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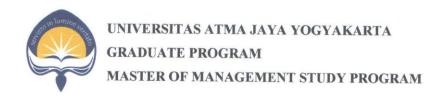
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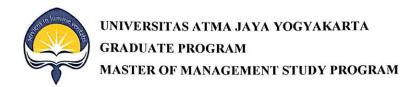
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### **ABSTRACT**

Since employees are regarded as invaluable assets, leaders need to endeavour to find suitable and faithful strategies to encourage them to attain organisational goals. Therefore, employee empowerment seemingly becomes an effective strategy to enhance employees' productivity and commitment. This research aims at perceiving employees' perceptions of employee empowerment, discovering the phases in empowering employee, perceiving employees' perceptions of spiritual leadership, and identifying the relationship between spiritual leadership and employee empowerment. Qualitative research was applied in this research, applying semi-structured in-depth interviews. Additionally, QDA Miner Lite was applied to code written-documented data from the interviews.

The findings indicated that spiritual leadership could be concluded as leadership style predisposed by great values preached by either particular belief or faith. The actualisation of spiritual leadership in Cilacs UII was demonstrated by the heads' ability to share valuable information, create relaxed ambience, and demonstrate positive value and behaviour. Furthermore, employee empowerment was defined as an approach to maximise employees' capacity and capability by delegating tasks and authority in order to attain organisational goals. Eight empowerment phases were identified, began with recognising tasks, identifying employees, providing information, sharing and exchanging information, providing latitude, improving knowledge and ability, motivating and inspiring employees, and supervision and evaluation. The realisation of spiritual leadership and employee empowerment encountered in Cilacs UII showed that there were three interconnected ideas, namely Vision to provide information, Altruistic Love to motivate and inspire employees, and Hope/Faith to share and exchange information.

Keywords: Spiritual Leadership, Leadership, Employee Empowerment, Organisational Development, Quality of Work Life

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