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## JOB SATISFACTION IN PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

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#### **Abstract**

This study aims to examine the influence of training and team collaboration on job performance with job satisfaction as a mediating variable among employees at PT. PLN (Persero) UP3 North Medan. The research problem is based on the importance of human resources with high job performance to support organizational goals. However, in practice, there are inconsistencies between the implementation of training and team collaboration with the levels of job satisfaction and employee performance. The population of this study consisted of all employees at PT. PLN (Persero) UP3 Medan Utara, totaling 144 individuals. Since the population was less than 200, a census sampling technique (saturated sampling) was used, in which the entire population was included as the sample. The data were analyzed using Structural Equation Modeling-Partial Least Squares (SEM-PLS) with the help of SmartPLS software. The results show that: (1) training has a positive and significant effect on job performance but does not significantly affect job satisfaction; (2) team collaboration has a positive and significant effect on both job satisfaction and job performance; (3) job satisfaction has a positive and significant effect on job performance; (4) job satisfaction significantly mediates the effect of team collaboration on job performance but does not significantly mediate the relationship between training and job performance. The study concludes that team collaboration is a crucial factor in enhancing both job satisfaction and performance, while the effectiveness of training should be re-evaluated to optimize its impact on employee satisfaction.

Keywords: Training, Team Collaboration, Job Satisfaction, Job Performance.

#### **Background**

In an increasingly competitive business environment, improving employee performance has become a key focus for companies to achieve organizational goals effectively and efficiently. One company facing challenges in improving employee performance is PT. PLN (Persero) UP3 Medan Utara. As a company engaged in the electricity sector, PLN UP3 Medan Utara is required to provide quality services and ensure optimal employee performance in the face of technological changes and increasing customer needs. Employee performance is a key factor in determining a company's success. According to Robbins and Judge (2019), work performance is the result of individual efforts in carrying out their duties according to the standards set by the organization. Improving employee performance can be achieved through various strategies, including training and effective teamwork. Training plays a crucial role in improving employees' skills, knowledge, and attitudes in carrying out their duties. Furthermore, strong teamwork creates a harmonious work environment and increases overall organizational productivity.

According to Noe (2020), effective training can improve employees' skills and competencies in carrying out their duties. In the electricity industry, PLN UP3 Medan Utara employees must always be updated with technological developments and applicable regulations, making training a crucial aspect of improving their performance. Besides training, teamwork is also a factor that influences work performance. Good teamwork can create a more positive work environment, improve operational efficiency, and encourage innovation in the workplace. Robbins and Judge (2019) state that strong teamwork can increase employee motivation and job satisfaction, ultimately leading to improved work performance. However, the relationship between training and teamwork and work performance is not always direct. Another factor that plays a role in this relationship is job satisfaction. Job satisfaction is a positive emotional state experienced by employees when they feel appreciated and compensated appropriately for their efforts (Meyer & Allen, 2020). Podsakoff et al. (2021) state that job satisfaction has a significant impact on employee productivity and loyalty to the company. Although various studies have discussed the influence of training and teamwork on work performance, there is still a research gap regarding how job satisfaction plays a role as an intervening variable in the relationship between training, teamwork, and work performance, especially in the electricity sector such as PLN UP3 North Medan. Therefore, this study aims to fill this gap by analyzing how job satisfaction can strengthen or weaken the relationship between training and teamwork on work performance.

This research is important because it can provide in-depth insights for the management of PLN UP3 North Medan in developing strategies to improve employee performance through more effective training and enhanced teamwork. Furthermore, this research also contributes to the development of theory in the field of human resource management, particularly regarding the relationship between training, teamwork, job satisfaction, and job performance. By understanding the factors that influence job performance, companies can design more effective policies to improve employee productivity and well-being. In the context of PLN UP3 North Medan, training and teamwork must be optimally designed to positively impact work performance. By considering job satisfaction as an intervening variable, the company can evaluate more effective policies to increase employee engagement and create a better work environment. Therefore, the results of this study are expected to provide recommendations for PLN UP3 North Medan in improving employee performance through human resource development strategies based on training, teamwork, and job satisfaction.

## Formulation of the problem

- 1. Does training have a positive and significant effect on work performance at PLN UP3 North Medan?
- 2. Does Teamwork have a positive and significant impact on Work Performance at PLN UP3 North Medan?
- 3. Does training have a positive and significant effect on job satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan?
- 4. Does Teamwork have a positive and significant effect on Job Satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan?
- 5. Does Job Satisfaction have a positive and significant effect on Job Performance at PLN UP3 North Medan?
- 6. Does Training have a positive and significant effect on Job Performance through Job Satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan?
- 7. Does Teamwork have a positive and significant effect on Work Performance through Job Satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan?

## Research purposes

- 1. To test and analyze the influence of training on work performance at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 2. To test and analyze the influence of Teamwork on Work Performance at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 3. To test and analyze the influence of training on job satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 4. To test and analyze the influence of Teamwork on Job Satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 5. To test and analyze the influence of Job Satisfaction on Work Performance at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 6. To test and analyze the influence of training on job performance through job satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 7. To test and analyze the influence of Teamwork on Work Performance through Job Satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan

## LITERATURE REVIEW

# Work performance

According to Hughes et al. (2022), employee involvement in effective teamwork can improve well-being and productivity.

## **Work Performance Indicators**

According to Hughes et al. (2022) work performance indicators are:

- 1. Quality of Work Results
- 2. Productivity
- 3. Time Efficiency
- 4. Compliance with Standards
- 5. Innovation and Creativity

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# Factors that influence work performance

According to Handoko (2019), the factors that influence work performance are:

- 1. Motivation
- 2. Job Satisfaction
- 3. Stress Level
- 4. Physical conditions of work
- 5. Compensation System
- 6. Economic Aspects
- 7. Technical Aspects
- 8. Employee Behaviors

# **Training**

According to Dessler (2021), training is the process of improving employee skills and knowledge through training programs that can encourage job satisfaction.

### **Training Indicators**

According to Dessler (2021) there are 5 training indicators, namely:

- 1. Knowledge Enhancement
- 2. Skill Enhancement
- 3. Behavior Change
- 4. Increased Productivity
- 5. Participant satisfaction

## **Teamwork**

According to Podsakoff et al. (2021), teamwork is collaboration between employees in carrying out tasks to achieve company goals.

## **Teamwork Indicators**

According to Podsakoff et al. (2021), there are 5 indicators of teamwork, namely:

- 1. Effective Communication
- 2. Cooperation
- 3. Involvement and Participation
- 4. Joint Decision Making
- 5. Conflict Resolution Skills

# Job satisfaction

According to Meyer & Allen (2020), job satisfaction is an important factor in increasing organizational commitment.

# IndicatorJob satisfaction

According to Meyer & Allen (2020) indicators of job satisfaction are:

- 1. Satisfaction with Salary and Benefits
- 2. Satisfaction with Work Environment
- 3. Satisfaction with the Job Itself
- 4. Relationships with Coworkers
- 5. Satisfaction with Awards and Recognition

# **Conceptual Framework**

The following is the conceptual framework of this research:

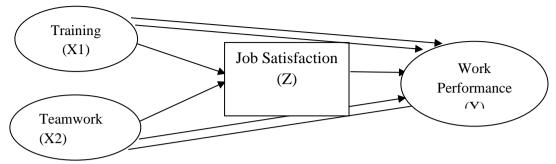


Figure 1: Conceptual Framework

# **Research Hypothesis**

- 1. Traininghas a positive and significant influence on Work Performance at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 2. Teamworkhas a positive and significant effect on Work Performance at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 3. Traininghas a positive and significant effect on Job Satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 4. Teamworkhas a positive and significant effect on Work Performance at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 5. Job satisfactionhas a positive and significant effect on Work Performance at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 6. Traininghas a positive and significant effect on Job Performance through Job Satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan
- 7. Teamworkhas a positive and significant effect on Job Performance through Job Satisfaction at PLN UP3 North Medan

# RESEARCH METHODS

# Types of research

The research approach used in this study is a quantitative approach with a survey method. Quantitative research is used to test the causal relationship between the independent variables (training and teamwork), the intervening variable (job satisfaction), and the dependent variable (job performance). This type of research is explanatory research, which aims to explain the causal relationship between the variables studied according to Sugiyono (2018).

# Time and Location of Research

This research was conducted in July 2025 at PT. PLN (Persero) UP3 North Medan Jl. Kol. Yos Sudarso No. 118 Medan.

#### Data source

The research data source used by the researcher is a primary data source, the primary data source is the researcher obtained data directly from respondents who work at PT. PLN (Persero) UP3 North Medan.

- 1. Primary Data: Collected through a questionnaire distributed to employees of PT PLN (Persero) UP3 Medan Utara
- 2. Secondary Data: Derived from company reports, academic literature, and previous research.

# Research Population and Sample Population

A population is a generalization area consisting of objects/subjects that have certain qualities and characteristics that are applied by researchers to be studied and conclusions drawn (Sugiyono, 2018). The population used in this study amounted to 144 Technical Service Officers in all PLN North Medan service units.

### **Sample**

According to Sugiyono (2018), the research sample is a portion of the number and characteristics of the population. The sample in this study was 144 Technical Service Officers in all PLN North Medan service units (Saturated Sample).

# **Data collection technique**

The data collection technique used is a questionnaire, the researcher will distribute the questionnaire to the respondents who are the sample. According to Sugiyono (2018), a questionnaire is a data collection technique carried out by giving a set of written questions or statements to respondents to answer.

## **Data Analysis Model**

The analytical model used in this study is path analysis, a statistical technique used to examine direct and indirect relationships between variables. In this study, path analysis was used to analyze the relationship between job stress, competence, employee performance, and work motivation. The model used in this study can be described as follows:

### **Path Analysis Model**

1. Direct Effect

A direct effect is an effect that occurs directly from one variable to another without going through other variables. It shows the direct effect of work stress (X1) on employee performance (Y), or the direct effect of competence (X2) on employee performance (Y).

2. Indirect Effect:

Indirect influence is an influence that occurs through the moderating variable. It shows the indirect influence of work stress (X1) on employee performance (Y) through work motivation (Z).

Total Effect:

The total effect is the sum of the direct and indirect effects between two variables. It shows the total effect of work stress (X1) on employee performance (Y), which is calculated from the direct effect and the indirect effect involving work motivation (Z).

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## **Outer Model Analysis**

Outer model analysis in quantitative research based on Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) is used to test the validity and reliability of constructs or indicators in a measurement model. The outer model explains the relationship between latent constructs and their indicators.

# **Convergent Validity**

Convergent Validity or convergent validity is part of the outer model analysis in the PLS-SEM approach, which is used to test the extent to which the indicators in a construct truly reflect the construct. Loading between 0.50–0.70can still be maintained if AVE and CR still meet the requirements. Indicators with loadings <0.50 should be removed as they are invalid. The results are as follows:

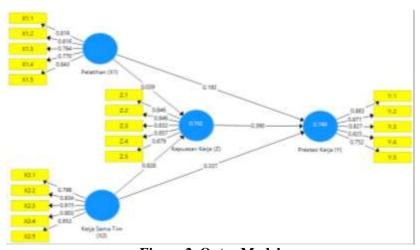


Figure 2. Outer Model

Smart PLS output for loading factor gives the results in the following table: Outer Loadings In this study there is an equation and the equation consists of two substructures for substructure 1

Z = b1X1 + b2X2 + e1

Z = 0.039 + 0.828 + e1

For substructure 2

Y = b2X1 + b4X2 + b3Z + e2

Y = 0.192 + 0.337 + 0.390 + e2

**Table 1. Outer Loadings** 

	Job Satisfaction (Z)	Teamwork (X2)	Training (X1)	Work Performance (Y)	
X1.1			0.816		
X1.2			0.816		
X1.3			0.764		
X1.4			0.770		
X1.5			0.843		
<b>X2.1</b>		0.798			
X2.2		0.834			
X2.3		0.815			
X2.4		0.803			
X2.5		0.852			
<b>Y.1</b>				0.883	
Y.2				0.871	
Y.3				0.827	
Y.4				0.823	
Y.5				0.752	
<b>Z.1</b>	0.846				
<b>Z.2</b>	0.846				
<b>Z.3</b>	0.832				
<b>Z.4</b>	0.857				
<b>Z.5</b>	0.879				

Source: Smart PLS3,3,3

Based on the results of the convergent validity test using outer loading values, all indicators of the four constructs (Training, Teamwork, Job Performance, and Job Satisfaction) had values > 0.70, which means all indicators are valid and reflect the constructs being measured. Therefore, all constructs have met the requirements for convergent validity, and no indicators need to be eliminated.

# **Discriminant Validity**

Discriminant validity is part of the outer model evaluation in PLS-SEM, used to test whether a construct is truly unique and distinct from other constructs. This is to ensure that indicators of one construct are not highly correlated with other constructs, meaning that each construct measures something different. As follows:

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Table 2. Discriminant Validity

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	Job Satisfaction (Z)	Teamwork (X2)	Training (X1)	Work Performance (Y)		
X1.1	0.622	0.675	0.816	0.622		
X1.2	0.616	0.690	0.816	0.650		
X1.3	0.548	0.627	0.764	0.535		
X1.4	0.577	0.671	0.770	0.585		
X1.5	0.608	0.735	0.843	0.673		
X2.1	0.688	0.798	0.699	0.647		
X2.2	0.790	0.834	0.714	0.759		
X2.3	0.685	0.815	0.656	0.653		
X2.4	0.670	0.803	0.675	0.607		
X2.5	0.690	0.852	0.735	0.746		
Y.1	0.743	0.711	0.667	0.883		
Y.2	0.713	0.737	0.665	0.871		
Y.3	0.690	0.729	0.633	0.827		
Y.4	0.627	0.658	0.637	0.823		
Y.5	0.643	0.636	0.586	0.752		
<b>Z.1</b>	0.846	0.712	0.604	0.650		
<b>Z.2</b>	0.846	0.717	0.555	0.662		
<b>Z.3</b>	0.832	0.719	0.653	0.654		
<b>Z.4</b>	0.857	0.731	0.697	0.737		
<b>Z.5</b>	0.879	0.786	0.647	0.789		

Source: Smart PLS3.3.3

Based on the cross-loading results, it can be concluded that all indicators have the highest loading on their respective constructs compared to the loadings on other constructs. Thus, discriminant validity for all constructs (Training, Teamwork, Job Satisfaction, and Job Performance) has been met.

# Composite reliability

Construct reliability measures the extent to which indicators within a construct correlate with each other and are consistent in measuring the same concept. Reliability is assessed using three measures: Cronbach's Alpha Used to measure internal reliability. The minimum criterion is 0.70. The analysis results show that all constructs have Cronbach's Alpha > 0.70, which means good internal consistency. Composite Reliability (CR) CR provides a more accurate reliability estimate than Cronbach's Alpha. The CR value is also required > 0.70, and the results of the study show that all constructs have CR above that value, indicating high reliability. Average Variance Extracted (AVE) In addition to being a validity assessment, AVE also shows the extent to which the indicator explains the construct. An AVE value of more than 0.50 indicates that the indicator is able to explain the construct variance dominantly, which has been met in all variables.

Table 3. Construct Reliability and Validity

	Cronbach's Alpha	Composite Reliability	Average Variance Extracted (AVE)
Job Satisfaction (Z)	0.906	0.930	0.727
Teamwork (X2)	0.879	0.912	0.673
Training (X1)	0.861	0.900	0.644
Work Performance (Y)	0.888	0.918	0.693

Source: Smart PLS3,3,3

Based on the test results of the indicators in each latent variable, it can be concluded that all constructs in this research model — namely Training (X1), Teamwork (X2), Job Satisfaction (Z), and Job Performance (Y) — have met the criteria for good validity and reliability. This is evidenced by the Cronbach's Alpha and Composite Reliability values, which are all above the minimum threshold of 0.70, indicating that each construct has high internal consistency. In addition, the Average Variance Extracted (AVE) value of the four constructs also exceeds the minimum value of 0.50, which means that each construct is able to explain more than 50% of the variance of its constituent indicators, thus fulfilling the requirements for convergent validity. By fulfilling these three evaluation indicators (Cronbach's Alpha, Composite Reliability, and AVE), it can be concluded that all constructs in the model are valid and reliable, and are suitable for use in further analysis at the inner model or structural model testing stage. This strengthens the belief that the instruments used in this study have been able to measure the intended constructs accurately and consistently.

# **Inner Model Analysis**

The inner model, or structural model, is used to examine the relationships between latent variables identified in the research hypothesis. This analysis aims to determine the extent of influence of the independent variables on the dependent variable, both directly and indirectly. Assessment is performed by examining the path coefficient, T-statistic, and P-values for each relationship tested.

# **Coefficient of Determination (R2)**

The coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) is used to measure how much the independent variable is able to explain the dependent variable in a structural model. The  $R^2$  value ranges from 0 to 1. The closer to 1  $\rightarrow$  the higher the ability of the independent variable to explain the dependent variable. The closer to 0  $\rightarrow$  the lower the model's explanatory ability. Based on data processing that has been carried out using the SmartPLS 3.0 program, the R Square value is obtained as follows:

**Table 4. R Square Results** 

	R Square Adjusted R Square	
Job Satisfaction (Z)	0.742	0.738
<b>Work Performance (Y)</b>	0.749	0.744

Source: Smart PLS3,3,3

The R Square value is 0.742shows that 74.2% of the variation in Job Satisfaction can be explained by the independent variables in the model (namely Training (X1) and Teamwork (X2)). Meanwhile, the remaining 25.8% is explained by other factors outside the model. Because the value is close to 1 and more than 0.75, the explanatory power is included in the strong/substantial category. The R Square value of 0.749 shows that 74.9% of the variation in Work Performance can be explained by the variables Training (X1), Teamwork (X2), and Job Satisfaction (Z). The remaining 25.1% is influenced by other factors not included in this model. This value also falls into the strong/substantial category, which means that this model has a high level of clarity on Work Performance.

# **Hypothesis Testing**

Based on the results of hypothesis testing using the bootstrapping method in SmartPLS, it was found that all relationships between variables have a valueThe T-statistic is greater than 1.96 and the P-value is less than 0.05. This indicates that all influences between variables in the model are statistically significant at the 5% significance level as follows:

**Table 5. Path Coefficients (Direct Effect)** 

	Original Sample (O)	T Statistics (  O/STDEV  )	P Values	Results
Job Satisfaction (Z) -> Job Performance (Y)	0.390	4,828	0,000	Accepted
Teamwork (X2) -> Job Satisfaction (Z)	0.828	12,563	0,000	Accepted
Teamwork (X2) -> Work Performance (Y)	0.337	3,366	0,000	Accepted
Training (X1) -> Job Satisfaction (Z)	0.039	0.541	0.295	Rejected
Training (X1) -> Work Performance (Y)	0.192	2,487	0.007	Accepted

Source: Smart PLS3,3,3

In table 5 there are the results of the hypotheses in the research, so the explanation of this research is as follows:

- 1. Job Satisfaction (Z) has a positive and significant effect on Job Performance (Y). The coefficient obtained is 0.390, T Statistics 4.828, and P Value 0.000, which indicates that job satisfaction has a positive and significant effect on job performance. The more satisfied an employee is with his/her job, the more likely he/she will show higher and quality performance.
- 2. Teamwork (X2) has a positive and significant effect on Job Satisfaction (Z) The coefficient value is 0.828, T Statistics is 12.563, and P Value is 0.000 indicating that teamwork has a positive and significant effect on job satisfaction. This means that the higher the level of teamwork created in the organization, the higher the level of job satisfaction felt by employees.
- 3. Teamwork (X2) has a positive and significant effect on Work Performance (Y) With a coefficient of 0.337, T Statistics 3.366, and P Value 0.000, it can be concluded that teamwork also has a positive and significant effect on work performance. This indicates that synergy within a team can directly improve individual and group performance in achieving work targets.
- 4. Training (X1) does not have a significant effect on Job Satisfaction (Z) Although the coefficient value is 0.039, T Statistics 0.541, and P Value 0.295 indicates a positive direction, it is not statistically significant. This means that training has not been able to provide a real contribution to increasing job satisfaction in the context of this study.
- 5. Training (X1) has a positive and significant effect on Work Performance (Y) With a coefficient value of 0.192, T Statistics 2.487, and P Value 0.007, indicating that the training provided also has a positive and significant effect on employee work performance. Appropriate training can improve knowledge and skills which ultimately impacts on achieving better performance.

**Table 6. Path Coefficients (Indirect Effect)** 

	Original Sample (O)	T Statistics (  O/STDEV  )	P Values	Results
Teamwork (X2) -> Job Satisfaction (Z) -> Job Performance (Y)	0.323	4,297	0,000	Accepted
Training (X1) -> Job Satisfaction (Z) -> Job Performance (Y)	0.015	0.553	0.290	Rejected

Source: Smart PLS3,3,3

6. Teamwork has a positive and significant effect on work performance through job satisfaction as a mediating variable. This is indicated by a coefficient value of 0.323, with a T-statistic of 4.297 and a P-value of 0.000. A T-statistic value greater than 1.96 and a P-value smaller than 0.05 indicate that the mediation effect is statistically

- significant. This finding indicates that better teamwork built in the work environment will increase employee job satisfaction, which ultimately has an impact on increased work performance. In other words, job satisfaction is proven to be able to significantly mediate the relationship between teamwork and work performance.
- 7. Training does not have a significant indirect effect on job performance through job satisfaction. This can be seen from the coefficient value of 0.015, with a T-statistic of 0.553 and a P-value of 0.290. Since the T-statistic is less than 1.96 and the P-value is more than 0.05, it can be concluded that the effect of training on job performance is not significantly mediated by job satisfaction. This indicates that even if training is provided, if it is not supported by other factors that increase job satisfaction, then the training does not directly have a significant impact on achieving job performance through employee satisfaction.

#### Conclusion

- 1. Job satisfaction has a positive and significant effect on work performance. These results indicate that employees who are satisfied with their jobs will tend to show high work performance. The coefficient value of 0.390, T-Statistic 4.828, and P-Value 0.000 indicate that this hypothesis is accepted.
- 2. Teamwork has a positive and significant effect on job satisfaction. This indicates that the better the teamwork, the higher the employee job satisfaction. The coefficient value of 0.828, T-Statistic 12.563, and P-Value 0.000 prove that this hypothesis is accepted.
- 3. Teamwork has a positive and significant impact on work performance. This means that effective teamwork can improve employee performance. This is supported by a coefficient of 0.337, a T-Statistic of 3.366, and a P-Value of 0.000.
- 4. Training had no significant effect on job satisfaction. These results indicate that the training provided was insufficient to improve employee job satisfaction. With a coefficient of 0.039, a t-statistic of 0.541, and a p-value of 0.295 (above 0.05), the hypothesis was rejected.
- 5. Training has a positive and significant effect on job performance. This means that the better the training provided, the higher the employee's job performance. This is evidenced by a coefficient value of 0.192, a t-statistic of 2.487, and a p-value of 0.007 (below 0.05), thus accepting the hypothesis.
- 6. Teamwork has a positive and significant effect on work performance through job satisfaction. This means that job satisfaction significantly mediates the relationship between teamwork and work performance. This is evidenced by a coefficient of 0.323, a t-statistic of 4.297, and a p-value of 0.000.
- 7. Training does not significantly influence job performance through job satisfaction. These results indicate that job satisfaction does not significantly mediate the relationship between training and job performance. This is indicated by a coefficient value of 0.015, a T-Statistic of 0.553, and a P-Value of 0.290 (above 0.05).

## **Suggestion**

- 1. Improving the Effectiveness of Training ProgramsGiven that training has no significant impact on job satisfaction, company management needs to re-evaluate the quality and relevance of the training materials provided. Training should be tailored to job needs and employee expectations to positively impact employee satisfaction.
- Building Solid TeamworkSince teamwork has been shown to significantly impact job satisfaction and performance, management should continue to develop a teamwork culture through activities such as team building, open communication, and appreciation for collaborative work.
- Increase Overall Job Satisfaction Job satisfaction has been shown to significantly impact performance. Therefore, companies need to pay more attention to factors that influence job satisfaction, such as a comfortable work environment, clear job descriptions, reward systems, and work-life balance.
- Objective and Measurable Work Performance EvaluationTo ensure that work performance improves as expected, companies need to establish clear, measurable, and fair performance indicators and conduct regular evaluations. This will also impact employee motivation and satisfaction.

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