hinder teacher job satisfaction. Researchers interested in the scope of this study, mostly make Maslow's Theory as a benchmark of teacher job satisfaction.

#### Maslow's Theory (1954)

The theory put forward by Abraham Maslow in 1954 states that human beings have their own basic needs to be met (Aminah et al., 2021; Azlisham et al., 2021; Saadiah et al., 2021; Firkhan et al., 2021; Ishak et al., 2021; Ashari et al., 2021). These basic needs become determinants to human satisfaction whether achieved or not, when self -perfection is met (Norazmi et al., 2019; Fauziyana et al., 2020; Norazmi, 2020; Zaid et al., 2022). According to Norazmi (2020), failure to meet basic human needs will cause the human soul to be disturbed and subsequently fail to achieve self -satisfaction whether in terms of their development, career or employment. The basic needs meant are physiological needs, security needs, love needs, self -esteem and also the level of self -perfection (Maslow, 1954). Zaid et al. (2021) specifically suggest that teacher job satisfaction can only be achieved if these levels of need are met.

In the career aspect as a teacher, physiological needs involve the payment of salaries or wages, lounges, facilities and other working basics (Mohd Norazmi et al., 2021; Rosnee et al., 2021; Roszi et al., 2021; Nik Nurhalida et al., 2021; al., 2021; Een et al., 2021; Yusaini et al., 2021). Once the requirements of the physiological level are met, the safety level must be met. The level of security includes the right to feel safe and healthy covering oneself, family, property and even the workplace. The third stage which is the need to be loved and accepted must be met after the security stage is met. This stage requires the spiritual and social aspects to be perfectly fulfilled (Aminah et al., 2021). Azlisham et al. (2021) emphasize that, in school organizations, teachers need to be in a situation where they feel well received either from fellow teachers or administrators.

Once the need to be accepted in the school community is met, the next stage is the level of self -esteem must be met before being able to achieve satisfaction in the job done. At this stage, human beings need appreciation for their work as well as a sense of respect by those around them. At this stage too, teachers need to be given praise or a certain form of appreciation as one of the ways in meeting their needs. When all these levels are met, then satisfaction in doing a job will be achieved. Teachers' job satisfaction will be achieved if teachers succeed in obtaining all the stated requirements such as adequate salary, sense of acceptance, being treated fairly by administrators in matters of division of labor and also receiving due rewards for their efforts.

Maslow's theory has exerted a strong influence in the field of education and human development. The requirements stated in this theory are very useful in determining the job satisfaction of teachers which is subjective in nature. Teachers who receive fair treatment in terms of division of labor and are rewarded for their commitment, are able to be successful. Based on this Maslow Theory, teachers are able to work satisfactorily after human values are taken into account as valued when successfully doing something, treated fairly in performing tasks, no additional burden and given space to determine action to be taken. Therefore, the needs stated in this theory need to be given attention by school principals so that teachers can achieve their job satisfaction.

# METHODOLOGY

The elements of each construct were explored by conducting interviews. This qualitative approach was carried out by interviewing 11 coordinators for the PPKI program throughout the state of Johor. A total of 11 respondents involved are a coordinator for each district in the state of Johor. Each element is explored for each construct in this study. The results of the interviews were transcribed and analyzed using thematic analysis methods. Each element obtained through the thematic analysis was included as a dimension in the construction of the questionnaire set.

#### FINDINGS

Through the coding process, the facility element results from the following statements, namely cheerful class, safe class and appropriate class (open coding), which forms the class facility code (axial coding), adequate teaching aids (BBM), safe BBM and the latest BBM (open coding) forms the BBM code (axial coding), as well as MBK -friendly facilities, the latest and easily accessible facilities (open coding) which forms the MBK facility code (axial coding). The three statements on the axial coding, are summarized as facility elements in the selective coding process as shown in Table 1.

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
Cheerful class	Classroom Facilities	
Safe class		
Appropriate class		
Enough fuel	BBM	Facility
Safe fuel		
The latest BBM		
MBK friendly facilities	MBK facilities	
Up -to -date facilities		
Easy to obtain		

Table 1: Thematic Analysis Process For Facility Elements

Details of the thematic analysis related to the facility elements are shown in Table 2.

Theme	Respondent	Interview Excerpts	
	RT5	In terms of providing infrastructure, facilities, he is diligent.	
	RT6	Lack of facilities means we need more work to complete.	
Facility	RT7	All ABM feels like you have to do it yourself.	
	RT8	Want to teach ABM is not there, want to make a program of materials to buy, make your own, find sponsors.	
	RT9	The same goes for the provision of facilities for special needs students and also in teaching. If complete, thank God.	

Table 2: Facility Elements Agreed by Respondents

RT11	Must also be provided complete facilities for me to teach my students.

# DISCUSSION

Details of the results of the analysis also show that, six out of 11 respondents expressed the same opinion regarding the importance of complete and sufficient facilities to achieve satisfaction in the work of PPKI teachers. Respondents RT5 stated that, a complete and beautiful class gives encouragement to PPKI teachers to be with MBK in the classroom and conduct teaching sessions effectively. In addition to classes, complete, safe and up -to -date BBM facilities are also important in producing good and meaningful learning sessions. Respondents RT7, RT8 and RT11 think that, the perfect BBM equipment can help teachers to plan a better teaching process. Also agreeing with the statement were RT6 and RT9 respondents who added that suitable facilities for MBK such as OKU-friendly aids can also help teachers carry out their duties to teach MBK more effectively.

# CONCLUSION

The findings of this study illustrate that, facilities are the most effective element in showing the relationship for teacher job satisfaction constructs with head teacher leadership. It can be explained that, head teacher leadership practices are significantly related to teachers 'job satisfaction through the facility element. This element needs to be given attention because it as a whole can have an impact on teacher job satisfaction. This is because, the facilities received by PPKI teachers have an impact on the level of job satisfaction of teachers. Therefore, the headmasters involved must ensure that the provision of facilities in the school and PPKI is in perfect condition and complete.

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