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ABSTRACT

Information and communication technology promises efficiency, speed of information delivery, global reach, and transparency. The development of information and communication technology gave rise to e-government which is a public service model that is carried out online - including in Indonesia. The development of the egovernment system in Indonesia has begun to increase in quantity, but the quality is still lacking because the implementation of e-government is not evenly distributed in all regions. In addition, many local e-government projects and local government ongoing use have resulted in significant failure rates. This study aims to determine the level of relevance of the system continuance model in measuring the continuance of local e-government in Indonesia. In addition, this study also aims to find out what factors influence the continuance of local e-government in Indonesia. The research conducted includes quantitative research. The population selected for this research is selected citizens who use local e-government in Indonesia. A total of 390 valid samples were taken and determined based on non-probability sampling using convenience sampling from local e-government users in Indonesia. Valid data were analyzed with SmartPLS 3.0 software using the partial least squares structural equation modelling method with the partial least squares path modelling approach. Variation accounts for 70.2 percent of the total between system use factors and user satisfaction explained by the continuance of the system. The findings from hypothesis testing reveal that nine hypotheses have a significant effect that are supported, except for seven that are not supported, including those that damage the continuance of the system. This finding confirms the importance of quality, meeting citizens' expectations in terms of ease of use and feasibility of e-government support facilities, proven in this study to be the most important factor in the literature on the continuance of e-government systems. This study also provides some fundamental implications for local government agencies. Theoretically, this integrated model can enrich the model for predicting the continuance of e-government systems. Then, in practical terms, this research provides an appropriate approach for stakeholders in government organizations in Indonesia to determine what factors influencing the continuance of local e-government systems need to be considered in order to obtain the highest benefits from e-government projects in Indonesia. Finally, the proposed model shows that it is necessary to improve the quality factors (system quality, service quality, and information quality), behavioural factors (expectation and feasibility).

Keywords: System continuance model, perceived quality, perceived user behaviour, local e-government

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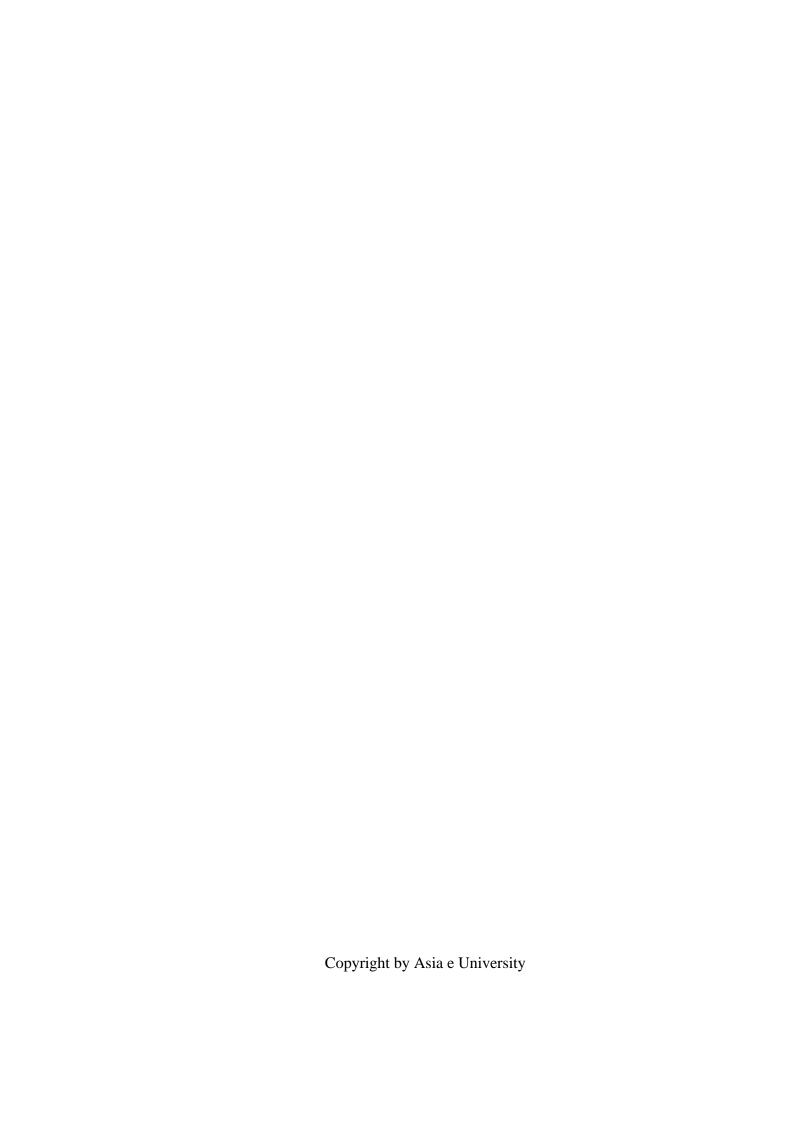
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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

ACU Actual Use

AeU Asia e University

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations

AVE Average Variance Extracted

BIU Behavioural Intention to Use

CB-SEM Covarian-Based Structural Equation Modeling

COT Costs of Technology

COX Complexity

CSE Computer Self-Efficacy

CSQ Computer Self-Efficacy

CTQ Complementary Technology Quality

ECM Expectation-Confirmation Model

EDGI E-government Development Index

EFX Effort Expectancy

EGA E-government Adoption

EPART E-Participation

ESQ Education System Quality

f² Effect Size

FCC Facilitating Conditions

G2B Government to Business

G2C Government to Citizen

G2G Government to Government

HBT Habit

HCI Human Capital Index

HEGDI High E-government Development Index

HMV Hedonic Motivation

ICT Information and Communication Technology

IDI Individual Impact

INQ information Quality

IS Information System

IT Information Technology

ITU Intention to Use

LEGDI Low E-government Development Index

LMS Learning Management System

MEGDI Middle E-government Development Index

MSE Mobile Self-Efficacy

NBF Net Benefits

ORI Organizational Impact

OSI Online Service Index

PEJ Perceived Enjoyment

PEU Perceived Ease of Use

PFX Performance Expectancy

PIV Personal Innovativeness

PLS Partial Least Square

PLS-SEM Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modelling

PRS Perceived Risk

PRV Price Value

PSF Perceived Satisfaction

PSQ Perceived Support Quality

PUF Perceived Usefulness

PVL Perceived Value

Q² Q-square

R² R-square

RQ Research Questions

SCI Social Influence

SCM System Continuance Model

SCT Social Cognitive Theory

SEM Structural Equation Modeling

SVQ Service Quality

SYQ System Quality

SYU System Use

TAM Technology Acceptance Model

TCP Information Technology Capability

TII Telecommunication Infrastructure Index

TNGIS Tamil Nadu Geographic Information System

TOG Trust of the Government

TOI Trust of the Internet

TPB Theory of Planned Behavior

TRS Trust

TSQ Technology Support Quality

UBV Usage Behaviour

UCF User Confirmation

UED User Education

UN United Nations

USF User Satisfaction

UTAUT Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology

VHEGDI Very E-government Development Index

VIF Variance Inflation Factor

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

The rapid development of information and communication technology (ICT) will open opportunities and challenges to create, access, process and utilize accurate information (Amor, 2021; Wang et al., 2021). On the other hand, the development of ICT has given birth to a model of public services carried out through e-government – including in Indonesia (Sofyani et al., 2020; Tangi et al., 2021). Therefore, in this era of regional autonomy, one of the efforts to realize good governance is to utilize e-government – another term that is more popular in Indonesia is an electronic-based government system (Nurdin, 2021; Putra & Dhanuarta, 2021; Saputra et al., 2020). All stakeholders believe that an electronic-based government system is the key to the implementation of efficient, quality, transparent and accountable public services, based on efficiently integrated data from the central and regional governments (Ismail et al., 2020; Putra & Dhanuarta, 2021; Sa'adah, 2020; Setyawan & Gamayuni, 2020).

Meanwhile, the development of e-government in Indonesia is not only carried out in the scope of government but also includes the general public who understand digital services and the business world on an ongoing basis (Farida et al., 2020; Setyawan et al., 2019). This is due to several obstacles in the development of e-government in Indonesia, including the lack of ICT infrastructure, human resources, citizens readiness to use e-government services, and hostile arrangements, and hostile arrangements (Farida et al., 2020; Kumajas, 2021; Putra & Dhanuarta, 2021). Responding to these challenges, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has initiated a policy of using ICT to build e-government for good and integrated governance from local to central government (Nurdin, 2021; Rachmawati & Fitriyanti, 2021). The goal is that the ICT infrastructure that will be built can be used together to

be coordinated by all agencies at the central and regional levels (Nurdin, 2021; Rachmawati & Fitriyanti, 2021; Setyawan et al., 2019).

This study aims to determine the level of relevance of the system continuance model (SCM) in measuring of the continuance of local e-government in Indonesia. In addition, this study also aims to find out what factors influence the continuance of local e-government in Indonesia. Finally, to determine the effect of perceived quality and perceived user behaviour on the continuance of local e-government in Indonesia. The research conducted includes quantitative research. The population selected for this research is selected citizens who use local e-government in Indonesia. Samples were taken and determined based on non-probability sampling using convenience sampling from local e-government users in Indonesia in three provinces (namely Jakarta, West Java, and Banten).

1.0 Background of the Study

ICT promises efficiency, speed of information reach, global reach, and transparency (Almukhlifi et al., 2019; Choi et al., 2018; Ismail et al., 2020; Sabani et al., 2019; Sofyani et al., 2020). The development of ICT has given birth to e-government which is a public service model that is carried out online (Manoharan & Ingrams, 2018; Sabani et al., 2019; Utama, 2020). E-government offers public services that can be accessed 24 hours, anytime, and from wherever users are (Susanti et al., 2021). Aware of the benefits of e-government (Sa'adah, 2020), the Indonesian government in 2003 issued policies in every region throughout Indonesia (Aditya, 2020; Nastiti et al., 2022). Therefore, in this era of regional autonomy, one of the efforts to realize good governance is to utilize e-government (Kalashnyk, 2021; Magal & Sitokdana, 2021) – another term which is more popular in Indonesia is an electronic-based government system. All stakeholders believe that an electronic-based government system is the key

to the implementation of efficient, quality, transparent and accountable public services, based on efficient integrated data from the central and regional governments (Utama, 2020).

The policy that emerged as an e-government development initiative was welcomed by government agencies in Indonesia. In addition, the development of e-government in Indonesia is not only carried out in the scope of government but also includes the general public who understand digital services and the business world. Meanwhile, the rapid development of ICT will open opportunities and challenges to create access to, process, and utilize accurate information (Amor, 2021; Wang et al., 2021). Information is a very valuable commodity in the era of globalization that must be mastered in order to increase the competitiveness of an organization (including local governments) on an ongoing basis. Responding to these challenges, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia has initiated a policy of using ICT to build integrated e-government for good governance from local to central government (Nurdin, 2021; Rachmawati & Fitriyanti, 2021; Setyawan et al., 2019).

Recognizing the enormous benefits of ICT, the Government of the Republic of Indonesia took the initiative to build an ICT network as a solution to overcome limited access barriers between local government agencies (Demeke et al., 2022; Fjeldstad et al., 2019; Shahabuddin et al., 2020). ICT network development initiatives began with conducting research and development activities as well as Information Technology (IT) management. The goal is that the ICT infrastructure that will be built can be utilized jointly to be coordinated by all agencies, both at the central and regional levels (Nurdin, 2021; Rachmawati & Fitriyanti, 2021; Setyawan et al., 2019). The results of the development of the ICT network in every local government agency in Indonesia are carried out in stages to expedite the government system with several solutions that

will be carried out such as tactical steps in developing local e-government in every local government agency in Indonesia (Farida et al., 2020; Susanti et al., 2021). Therefore, in this era of regional autonomy, to realize good governance, one of the efforts is to utilize an electronic-based government system (Aditya, 2020; Nastiti et al., 2022; Rudy & Prasetia, 2018). All stakeholders believe that the implementation of an electronic-based government system is the key to the implementation of efficient, quality, transparent and accountable public services, based on data from the central and regional governments that are efficiently integrated (Fjeldstad et al., 2019; Mensah & Mi, 2018).

Since the Government of the Republic of Indonesia took the initiative to build an ICT network, the United Nations (UN) E-government Survey 2020 places Indonesia at 88th place in the development and implementation of e-government (Aminah & Saksono, 2021; Hidayat, 2021). Table 1.1 shows the UN E-government survey 2020 overview, Indonesia as a whole scored 0.6612 in the High e-government development index (EGDI) group in the 2020 UN E-government Survey so that it succeeded in placing Indonesia in the top 100 in the world at position 88 out of 193 countries. In addition, the UN E-government survey 2020 estimates countries to gain over 0.75 points as Very High EGDI, points from 0.50 to 0.75 as High EGDI, points from 0.25 to 0.50 as Middle EGDI, and points from 0.25 to 0.25 as Low EGDI, which includes three dimensions of UN E-government Survey 2020 performance measurement, namely online service index (OSI), telecommunication infrastructure index (TII), and human capital index (HCI).

Table 1.1: UN E-government survey 2020 overview

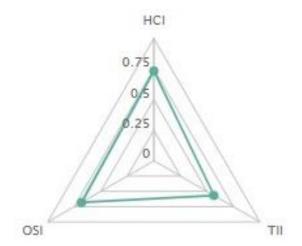
No.	Country	EDGI			EPART Index		
		Score	Rank	Group	Score	Rank	Group
1.	Singapore	0.9150	11	VHEGDI	0,9762	6	VHEGDI
2.	Malaysia	0.7892	47	VHEGDI	0,8571	29	VHEGDI

No.	Country	EDGI			EPART Index		
		Score	Rank	Group	Score	Rank	Group
3.	Thailand	0.7565	57	VHEGDI	0,7738	51	VHEGDI
4.	Philippines	0.6892	77	HEGDI	0,7500	57	HEGDI
5.	Indonesia	0.6612	88	HEGDI	0,7500	57	HEGDI
6.	Viet Nam	0.6667	86	HEGDI	0,7024	72	HEGDI
7.	Brunei Darussalam	0.7389	60	HEGDI	0,5476	100	HEGDI
8.	Timor-Leste	0.4649	134	MEGDI	0,4481	114	MEGDI
9.	Cambodia	0.5113	124	HEGDI	0,4167	127	MEGDI
10.	Myanmar	0.4316	146	MEGDI	0,2619	168	MEGDI
11.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.3288	167	MEGDI	0,2143	175	LEGDI

Note: EDGI = E-government Development Index; EPART = E-Participation; VHEGDI = Very High EGDI; HEGDI = High EGDI; MEGDI = Middle EGDI; LEGDI = Low EGDI.

Figure 1.1 shows that for each of these performance measurement assessments, Indonesia recorded a fairly good score, including a score of 0.6824 for OSI, a score of 0.5669 for TII, and a score of 0.7342 for HCI (Aminah & Saksono, 2021; Hidayat, 2021).

Figure 1.1: 2020 EGDI overview for e-government Indonesia



Seeing these results, in the last two years since the issuance of Presidential Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia Number 95 of 2018 concerning electronic-based government systems, with the cooperation of various parties, Indonesia has shown changes for the better. However, the National Electronic-Based Government System Coordination Team chaired by the Minister of State Apparatus Empowerment and Bureaucratic Reform needs to develop a strategy to improve the implementation

of an electronic-based government system, where one of these improvements is strengthening telecommunications infrastructure. which is one of the lowest points. in appraisal. In addition, strengthening the aspects of governance, services and human resources whose value is still slightly above average, needs to be a concern to maximize the implementation of an electronic-based government system in Indonesia (Farida et al., 2020; Kumajas, 2021; Putra & Dhanuarta, 2021). This result is certainly good news for the implementation of an electronic-based government system in Indonesia. Therefore, it is hoped that all components of the nation will continue to be fully committed to supporting digital governance and sustainable development to win global competition.

Meanwhile, ICT, which is now widely used in all sectors of society, is playing an increasingly important role in interactions between government and society (Khanna et al., 2021; Malek et al., 2021; Pereira et al., 2018). There is widespread consensus that ICT can be used to improve the quality-of-service delivery, increase the efficiency of public institutions, reach large numbers of people, promote transparency and accountability, facilitate electronic interaction and participation, and reduce corruption (Almukhlifi et al., 2019; Ismail et al., 2020; Sabani et al., 2019; Sofyani et al., 2020). Therefore, research should be carried out to generate a better and comprehensive understanding of the role of ICT in a globalized world and how Governments and public institutions can better use digital technologies to achieve their development goals. In addition, local governments are increasingly embracing digital technology for various purposes. Local governments can share details relating to their plans and objectives, operational activities, and service offerings (including mechanisms for interacting with central government).

ICT also plays an important role in facilitating communication and consultation, enabling various stakeholders to interact and participate in local governance and contribute to decision-making both directly and indirectly (Malwade et al., 2018; Sust et al., 2020). Using ICT to trigger services helps local governments streamline operations and reduce their burden, facilitate remote interaction with the public and more efficient internal communication and collaboration, as well as increase overall efficiency in an environmentally friendly manner (Almukhlifi et al., 2019; Ismail et al., 2020; Sabani et al., 2019; Sofyani et al., 2020).

On the other hand, communities tend to interact more directly with local governments — which places local governments in a unique position to respond to citizens' needs and interests (Susanti et al., 2021; Utama, 2020). Citizens are often more interested in what is happening in their local community, as local governments deal directly with issues that affect their daily lives in the areas of education, social services, and local government management (Farida et al., 2020; Utama, 2020). Communities look directly at local governments to obtain information and problem solving (Farida et al., 2020; Susanti et al., 2021; Utama, 2020). Thus, it often creates a close relationship between these three drivers; people may need information so they can become more involved and participate more directly in solving problems.

Although, there is currently an established mechanism for assessing progress in national e-government development (Budding et al., 2018; Farida et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2021), but local e-government maturity assessment is still in its infancy. and still relatively rare. A logical starting point is to assess the role of local government as a service provider and examine city portals as a key mechanism for e-government in that context (Dias, 2020; Nasirin & Ying, 2022). In addition, research efforts since 1996 have also demonstrated the importance of improving ICT at the local level (Budding

et al., 2018; Ingrams et al., 2020; Putra & Dhanuarta, 2021). Where, global e-government innovation is at the forefront of local government efforts to become more organized and more efficient in providing services and improving outcomes for the public (Ingrams et al., 2020).

Scholars argue that such innovation is embedded in institutional and environmental factors, and local e-government growth progresses through stages as a result of the influence of these factors (Budding et al., 2018; Manoharan & Ingrams, 2018). However, in the context of continuing local e-government systems, it has not achieved the desired results (Wu et al., 2020). This is due to several obstacles in the development of e-government in Indonesia, including the lack of ICT infrastructure, human resources, community readiness to use e-government services, and hostile arrangements (Farida et al., 2020; Kumajas, 2021; Putra & Dhanuarta, 2021). In addition, the development of e-government in Indonesia not only carried out in the scope of government but also includes the general public who understand digital services and the business world (Farida et al., 2020; Setyawan et al., 2019).

In particular, it is part of an ongoing effort to assess local e-government as reflected in the presence of several online services in major cities (Ingrams et al., 2020; Pereira et al., 2018). The need to improve service coverage and quality as well as optimize the integration of new technologies to achieve this goal is driving governments to increase their online presence (Dias, 2020; Pereira et al., 2018). Central and local governments are engaged in a growing effort to capitalize on the benefits that ICT offer in public service delivery, including greater social inclusion, increased efficiency and effectiveness, more personalized service delivery, and 24/7 service availability (Almukhlifi et al., 2019; Ismail et al., 2020; Sabani et al., 2019; Sofyani et al., 2020).