CUSTOMERS’ INTENTION TO USE GREEN PRODUCTS:
THE IMPACT OF GREEN BRAND DIMENSIONS AND GREEN PERCEIVED VALUE

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to identify the relationships between green brand dimension (green brand awareness, green brand image, and green brand trust), green perceived value and customer’s intention to use green products. Data was collected through structured survey questionnaire from 384 customers of three hypermarkets in Kuala Lumpur. Data was analyzed based on multiple regression analysis. The results indicate that there are significant relationships between green brand awareness, green brand trust, green perceived value, and customer’s intention to use green products. However, green brand image was not found to have significant relationship with customer’s intention to use green products. The discussion presented suggestions for marketers and researchers interested in green branding.

Key Words: Green Brand Awareness, Green Brand Image, Green Brand Trust, Green Perceived Value, Customer’s Intention, Green Products

INTRODUCTION

Society has become very aware of the catastrophic ecological greenhouse gasses resulting in global warming attributed partly to industrial manufacturing activities (Chen, 2011). Ecological concern has fast become mainstream today many businesses want to develop ecological opportunities (Molina-Azorin, 2009). In the ecological era, companies consider more in green marketing in the majority of the industries (Chen, 2010). Nevertheless, not all companies have sufficient abilities to undertake green marketing strategies. If companies want to take on green marketing initiatives, they have to apply the model of green marketing into all aspects of marketing activities routine (Ottman, 1992). Because the society is more ready to buy eco-friendly products with enough dependable information, corporations have to provide trustworthy information for their customers in order to develop their green brand and enhance green knowledge (Peattie, 1992). It is difficult for marketers to persuade their clients to buy their products without providing sufficient information to their consumers. Corporations must show more information about the green performance of their products to get their customers’ trust.

Although many studies explored the different aspects of green brand (Kilbourne, 2008; Polonsky, 1994), there is a lack of empirical studies about how to increase customers’ intentions to use green products among Malaysian users. Moreover, the marketplace is now practicing a renewed attention in environmentally oriented problems with a more persistent concentration on the customer market (Diamantopoulos et al., 2003). Previous studies have looked at green brand awareness (GBA), green brand trust (GBT) and green brand image (GBI) of green products (Chen, 2010). Mourad and Ahmed (2012) looked at green perceived value (GPV). However no studies have looked at all these together. Based on Chen’s (2010) study on green brand dimensions to intention to use green products, one suggestion was to apply the three dimensions (GBA, GBT and GBI) and green perceived value (GPV) to intention to use green products. Green brand dimensions; green brand awareness, green
brand trust, green brand image and green perceived value might have a relationship to intention to use green products.

The first gap in this study is lack of empirical studies on green brand awareness, green brand trust, green brand image and green perceived value to intention to use green products in the Malaysia. (Kilbourne, 2008; Polonsky, 1994). These studies have linked green brand awareness to various variables such as green perceived risk (Fryxell, 2003) and purchase decisions (Koellner, 2001), but not with intention to use green products. Previous studies have looked at green brand awareness, green brand trust, and green brand image on intention to use green products (Chen, 2010), and green perceived value to intention to use green products (Mourad and Ahmed, 2012). However, neither of them have focused on green brand dimensions and perceived value on intention to use green products. This is the literature gap and literature review for this study. Therefore, the problem being investigated in this study is whether green brand dimensions (GBA, GBT and GBI) and green perceived value (GPV) has a relationship to intention to use green products among Malaysian consumers.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Intention to Use

The Theory of Reasoned Action (TRA) has been broadly developed in comprehending consumers’ decision-making processes in different contexts (Han & Kim, 2010). According to TRA, behavioral intention is a function of two factors; namely, attitude toward subjective norm and performing the behavior (Han & Hsu, 2010). TRA proved its applicability in explaining social behavior purposed at buying green products. The most excellent predictors of the intention to buy green products are attitudes towards the behavior perceived value. The study by Vazifehdoust (2013) indicated that the intention of customers to buy green products is defined by having a positive attitude and green perceived value toward green products. The study also has examined the impact of a variety of marketing factors and personal on the attitude toward green products of customers.

Green Brand Awareness

Green brand awareness is defined as “the ability for a buyer to recognize and to recall that a brand is environmental friendly” (Tseng, 2013, p. 98). Ng (2013) stated that increasing awareness amongst customers on environmental threats caused by electronic products has pushed companies to incorporate eco-friendly attributes in their products to fulfill consumers green expectations. Therefore, companies that offer environmentally sustainable products/services enhance green perceived value of their brands. However, incorporating green attributes in a product may not directly influence perceived value of a trade name. Ottman (2008) found that there is a strong positive effect and correlation of green awareness, green brand image and green trust and green brand preference. Chen (2012) indicates that awareness about products, especially green products, create positive perception about the products and decrease the perceived risk of green products. According to Chen (2012) green brand awareness is “the ability for a buyer to recognize and to recall that a brand is environmental friendly”. And this study argues that that green perceived quality and green brand awareness are positively related to buying decision of customers. Moreover, according to social cognitive theory, environmental issues modify the human behavior (Zarnikau, 2003). And human behavior influences the aspects of the ecological to which they are exposed. For instance, education and awareness about green products significantly influence on buying behavior of customers (Aman, 2012; Chahal, 2010; Suki et al., 2013). Therefore, it can be hypothesized that:
H1: Green brand awareness has positive significant relationship with customers’ intention to use green products.

Green Brand Trust

In this study, green brand trust is defined as “the readiness to be depended on only one thing based on the trust or belief resulting from its reliability, kindness, and capability about eco-friendliness” (Chen, 2010, p. 192). Trust summoned from three viewpoints—benevolence, ability and integrity—is an expectation held by one party that the word, statement or promise of a different party be able to be relied on (Rotter, 1971). Besides, trust is a level of the self-belief that another party will act as expected. Consumer trust is a primary determinant of long-term consumer behavior (Lee et al., 2011). For this reason, customer intentions to buy are affected by customer trust (Harris and Goode, 2010). Previous literature supports that buyer trust is a determinant of customer intentions to buy (Schlosser et al., 2006). Multiple studies have proved that customers purchase intentions significantly affected by customers’ trust and it is a determinant of consumer purchase intentions (Lee et al., 2011; Schlosser et al., 2006). The study findings by Kang (2012) affirm that green satisfaction has positive effects on green trust and green affect. Also, the results support hypothesis in positive effects in both green brand trust and green brand affect on green brand loyalty. Hence, green trust and loyalty has positive effect on intention to buy eco-friendly products. Customer trust is a fundamental determinant of long-term consumer behavior (Lee et al., 2011). If buyers have had a trust experience with the seller, they would possess a higher level of purchase intentions. Thus, consumer trust is an antecedent of customer intentions to use (van der Heijden et al., 2003; Ercis, 2012; Mohamed, 2012; Asgharian, 2012). Based on the reviewed literatures the following hypothesis can be inferred:

H2: Green brand trust has positive significant relationship with customers’ intention to use green products.

Green Brand Image

Green brand image is defined as “as a whole range of impressions, conceptions and apprehensions towards a brand in the customers’ memory which is correlated to the sustainability and eco-friendly concerns” (Chen, 2010, p. 309). Green brand image is a subset of the overall brand image. It is plausible that when a firm proclaims to deliver environmentally friendly products, the existing quality perceptions in consumer mind may positively influence to enhance a greener brand image. Cretu (2007) defines brand image as the consumer’s mental visuals that illustrate a specific brand which is related to the products produced by a company. Ko (2013) indicates that the outcomes of green marketing significantly related to the creating a positive brand image for green products, and results shows that the customers intention to use green brand product, generally identity in combination with product excellence and company social responsibility views. Mourad (2012) stated the green brand image is understood to have a positive effect on the green brand choice. In other words, a company reputation is significantly affected by green brand image, and positive brand image and company’s reputation increase customer’s intention to use green products. Juwaher (2012) argued that the appropriate marketing strategy to create positive brand image is the initial step toward a company’s success in attracting more customers and creating loyal customers for company’s products. Based on social cognitive theory, individuals act in way that is highly acceptable in the society and tend to choose the products which are more well-known. It means that the reputation and image of a brand seems a good reason of the buying activities, decisions, and behaviors of individuals (Bandura, 1989; Juwaher, 2012; Yusof, 2012; Mayer, 2012; Namkung, 2013). Therefore, it is hypothesized:
**H3:** Green brand image has positive significant relationship with customers’ intention to use green products.

**Green Perceived Value**

Perceived value is described as a customer’s general assessment of the net benefit of a service or product based on a customer’s judgment (Bolton, 1991). Past research has broadly studied perceived value because it has a positive effect on marketing performance (Sweeney et al., 1999). Because perceived value is more significant today’s, corporations can increase customer purchase intention through product value (Steenkamp, 2006). A product can send message value to customers by presenting them by distinguishing the product from competitors’ and other benefits (Zeithaml, 1988). Prominent product value for businesses can distinguish their products from their competitors’ (Kim, 2008). Perceived value can not only be a central determinant in maintaining long-term consumer relationships, and also play a key role in affecting intentions to buy (Zhuang, 2010). Besides, perceived value is also significant in influencing consumer trust (Kim et al., 2008). Also, business that regularly increases their new eco-friendly products in the market; they allocate themselves to way in the new marketplace, to enhance their effectiveness, and to take pleasure in economical advantages more than the businesses that are not worried about ecological problems (Chang, 2008). The green value increases the awareness of social value. Keller (2011) has stated that the green perceived value is one of the most important for green users. A lot of consumers really care about their purchases, it is important for them that green products which they buy were accepted in their social surrounds. If a product execute poorly in terms of social approval, negative incident like disagreement or dissatisfaction are probably could happen (Keller, 2011; Chi, 2012; Zhuang, 2010; Ansar, 2013; Li, 2013; Dumitrescu, 2013; Mahesh, 2013; Szocs, 2012; Ng, 2013). Based on the discussion above it can be hypothesized that:

**H4:** Green perceived value has positive significant relationship with customers’ intention to use green products.

**Theoretical Framework**

The theoretical framework of this study was adapted from previous studies mainly Chen (2010) and Mourad and Ahmed, (2012). Chen (2010) conducted a study on the relationship of the green brand dimensions (GBA, GBT, GBI) to intention use green products. For this study, the researcher is expanding Chen’s (2010) study to include green perceived value by Mourad and Ahmed (2012) to intention to use green products. Mourad and Ahmed (2012) focused that green perceived value significant positive relationship to intention to use green products. The underlying theory for this study was Theory of Reasoned Action as shown in Figure 1 below.

![Theoretical Framework Diagram](image-url)
METHODOLOGY

This study is an explanatory research employing the quantitative research method to accomplish the objective of the study which is to identify the relationship between green brand awareness, green brand trust, green brand image, perceived value and customers’ intention to use green products. These types of studies are appropriate to examine the significance of the correlations between investigated constructs (Creswell, 2008).

The population of this study includes all customers of hypermarkets like Carrefour, Giant, and Tesco in Kuala Lumpur. In these hypermarkets, multiple types of green products are available such as green electronic products, green packed products, grocery products and different eco-friendly products. As this study is not focused on specific types of products, population of this study consist majority of people who are customers of these hypermarkets. However, actual number of customers is unknown, because there is no way to quantify how many customers enter to these hypermarkets (Mourad and Ahmed, 2012). It would have been ideal to survey the whole population, however, the population of this study was unknown which was impossible to include entire population. Therefore, this study used convenience sampling technique and the subjects were selected because of their convenient accessibility and proximity to the researcher.

A survey questionnaire designed to collect primary data from customers to explain the relationship between variables. A total of 500 survey questionnaires were distributed among customers of three hypermarkets from 5th of November 2013 till 5th of December 2013. From 500 survey questionnaires, 392 questionnaires were filled up and collected. From collected survey questionnaires eight questionnaires had some un-answered questions; therefore these questionnaires were considered as incomplete data. Overall, 384 survey questionnaires were usable as relevant data for further analyses. To analyze the relationship between selected factors, multiple regression analysis was used.

FINDINGS

Demographic questions of the designed survey questionnaire of this study were asking the respondents’ age, gender, level of education, occupation and level of income. The frequency and percentage of demographic distribution of 384 respondents are presented in Table 1.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Items</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Gender</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>257</td>
<td>66.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>33.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Age</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>30 or below</td>
<td>127</td>
<td>33.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>31-40</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>21.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>41-50</td>
<td>76</td>
<td>19.8%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Above 50</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>26.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Level of Education</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Diploma</td>
<td>62</td>
<td>16.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bachelor Degree</td>
<td>216</td>
<td>56.2%</td>
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<td>Post Graduate</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>23.4%</td>
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According to the results of factor analysis, the measurement items for the defined constructs are related to that factor and presented in Table 2 (Factor 1 = Green brand Awareness, Factor 2 = Green brand image, Factor 3 = Green brand trust, Factor 4 = Green perceived value, Factor 5 = Intention to use green products). Communalities for all four questions related to customer’s intention to use green products are more than .70. Therefore, all four measurement items are reliable items for measuring customers’ intention to use green products.

Table 2
Factor Analysis

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Items</th>
<th>Component</th>
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<tr>
<td>I am aware of the environmental efforts exerted by this brand.</td>
<td>0.86 0.40</td>
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<td>I have seen some environmental labels and slogans for this brand.</td>
<td>0.91 0.43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I recognize the meaning of the environmental slogans and symbols that my brand uses its marketing campaigns.</td>
<td>0.85 0.45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I can remember some of the environmental symbols that my brand used in their marketing campaigns.</td>
<td>0.91 0.41</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>If I notice an environmental label on one brand I will prefer to use it.</td>
<td>0.88 0.47</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I think brand of green products is the best benchmark in environmental commitments.</td>
<td>0.38 0.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The brand’s environmental reputation is handled in a professional manner.</td>
<td>0.40 0.84</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The brand is successful in its environmental performance.</td>
<td>0.29 0.93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brand of green products is truly about environmental promises.</td>
<td>0.19 0.79</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brand of green products is well established about environmental concern.</td>
<td>0.46 0.91</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I feel that green products brand’s environmental commitments are generally reliable.</td>
<td>0.42 0.66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I feel that green products brand’s environmental performance is generally dependable.</td>
<td>0.35 0.49</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I feel that green products brand’s environmental argument and case is generally trustworthy.</td>
<td>0.40 0.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green products brand’s environmental concern meets my expectations.</td>
<td>0.48 0.46</td>
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</table>
Green products brands keep promises and commitments for environmental protection.

The product’s environmental functions provide very good value for me.

The product’s environmental performance meets my expectations.

I purchase product because it has more environmental concern than other products.

I purchase product because it is environmental friendly.

I purchase product because it has more environmental benefit than other products.

It makes sense to use green products instead of other products because of its environmental commitments.

Even if another product has the same features, I would prefer to use products with environmental commitments.

Even if there is another product as good quality as green products, I prefer to use green one.

If there is not environmental concern in other products it seems smarter to use green products.

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<th>Eigenvalue</th>
<th>18.12</th>
<th>1.74</th>
<th>1.55</th>
<th>1.32</th>
<th>1.23</th>
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<td>%Variance</td>
<td>55.52</td>
<td>7.56</td>
<td>6.44</td>
<td>5.73</td>
<td>5.34</td>
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KMO measure of sample adequacy (0.87)
Bartlett’s Test of Sphericity (Approx. Chi-Square= 987.67, p<0.01)

The results of descriptive analysis and reliability test are presented in Table 3. Based on Vogt (2007), the Cronbach’s Alpha value more than .70 for designed questions indicate that the measurement items are a good items to measure a construct. The means for the variables range from 3.12 to 3.67.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Variables</th>
<th>Mean</th>
<th>S.D.</th>
<th>No. of Items</th>
<th>Cronbach’s Alpha</th>
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<tr>
<td>Customers’ Intention to Use Green Products</td>
<td>3.55</td>
<td>1.13</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>.94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green Brand Awareness</td>
<td>3.67</td>
<td>.96</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>.92</td>
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<tr>
<td>Green Brand Trust</td>
<td>3.48</td>
<td>1.10</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>.91</td>
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<tr>
<td>Green Brand Image</td>
<td>3.48</td>
<td>1.06</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>.93</td>
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<tr>
<td>Perceived Value</td>
<td>3.12</td>
<td>1.32</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>.95</td>
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The Pearson Correlation value shows the correlation between variables and should be between -1 and 1. The amount close to 1 shows high correlation, and negative amount shows negative correlation. Based on information based on Table 4, there is high correlation between the independent variables and customer’s intention to use green products as all Pearson values are more than .90.
Table 4
Correlations

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<th>Intention to Use Green Products</th>
<th>Green Brand Awareness</th>
<th>Green Brand Trust</th>
<th>Green Brand Image</th>
<th>Green Perceived Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Intention to Use Green Products</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Green Brand Awareness</td>
<td>.97</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<td>Green Brand Trust</td>
<td>.95</td>
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<td>Green Brand Image</td>
<td>.94</td>
<td>.93</td>
<td>.92</td>
<td>1.00</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Green Perceived Value</td>
<td>.92</td>
<td>.87</td>
<td>.89</td>
<td>.86</td>
<td>1.00</td>
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FINDINGS

Table 5 represents the model summary for the analysis done based on the model presented in this study. From the model summary table, customers' intention to buy green products can be explained by green brand awareness, green brand trust, green brand image, and green perceived value. With the Adjusted R² = .97, therefore, it can be argued that 97 percent of variations in customers' intention to use green products can be explained by green brand awareness, green brand trust, green brand image, and green perceived value.

Table 5
Model Summary

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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>R</th>
<th>R Square</th>
<th>Adjusted R Square</th>
<th>Std. Error of the Estimate</th>
<th>Change Statistics</th>
<th>Durbin-Watson</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>.99a</td>
<td>.970</td>
<td>.97</td>
<td>.19</td>
<td>.97</td>
<td>3087.69</td>
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</table>

a. Predictors: (Constant), Green Perceived Value, Green Brand Image, Green Brand Trust, Green Brand Awareness
b. Dependent Variable: Intention to Use Green Products

The results of F-test clarify how much the model presented in this study is an acceptable model to describe variations in customers' intention to use green products. Table 6 shows the P-value for ANOVA is 0.00 less than .05 indicating that the model presented in this study is an appropriate model.

Table 6
ANOVA

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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Sum of Squares</th>
<th>Df</th>
<th>Mean Square</th>
<th>F</th>
<th>Sig.</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Regression</td>
<td>472.00</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>118.00</td>
<td>3.08E3</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Residual</td>
<td>14.48</td>
<td>379</td>
<td>.04</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Total</td>
<td>486.48</td>
<td>383</td>
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a. Predictors: (Constant), Green Perceived Value, Green Brand Image, Green Brand Trust, Green Brand Awareness
b. Dependent Variable: Intention to Use Green Products

Table 7 shows the P-value is .00 for the relationship between green brand awareness and customers’ intention to use green products. Therefore, it can be inferred that green brand awareness
has a significant relationship with customers’ intention to use green products. And the beta value for the relationship between green brand awareness and customers’ intention to use green products is .60. The amount indicates that the relationship between green brand awareness and customers’ intention to use green products is positive. Consequently, $H_1$ is accepted. Similarly, the P-value for the relationship between green brand trust and customers’ intention to use green products is also .00. Therefore, it can be argued that green brand trust has significant relationship with customers’ intention to use green products. Moreover, the beta value for this relationship is .30. Hence, $H_2$ is accepted.

Table 7
Multiple Regression Results

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Model</th>
<th>Unstandardized Coefficients</th>
<th>Standardized Coefficients</th>
<th>t</th>
<th>Sig.</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 (Constant)</td>
<td>-.31</td>
<td>.05</td>
<td>-6.86</td>
<td>.000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green Brand Awareness</td>
<td>.60</td>
<td>.03</td>
<td>.51</td>
<td>18.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green Brand Trust</td>
<td>.31</td>
<td>.03</td>
<td>.30</td>
<td>11.13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green Brand Image</td>
<td>.05</td>
<td>.03</td>
<td>.05</td>
<td>1.55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Green Perceived Value</td>
<td>.14</td>
<td>.02</td>
<td>.16</td>
<td>7.59</td>
</tr>
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Based on the results, Hypothesis 3 is rejected because the P-value is .12 for the relationship between green brand image and customers’ intention to use green products and the beta value is .05. Lastly, there is a significant and positive relationship between perceived value and customer's intention to use green products (P-value = .00). The Beta value is .14, hence, $H_4$ is accepted. Based on results of multiple regression analysis the following formula for the linear regression model of this study can be explored:

Customers’ intention to use green products = .51 * Green Brand Awareness + .30 * Green Brand Trust + .05 * Green Brand Image + .16 * Green Perceived Value

DISCUSSION

Based on the findings of this study all defined constructs have positive relationship with customers’ intention to use green products, except green brand image. The relationships between green brand awareness, green brand trust, green perceived value and customers’ intention to use green products were significant. Consequently, this study explored that green brand awareness, green brand trust, and green perceived value have significant positive relationship with customer’s intention to used green products.

The findings of this study support the findings of Mourad and Ahmed, (2012), Cheah and Phau, (2011), Chen and Chang, (2012). Researches indicate that awareness about products, especially green products, create positive perception about the products and decrease the perceived risk of green products. Moreover, according to social cognitive theory, environmental issues modify the humans’ behavior. And human’s behavior influences the aspects of the ecological to which they are exposed.

The results show that the relationship between green brand trust and customers’ intention to use green products is significant positive relationship. The findings support the findings of Lee et al., (2011), Schlosser et al., (2006), Harris and Goode (2010) and Schlosser et al., (2006) that customers purchase intentions significantly affected by customers’ trust and it is a determinant of consumer
purchase intentions. These findings indicate that customer trust is a fundamental determinant of consumer behavior, and if buyers have had a trust experience with the seller, they would possess a higher level of purchase intentions. Therefore, organization should strategies for organization to create trust about their products, in order to encourage customers to buy them.

However, the findings of this research reveal that the relationship between green brand image and customers’ intention to use green products is not significant. The results of this study differ from previous studies (Juwaheer, 2012; Mourad and Ahmed, 2012; Hartmann, 2005; and Mourad, 2012) which found significant positive relationship between green brand image and customer’s intention to use green products. This could be due to the lack of clear green brand image such as environmental friendly product as this study focused on green brand in general.

The findings of the research explored that there is significant positive relationship between green perceived value and customer’s intention to use green products. The findings support the findings of Cheah and Phau (2011) Chen and Chang (2012), Steenkamp and Geyskens (2006) and Keller (2011). Green products have great value both for individuals and for environment, therefore, there is a good opportunity for organizations highlight the value of their products to enhance consumers’ intention to use environmental friendly products. Moreover, according to the Theory of Reasoned Action, if a customer feels that there are desire outcomes and values for choosing a products or taking an action, he or she has incentive and motivation to engage in those actions or select those products (Ajzen and Fishbein, 1975, 1980; Bandura, 1977). And this study and previous studies indicate that perceived value for customers’ plays fundamental role to use green products. The social impact of this study supports the importance of perceived value held by the community represented by the customers, and this can affect public policy on green products in Malaysia.

There were some limitations for this study. First, this study did not focus on specific product or specific brand. As green products are very diverse, it was hard for the researcher to investigate the relationship between brands dimensions and customers intention to use specific green branded product. This study included all green products in hypermarkets. Future scholars could use the theoretical framework provided in this study to analyze it for specific brand and product. This study conducted on the customers of hypermarkets. Future studies should focus on other markets to identify the relationships between defined variables.

Secondly, due to lack of time the researcher was not able to study more variables and as highlighted in the literature review as well as moderators and mediators. There are more brand dimensions, or other factor based on Social Cognitive Theory and Theory of Reasoned Action which can influence customers’ intention to use green products. As this research found that green brand image did not have significant relationship with customer’s intention to use green products, future study could explore the effects of green brand image in different circumstances.

This study focused on Theory of Reasoned Action to identify the relationship between brand dimensions and perceived value and customers’ intention to use green products. The findings of this study provide a good evidence for scholars to explore the effects of brand awareness, brand trust, and perceived value of green products on customers buying behavior. And, this study explored the implication of Theory of Reasoned Action and Social Cognitive Theory in green marketing which provide opportunities to further studies to support for these theories.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the findings of this research indicate that there are significant relationships between green brand awareness, green brand trust, green perceived value and customers’ intention to purchase green products.
use green products. The findings of this study bear implications to companies to improve the awareness of customers about their green products, create green brand trust among customers, and enhance green perceived value for customers to increase their intention to use green products.

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