Unit 7 Evaluation – Literature Review

In Unit 7, we are asked to submit a Literature Review. We could select a topic from the list provided in Unit 1. The selected topic of this assignment should not be reused for the upcoming dissertation.

It took me long time to get a better understanding of what Literature Review is. Other than studying from the materials provided from the module, I had also made some extended research to understand better about what is Literature Review, what is its purpose, and how it should look like. I also reviewed several Literature Review examples from the internet to get a better perspective.

I started my Literature Review by choosing a topic, and this process was not easy for me. I have tried four topics before I made my final decision. I understood that the topic should be something I am interested in and related to my background or experience, but when I dug into some topics deeper, I realized those topics are not appealing to me anymore. After several tries, I finally determined the topic which I like even after I made some research on it.

The Literature Review requires a lot of extended reading. I found this process a bit exhausted, as it seems to be endless reading. At the beginning, most of the literature I read did not fit my topic, which made me feel unproductive as I spent a lot of time reading while capture little useful literatures and materials. Then, thing got better after I centralize the idea I want to focus. It allows me to search with a more precise keyword, and the searching result started to become more relevant.

I appreciated the chance for us to submit the Literature Review layout provided in Unit 4. I gave me an opportunity to know if I am on the correct direction. I also received very helpful advice that I should not include too many concepts in my literature review, or it would become shallow.

Finally, I completed my Literature Review, and I have spent much more time reviewing existing literature than summarizing my findings. After this assignment, I have learnt how to choose a topic and stick to the idea. I have also leant how to research, collect existing literature, and analyze them in order to identify the gap that might exist in the research to date.