ABSTRACT

The food delivery application market in Indonesia is currently in a promising position since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to recent data, a total of 19.85 million Indonesians have made purchases through food delivery applications. GoFood, a subsidiary of PT GoTo Gojek Tokopedia Tbk, is an Indonesian-made application that ranks first as a food delivery application with the largest Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) in Southeast Asia. However, currently, GoFood is experiencing a period of stagnation over the past three years, as measured by its GMV which has remained at the level of US\$ 2 billion.

The food delivery application is considered as a persuasive communication channel between merchant and consumers, thus requiring a balanced marketing communication strategy. The aim of this study is to determine the extent to which Quantity of Information, Consistency of Information, Usefulness of Information, and Adoption of Information influence Purchase Intention on the food delivery application GoFood, using the Information Adoption Model extension.

This study is a quantitative research with causal and descriptive analysis. The sampling process was conducted by distributing questionnaires to 400 respondents. This study employed the Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) data analysis tool, utilising the SmartPLS 3.2.9 statistical software.

The findings of this study indicate a positive and statistically significant correlation between the Information Adoption and Purchase Intention of the customer. In addition, there exists indirect correlations between Information Quantity, Information Credibility, Information Quality, Information Usefulness, and Information Consistency, which collectively impact customer Purchase Intention. These factors are ranked in descending order based on their level of significance.

Based on the findings of this study, GoFood has the potential to: (1) adopt a comprehensive strategy that involves clarifying information; (2) offer informative content that includes expert knowledge and user experiences; (3) enable consumer-to-consumer (C2C) interactions through diverse online forums; and (4) create a system that facilitates the sharing of positive feedback from online platforms.

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