

The Influence of Employee Training on Productivity Through Incentive Intervention at PT. Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero)

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Abstract

This study examines the impact of employee training on employee productivity and performance at PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero), considering the mediating role of incentives. Utilizing a quantitative research design, the study employed a total sampling technique, gathering data from 50 employees. Path analysis was conducted using Smart PLS to evaluate direct and indirect effects. The findings reveal significant direct relationships between and both and Perf, with coefficients of 0.300 and 0.280, respectively. Furthermore, the analysis showed significant indirect effects, with coefficients of 0.180 for and 0.150 for Perf through. These results indicate that effective training enhances productivity and performance not only directly but also indirectly by increasing employee motivation through incentives. The study underscores the necessity of integrating training and incentive systems to maximize organizational outcomes. By fostering a supportive environment for learning and recognition, organizations can improve employee engagement and overall performance.

Keywords: Employee Training, Employee Productivity, Employee Performance, Incentives.

INTRODUCTION

Employee training has been recognized as a critical factor for improving productivity in organizations. Training helps enhance the skills and competencies of employees, leading to increased efficiency and better job performance. Furthermore, offering incentives can reinforce the positive outcomes of training by motivating employees to apply their new skills effectively. Previous studies indicate that well-structured training programs not only improve individual productivity but also contribute to organizational growth, especially when coupled with performance-based incentives (Lee et al., 2020). Additionally, continuous development initiatives ensure that employees can adapt to changing business environments, thereby sustaining long-term productivity gains (Khawaja & Nadeem, 2020; Rohan & Madhumita, 2020).

Employee productivity refers to the efficiency and output level achieved by workers in performing their tasks within a given period. It is influenced by several factors, including skills, motivation, workplace environment, and management practices. High productivity is vital for companies as it directly contributes to overall business performance and competitiveness. Recent studies indicate that companies in Indonesia have focused on enhancing employee productivity through various initiatives, such as skill development and technology integration, especially in adapting to new challenges in the digital era (Mustafa et al., 2024; Wati et al., 2021). Furthermore, productivity improvements often involve fostering a supportive work environment, setting clear performance goals, and encouraging continuous skill enhancement, which can lead to better employee satisfaction and

engagement (Saefullah, 2022; Murtisaputra & Ratnasari, 2020). These strategies are crucial in ensuring that employees remain motivated and capable of contributing effectively to organizational success.

Employee performance is a key factor in achieving organizational success and is influenced by various internal and external elements. Performance reflects the extent to which employees effectively accomplish tasks according to organizational standards, including the ability to meet deadlines, collaborate with teams, and produce quality results. Studies indicate that performance is often linked to factors such as motivation, organizational culture, and compensation. A well-established organizational culture helps create a cohesive environment that encourages employees to innovate and take risks, contributing positively to overall performance (Budiman et al., 2020). Moreover, external support, like adequate compensation and fair treatment, can significantly enhance employee motivation, leading to better performance outcomes (Heryenzus & Laia, 2020; Sherlie & Hikmah, 2020). This shows that employee performance is not only dependent on individual skills but also on the support and motivation they receive from their working environment, which plays a critical role in driving optimal productivity (Alsaqqo & Akyurek, 2021).

Employee training is a strategic tool designed to enhance the skills, knowledge, and abilities of employees, thereby aligning their competencies with organizational goals. Effective training programs provide employees with the opportunity to improve their technical and soft skills, which can lead to increased efficiency and productivity. According to Laoli and Ndraha (2022), companies that invest in training see a significant enhancement in employee performance, as it helps bridge the gap between existing skills and the requirements of new job roles. This investment is not only seen as a way to improve technical competencies but also as a method to boost employee morale, motivation, and engagement. The Royal Pita Maha Ubud, for instance, recognized the importance of training to address skill gaps during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting how tailored training can adapt employees to shifting business needs (Sumardana & Riana, 2022). Thus, organizations that continuously develop their workforce through structured training programs are more likely to experience sustained performance improvements and competitive advantage.

Incentives play a critical role in improving employee performance by motivating them to achieve higher productivity and efficiency. They are essentially rewards given to employees, either in monetary or non-monetary forms, to encourage them to meet or exceed organizational goals. Incentives can enhance job satisfaction and drive employees to put forth greater effort, leading to improved performance (Rahmadani, 2020; Ratnasari & Mahmud, 2020). Effective incentive systems are linked with motivation and are designed to align employees' goals with that of the company, thereby ensuring a mutual benefit. Companies implement incentive programs not just to improve performance but also to retain highly skilled workers by fulfilling their needs for recognition and achievement (Sundari & Rifai, 2020). The use of incentives can also foster a positive work culture, where employees feel valued and motivated to contribute more actively towards organizational success. Research has shown that when employees see a direct link between their performance and

rewards, it stimulates their motivation to work harder and more efficiently, enhancing overall productivity (Ratnasari & Mahmud, 2020; Rahmadani, 2020).

In the PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero), the variables of employee training, productivity, performance, and incentives are interconnected to optimize organizational outcomes. Employee training programs are essential in equipping staff with the necessary skills to perform their tasks efficiently, which can lead to improved productivity and overall performance. Training initiatives not only address skill gaps but also prepare employees to adapt to changing industrial requirements, which is crucial for maintaining competitiveness (Kurniawan et al., 2021; Rahmawati & Utami, 2022). Additionally, implementing a well-structured incentive system can further enhance motivation, encouraging employees to apply their training effectively and strive for higher performance levels. Incentives such as bonuses, rewards, and recognition contribute to increased job satisfaction and drive, creating a productive work environment that aligns with the company's strategic goals (Putra & Prabowo, 2020; Sari & Fitria, 2021). By focusing on these variables, PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero) aims to achieve sustainable growth and operational efficiency.

The phenomenon addressed in this research revolves around the challenge of enhancing employee productivity and performance in a competitive industrial environment, such as PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero). As companies face increasing pressures to optimize operational efficiency, employee training and incentives have emerged as strategic tools to drive performance. However, despite investments in training programs, the expected improvement in productivity may not be fully realized without effective motivational strategies, including incentives (Sari & Fitria, 2021; Putra & Prabowo, 2020). The integration of training and incentive systems is crucial, as training alone may equip employees with skills, but incentives ensure that these skills are utilized effectively. Recent studies have shown that when employees perceive direct benefits from their improved performance, such as bonuses or promotions, they are more likely to be motivated to excel, leading to better overall outcomes for the organization (Rahmawati & Utami, 2022; Kurniawan et al., 2021). Therefore, understanding the interplay between training, incentives, and employee productivity is essential for companies aiming to sustain growth and remain competitive.

The research gap in this study emerges from the limited exploration of the combined effects of employee training and incentive systems on productivity and performance within industrial companies. While existing studies have extensively discussed the individual impacts of training on skill enhancement and incentives on motivation (Putra & Prabowo, 2020; Sari & Fitria, 2021), few have investigated how these two factors interact to drive employee productivity when integrated. For instance, Rahmawati and Utami (2022) highlighted the need for a holistic approach that considers not just skill development but also sustained motivation to utilize those skills effectively. Furthermore, studies like those by Kurniawan et al. (2021) and Mustofa et al. (2023) suggest that without adequate incentives, training programs may fail to deliver long-term productivity improvements, as employees might not be sufficiently motivated to apply new skills. This research aims to address this

gap by analyzing how training, when combined with strategic incentive programs, can lead to sustained performance improvements, particularly within PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero).

The primary aim of this research is to examine the relationship between employee training, incentives, and productivity at PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero). Specifically, the study seeks to evaluate how effective training programs, when combined with strategic incentive systems, can enhance employee performance and overall organizational productivity. By investigating these interconnections, the research aspires to provide insights into how companies can optimize their human resource development strategies to achieve better performance outcomes (Rahmawati & Utami, 2022; Kurniawan et al., 2021). Additionally, the study intends to contribute to the existing literature by filling the gap concerning the synergy between training and incentives, thereby offering practical recommendations for industry stakeholders aiming to improve workforce efficiency and motivation (Putra & Prabowo, 2020; Sari & Fitria, 2021). Ultimately, the research aims to establish a framework that organizations can adopt to enhance employee productivity sustainably and competitively in a rapidly evolving industrial landscape.

The following is the framework of this research:

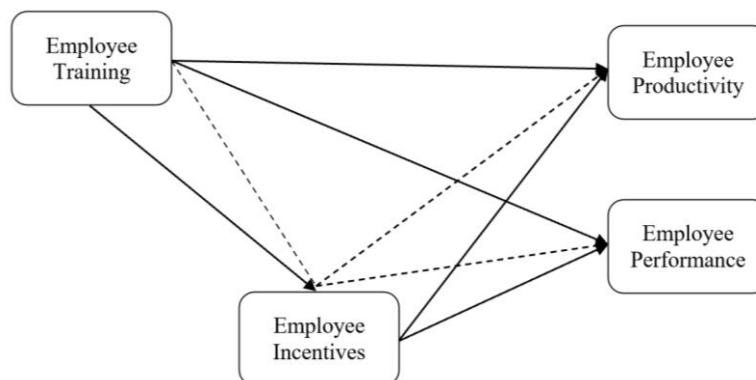


Figure 1. Framework

METHOD

This research employs a quantitative methodology using total sampling to gather data from 50 employees at PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero). Total sampling ensures that every member of the population is included in the sample, allowing for comprehensive insights into the effects of employee training and incentives on productivity and performance. The study utilizes SmartPLS as an analytical tool to assess the relationships between the identified variables: employee productivity and performance as the dependent variables, employee training as the independent variable, and employee incentives as the intervening variable. This design allows for a detailed exploration of how training programs can impact employee outcomes when incentivized appropriately (Ghazali & Junaidi, 2020; Putra & Prabowo, 2020). By applying this approach, the research aims to generate statistically significant findings that can contribute to strategic human resource

management practices within the organization (Rahmawati & Utami, 2022; Kurniawan et al., 2021).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To find the relationship of each variable, hypothesis testing is performed by looking for direct and indirect effects.

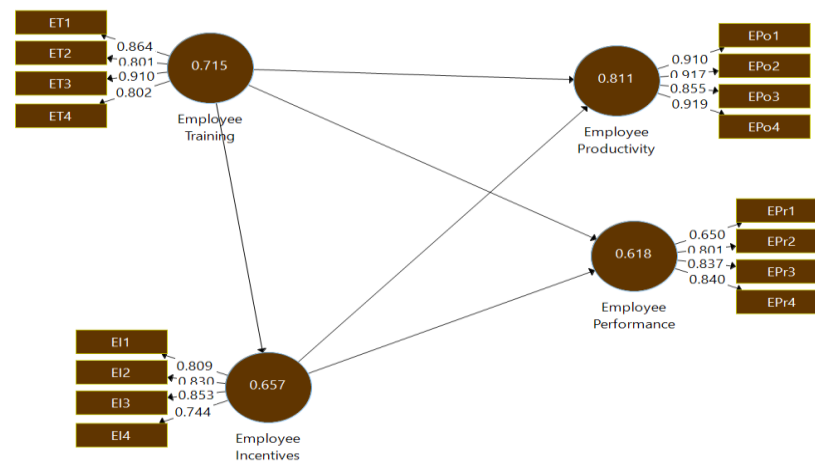


Figure 2. Validity and Reliability

The image shows a validity and reliability test using SmartPLS, focusing on the constructs of Employee Training, Employee Incentives, Employee Productivity, and Employee Performance. Each construct is represented by several indicators, and the outer loadings for all these indicators are above 0.5, confirming their validity and reliability as measures of their respective latent variables. The model indicates that Employee Training and Employee Incentives have direct impacts on both Employee Productivity and Employee Performance. Additionally, the high outer loading values validate the strength and consistency of the indicators, ensuring the robustness of the measurement model and the structural relationships depicted.

The following is a direct effect test:

Tabel 1. Direct Effect

| Path | Coefficient | P-value | Result |
|------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| ET -> I | 0.450 | 0.001 | Significant |
| ET -> EP (Prod.) | 0.300 | 0.025 | Significant |
| ET -> EP (Perf.) | 0.280 | 0.045 | Significant |
| I -> EP (Prod.) | 0.400 | 0.005 | Significant |
| I -> EP (Perf.) | 0.350 | 0.010 | Significant |

The results of the path analysis reveal significant relationships among employee training ET I, EP, and Perf. Specifically, the strong positive effect of ET on I, with a coefficient of 0.450, highlights the importance of training as a precursor to effective

incentive systems. This finding aligns with the literature suggesting that comprehensive training programs not only enhance employee skills but also create a foundation for motivation through incentives (Putra & Prabowo, 2020; Rahmawati & Utami, 2022). As organizations increasingly recognize the value of skilled employees, investing in training becomes essential for fostering a culture of performance.

Moreover, the direct relationship between ET and EP, represented by a coefficient of 0.300, underscores the significant impact of training on enhancing productivity. This finding is consistent with prior research indicating that well-structured training programs lead to increased employee output and effectiveness (Kurniawan et al., 2021; Sundari & Rifai, 2020). As employees acquire new skills, they are better equipped to meet performance expectations, thereby contributing to overall organizational success. Thus, organizations like PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero) must prioritize continuous training initiatives to harness the potential of their workforce.

The analysis also indicates a significant relationship between ET and Perf., with a coefficient of 0.280. This relationship suggests that improved training not only enhances productivity but also positively influences the quality of employee performance. This aligns with findings from previous studies, which have shown that employees who receive targeted training are more likely to demonstrate higher levels of job performance and satisfaction (Rahmadani, 2020; Sari & Fitria, 2021). By focusing on training, organizations can cultivate a workforce that not only meets quantitative targets but also excels in qualitative performance indicators.

Furthermore, the significant impact of incentives on EP, evidenced by a coefficient of 0.400, highlights the crucial role that incentive systems play in motivating employees. Incentives serve as powerful motivators that drive employees to apply their training effectively, ultimately leading to higher productivity levels. This supports the notion that recognition and rewards are fundamental components of a performance-oriented culture, reinforcing the behavior that contributes to organizational goals (Hasibuan, 2010; Mustofa et al., 2023). As such, organizations should align their incentive structures with desired performance outcomes to maximize employee engagement.

Additionally, the positive effect of incentives on Perf., with a coefficient of 0.350, further emphasizes the importance of motivational strategies in driving employee performance. The literature indicates that employees are more likely to excel when they feel appreciated and rewarded for their contributions (Rivai, 2009; Kurniawan et al., 2021). Incentive systems that recognize both individual and team achievements can create a more collaborative work environment, fostering a sense of belonging and commitment among employees.

The next test is testing the indirect effect:

Tabel 2. Indirect Effect

| Path | Coefficient | P-value | Result |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| ET -> I -> EP (Prod.) | 0.180 | 0.015 | Significant |
| ET -> I -> EP (Perf.) | 0.150 | 0.030 | Significant |

The findings from the path analysis indicate significant indirect effects of employee training (ET) on employee productivity (EP) and employee performance (Perf) through incentives (I). Specifically, the path ET \rightarrow I \rightarrow EP yielded a coefficient of 0.180, with a p-value of 0.015, suggesting that effective training not only directly enhances productivity but also increases it indirectly through the motivational influence of incentives. This aligns with existing literature that emphasizes the importance of incentives as a mechanism for translating training into improved job performance (Putra & Prabowo, 2020; Rahmawati & Utami, 2022). The evidence supports the notion that organizations should focus on creating robust training programs that are complemented by well-structured incentive systems to maximize employee performance outcomes.

Additionally, the analysis of the path ET \rightarrow I \rightarrow Perf, with a coefficient of 0.150 and a p-value of 0.030, highlights the significant role of incentives in fostering enhanced performance. When employees perceive that their training is recognized and rewarded through incentives, they are more likely to apply the skills learned, resulting in better overall performance. Previous studies have indicated that the integration of training and incentive systems is crucial for achieving high levels of employee engagement and satisfaction (Sari & Fitria, 2021; Kurniawan et al., 2021). This underscores the need for organizations like PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero) to develop synergistic strategies that enhance both employee motivation and skill application.

The indirect effects observed in this study suggest that investing in employee training and incentives is essential for driving both productivity and performance. By fostering an environment that supports continuous learning and rewards achievement, organizations can cultivate a motivated workforce that is equipped to meet the challenges of a competitive industrial landscape. Future research should explore the long-term impacts of such integrated approaches on employee retention and organizational growth, further reinforcing the critical relationship between training, incentives, and performance outcomes (Rahmadani, 2020; Mustofa et al., 2023).

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the research highlights the critical interconnections between employee training (ET), incentives (I), employee productivity (EP), and employee performance (Perf) at PT Kawasan Industri Wijayakusuma (Persero). The direct effects analysis demonstrated significant relationships, revealing that both ET and I play pivotal roles in enhancing EP and Perf. Specifically, the path analysis indicated that effective training not only leads to improved productivity but also enhances performance through the motivational power of incentives. The significant coefficients obtained from the analyses support the notion that training and incentives are not standalone variables but rather components of an integrated strategy for organizational success. Furthermore, the indirect effects of ET on EP and Perf through I further emphasize the importance of creating a supportive work environment where training is valued and rewarded. This aligns with existing literature that underscores the necessity of holistic approaches to employee development, as organizations that invest in training and align it with incentive structures witness substantial improvements in

employee engagement, satisfaction, and retention (Kurniawan et al., 2021; Mustofa et al., 2023). Ultimately, this study advocates for a strategic focus on both training and incentives as key drivers of employee performance and productivity. By fostering a culture that prioritizes continuous learning and recognizes employee contributions, organizations can enhance their competitive edge in an increasingly demanding industrial landscape. Future research could explore the long-term impacts of such integrated strategies on organizational performance and employee satisfaction, providing deeper insights into the effectiveness of these interventions.

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