An Experience of the Evergreen Elder University in Taiwan: Perspectives On The Mobile Users

Abstract

Population aging has become an increasingly severe problem in recent years. Based on the diversity of the mobile functions, and the advanced mobile technology, the elders might use the modern mobile to get the conveniences of the elder’s living.

In our study, 34 senior citizens in the UK, and 56 persons in Taiwan, students of the Evergreen Elder University, answered the questions. The compared results showed that the factor of personal or family dependence and technology dependence are dominant in the UK, but the factors of personal or family dependence and social dependence are dominant in Taiwan. Elders’ education will be a hot topic of education because of the increasing population of elders. The key variables, i.e. demographic, social, psychological, and technological ones, are satisfied to be the growth of elders’ education in many developed and developing countries. Based on the duties and resources of the religions and universities, a diversity of elders’ education can be expected.

Keywords: elders’ education, mobile, technology acceptance

Introduction

Population aging has become an increasingly severe problem in recent years. In view of this, the United Nations designated 1982 the International Year of Older Persons and held the World Assembly on Aging in Vienna, Austria over 2 weeks