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Since a large number of multinational corporations have entered international markets to maintain competitive advantages, the effectiveness of expatriates who handle the overseas tasks has been one of the key factors that affect the international business of multinational corporations. As the largest developing country, China has entered the global market in a rapid pace in recent years. Along with the new strategy known as one belt one road, Thailand is among the key strategic countries in South-East Asian region that has been chosen by Chinese multinational firms for trade and investment expansion. At the same time, there is a growing number of Chinese expatriates assigned to Thailand to supervise the overseas business. Despite this market expansion opportunity, expatriates inevitably face tremendous challenges caused by cultural differences when they work in a foreign country. Thus, it is crucial for expatriates to hold some crosscultural competencies to adapt their managerial practices to local context. This issue tends to be common for Chinese expatriates who are assigned to manage business in Thailand, particularly when they have to work with Thai subordinates whose culture is quite different from the Chinese culture. Therefore, it is important to study the contribution of cross-cultural competence to the ability of Chinese expatriates to effectively manage employees in Thailand. Among various conceptualizations of cross-cultural competence documented in international business research, the concept of cultural intelligence (CQ) is regarded as the type of cross-cultural competence that has gained more popularity recently. This study investigates the contribution of CQ to cross-cultural adjustment and leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates in Thailand. In particular, the objective of this research is to analyze whether CQ of Chinese expatriates could affect (1) their ability to make effective cross-cultural management, (2) their tendency to demonstrate supportive behaviors to Thai subordinates, (3) their potential to be perceived as effective leader by Thai subordinates, and (4) their potential to gain commitment from Thai subordinates. The survey data were collected from 169 pairs of Chinese expatriate and Thai subordinate from subsidiaries of Chinese companies in Thailand. In order to avoid the common method bias from single-source data collection, the data of CQ and crosscultural adjustment were collected from Chinese expatriates, whereas the data of leadership effectiveness, perceived supervisor support and commitment to supervisor were collected from Thai subordinates who worked for Chinese expatriates. The survey data were analyzed by using Partial Least Squares Structural Equation Modeling (PLS-SEM) showing that Chinese expatriates with high CQ tend to display a higher level of cross-cultural adjustment and are likely to be evaluated more favorably by Thai subordinates regarding perceived supervisor support. However, the results did not significantly support the contribution of CQ to leadership effectiveness and commitment to supervisor. It could be possible that CQ may determine leadership effectiveness and commitment to supervisor indirectly through the role of perceived supervisor support. The results of this study provide some suggestions for multinational corporations to manage local employees in culturally diverse workforce. This study suggests that Chinese companies should provide CQ training programs for expatriates to understand Thai culture so that they can adjust their working styles in order to support the cultural nature of Thai subordinates. CQ training programs should provide cultural knowledge and guidance for Chinese expatriates showing how to interact with foreign subordinates in appropriate manners. Furthermore, the training programs should allow Chinese expatriates to know how to adjust management styles across-cultures. The CQ training is expected to help Chinese expatriates to display supportive and appropriate behaviors when managing employees in Thailand, which contributes to their cross-cultural leadership effectiveness and successful management in the overseas businesses.

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#### **CHAPTER 1**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

# 1.1 Background of the Study

International expansion has been a phenomenon as business becomes global (Jonsson & Foss, 2011). Accompanied with globalization, countries are motivated to diversify their markets, gain market shares and remain competitive on a global scale (Khorana & Servaes, 2011; Yoder, Visich, & Rustambekov, 2016). Internationalization has been a vital strategy for firms in order to maintain their growth, and firms are no longer based on a single location to compete with others (Lu & Beamish, 2001; Yoder et al., 2016). A large number of firms have engaged in international activities, and they compete to gain a larger customer base and obtain the dominating market share in their industry around the world (Li, 2018; Patatoukas, 2011).

As the largest developing country, China has received lots of researchers' attention since its rapid growth of domestic economy, and it has attracted many foreign investments in the last two decades (Deng, 2013; Wang, Fan, Freeman, & Zhu, 2017). To this day, the influence of China is spreading all over the world (Lin & Zhao, 2016). Many global companies are trying to become successful in China; at the same time, Chinese companies are also entering the global market in a rapid pace (Quer, Claver, & Rienda, 2010). The policy of reformation and opening of the late 1970s led to the emergence of outward direct investment of China, and Chinese firms were encouraged in overseas investments after China entered into the WTO by the end of 2001 (Zhang & Daly, 2011). Along with the establishment of going global strategy in 2004, there are an increasing growth of Chinese companies that go global, and overseas direct investment of China has sharply increased in recent years (Morck, Yeung, & Zhao, 2008; Wang et al., 2017; Zhang & Daly, 2011). China has been the second largest economy in the world since 2010 (Du, 2016). In late 2013, a new strategy *Silk Road Economic Belt* and *Maritime Silk Road of the 21st Century*, known as *one belt one road*,

was put forward. ASEAN has been chosen for the starting point of the Maritime Silk Road. As a member of ASEAN, Thailand gains from the economic partnership between China and ASEAN, and Thailand's trade with China has surpassed the other members of ASEAN over the past decade (Keorite & Pan, 2016). In recent years, many Chinese companies have expanded their trade as well as investment in Thailand (Bunchapattanasakda & Wong, 2010; Sorndee, Siengthai, & Swierczek, 2017). In terms of trade, the China-Thailand bilateral trade volume totaled USD 25.32 billion in January to April 2018; in terms of investment, China has become Thailand' second largest source of investment in January-March, 2018 (MOFCOM, 2018).

One of the key factors that determines success of multinational corporations in the foreign markets is the effectiveness of the expatriates who are assigned to handle the overseas operations (Farndale, Pai, Sparrow, & Scullion, 2014). Expatriates play a crucial role in transferring knowledge, building good relationships between headquarters and subsidiaries, as well as developing international management competencies in the process of dealing with international business (Emmerik & Euwema, 2009). Particularly for the international expansion of the Chinese multinational corporations, the outflow of Chinese expatriates has significantly increased with the rapid growth of China's overseas direct investments (Wang et al., 2017). Many Chinese firms assign expatriates to Thailand since the China-Thailand bilateral trade and investment has a rapid growth in recent years. Consequently, there are a growing number of Chinese expatriates sent to Thailand to operate overseas tasks (Sorndee et al., 2017). The investments of Chinese firms in Thailand involves various industries such as the Automotive Industry, Textile and Garments, Metal and Machinery, Electronics and Electrical Industry, Chemicals, Plastic and Construction Material, Food, Service, etc. These Chinese firms assign their headquarters' staff to act in the role of managers in Thailand since they are familiar with the policies of their firms as well as being able to implement firms' instructions better. In order to effectively manage the firms and develop good relationship with Thai employees, Chinese expatriates also take the responsibility of developing management from their host country in recent years (Li, Ruangkanjanases, & Chen, 2014).

#### 1.2 Problem Statement

Although expatriates promote international business, they also face various challenges in the cross-cultural setting (Lin, Chen, & Song, 2012). Globalization has increased cross-cultural interaction in the work environment, and individuals have to interact with others from different cultural backgrounds (Farndale et al., 2014; Jyoti & Kour, 2015). Expatriates need to distinguish the cultural differences and effectively interact with people from other cultures (Jyoti & Kour, 2017). Cultural differences require that expatriates should adapt managerial practices to local context (Selmer, 2001). Similarly, Chinese expatriates should pay attention to their cross-cultural interaction with Thai employees. Due to the differences between Chinese and non-Chinese cultural circumstances, there may occur potential challenges between Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates (Liang, Nontasak, & Pongsabutr, 2015; Sorndee et al., 2017). One of the challenges is that various aspects of working styles are different between Chinese and Thais, and any of the differences can be a problem if they are to work together effectively (Bunchapattanasakda & Wong, 2010). For example, problems related to time management might affect the work relationship between Chinese and Thais. Basically, Chinese are willing to accomplish the assignments before the deadline while Thais think the time frame given by Chinese leaders is too rushed (Bunchapattanasakda & Wong, 2010). It was reported in the literature that Thai employees accustomed to show little commitment to appointed times or work schedules, and they do not liking working overtime (Sriussadaporn, 2006). As a result, Thais may think that Chinese have no patience and make Thais uncomfortable during the work process. In addition, Chinese focus on cooperation as well as interdependence, and pay attention to their behaviors that may have an influence on other group members (Chan & Goto, 2003; Hofstede, 1983). However, research indicated that Thai employees like to work along with clear instruction, and they may feel uncomfortable when they are in a working setting that is participative (Komin, 1990; Pimpa, 2012; Yukongdi, 2010). Because Thai employees pay more attention to personal-related problems and they do not like much competition in the work-related environment, the collaboration and personal connection might make Thais think that Chinese cannot understand the Thai style (Pimpa, 2012; Sriussadaporn, 2006). As a result, Thai employees may show resistance when they are dissatisfied with the Chinese expatriates' working style. In order to lessen the problems caused by cultural differences in the work setting, Chinese expatriates must be able to understand the Thai culture and adapt their management style to match the nature of Thai culture. It is vital for Chinese expatriates to adjust to the new environments in order to enhance their performance (Newman, 1992; Sorndee et al., 2017).

Considering the problems that normally arise in cross-cultural interactions, it is important for expatriates to possess some competencies that allow them to be effective in their international assignment. Individuals who possess cross-cultural competencies can be efficient in understanding the perceptions of host country nations and having an effective interaction with local people (Mendenhall & Oddou, 1985). Cultural intelligence (CQ) is a concept that has received a lot of attention in recent studies as a cross-cultural competency proposed to enhance expatriate effectiveness (Ang et al., 2007; Earley, 2002; Templer, Tay, & Chandrasekar, 2006; Thomas, 2006). Research has supported the idea that CQ plays an important role in various areas such as crosscultural adjustment and adaptation (Gu ðmundsd óttir, 2015; Huff, Song, & Gresch, 2014; Jyoti & Kour, 2015; Nunes, Felix, & Prates, 2017), cross-cultural performance (Groves, Feyerherm, & Gu, 2015; Presbitero & Toledano, 2017), cross-cultural team effectiveness (Adair, Hideg, & Spence, 2013; Chua, Morris, & Mor, 2012; Moon, 2013; Mor, Morris, & Joh, 2013; Scholz, 2012), cross-cultural leadership effectiveness (Rockstuhl, Seiler, Ang, Van Dyne, & Annen, 2011), and organizational performance (Charoensukmongkol, 2015, 2016b; Chen, Liu, & Portnoy, 2012; Magnusson, Westjohn, Semenov, Randrianasolo, & Zdravkovic, 2013; Yitmen, 2013). Given the benefits of CQ in the areas of cross-cultural adjustments and adaptation supported by prior research, CQ could be a competency that might facilitate cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates and allow them to effectively motivate Thai subordinates who work with them.

#### 1.3 Research Gap

Although there are a number of evidences about the contribution of CQ in the area of expatriation, there are some gaps that remain unaddressed in research. Although prior CQ studies link CQ to cross-cultural adjustment and leadership effectiveness (Rockstuhl et al., 2011), there are a very limited number of studies considering the mediating role of cross-cultural adjustment as the mediating factor that might explain the contributions of CQ to leadership effectiveness. Besides this, there is no study that links CQ to perceived supervisor support and commitment of subordinate toward expatriates. Even though research on the contributions of CQ on expatriate effectiveness has been done in various contexts such as Brazil (Barakat, Lorenz, Ramsey, & Cretoiu, 2015; Nunes et al., 2017), India (Jyoti & Kour, 2015), the US (Chua et al., 2012; Gu ðmundsd óttir, 2015; Lorenz, Ramsey, & Richey, 2017; Presbitero & Toledano, 2017) and Singapore (Wu & Ang, 2011), there is no research done on Chinese expatriates in Thailand. It is crucial that these gaps be addressed because they limit our understanding about the role of country and workplace context where CQ has not been tested.

#### 1.4 Purpose of the Study

This research will study the role of CQ in Chinese expatriates which might be associated with their ability to work effectively with Thai subordinates. In particular, this research will explore the contributions of CQ of Chinese expatriates to four aspects of outcomes including (1) the level of cross-cultural adjustment of the expatriates, (2) the perception from Thai subordinates about leadership effectiveness of expatriates, (3) the perception from Thai subordinates about the degree of supervisor support of the expatriates, and (4) the level of commitment that Thai subordinates have toward the expatriates. In addition to the direct contribution of CQ to these outcome variables, this research also explores the possibility of the mediating effect of the outcome variables. The analysis will investigate whether the level of cross-cultural adjustment of the expatriates can mediate the relationship between their level of CQ and leadership effectiveness. The analysis also explores whether the level of cross-cultural adjustment

of the expatriates can mediate the relationship between their level of CQ and the perception of subordinates about the expatriates' supervisor support. Moreover, this study will test whether leadership effectiveness and perceived supervisor support can mediate the relationship between the CQ of the expatriates and the level of subordinates' commitment to the expatriates.

# 1.5 Significance of the Study

On the one hand, this research will provide academic contribution to existing research on CQ. Research studied the role of CQ in expatriate effectiveness and performance in many contexts. However, there is no research on CQ related to Chinese expatriates in Thailand. This study will explore the role of the CQ of Chinese expatriates in effective cross-cultural management in the Thai context. The results of this research will provide additional evidence to existing research regarding expatriate contextual performance, particularly in the perspective of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness, and the quality of working relationships between foreign expatriates and local subordinates.

On the other hand, this research will also provide practical contributions to multinational corporations in dealing with expatriation issues. The results might give human resource practitioners some solutions in solving the problems related to assignment management that expatriates face in cross-cultural situations. The result of this research might also provide some insights for managing local employees in culturally diverse workforce for multinational corporations. In addition, this research might also provide suggestions to multinational companies for understanding the qualifications of the expatriates so that they might increase their potential to be successful in international assignments.

#### **CHAPTER 2**

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

### 2.1 Expatriation

An expatriate is defined as an individual who is transferred from the native country to a foreign country to accomplish the goal of employment (Edström & Galbraith, 1977). In the international management, expatriate is a label to describe the employees sent overseas by multinational corporations to work on different foreign assignments with others from various backgrounds (Gullekson & Dumaisnil, 2016; Richardson & Mallon, 2005; Zhang, 2013). Owing to the rapid growth of international business, there is an increasing demand for sending employees to work as expatriates to undertake overseas operations (Gullekson & Dumaisnil, 2016; Horak & Yang, 2016; Zhang, 2013). This is in line with the earlier viewpoint that global competition and global operations speed up expatriation (Laurent, 1986; Porter & Tansky, 1999). Besides, Edström and Galbraith (1977) pointed out that companies send expatriates with motives, which are to fill a position, for management development purposes, and for organizational development. Moreover, Derr and Oddou (1993) expressed the idea that expatriation is the best choice to internationalize a young manager. Baruch and Altman (2002) also stated that expatriation is regarded as the clearest manifestation of globalization in terms of human resources in the existing studies. According to Zhang (2013), successful international assignments rely not only on effective extensive businesses, but also capable people. Consequently, multinational companies send capable expatriates to function well in international business in order to maintain continuous growth and accomplish business goals (Muhammad, Mohamed, & Ahmed, 2013; Palthe, 2008; Zhang, 2013).

Research showed that expatriation can benefit organizations in many aspects (Gupta, 2013; Kühlmann & Hutchings, 2010; Sonesh & DeNisi, 2016; Subramaniam, Ramalu, Wei, & Rose, 2011; Tungli & Peiperl, 2009). According to Zhang (2013),

people play a decisive role in worldwide tasks as they represent their organizations. Thus, expatriate performance has become crucial in overseas task operations of multinational enterprises (Selmer, 2006). First, expatriates take an effective role in transferring knowledge and skill between headquarters and subsidiaries (Barry Hocking, Brown, & Harzing, 2004; Edström & Galbraith, 1977; Sonesh & DeNisi, 2016). Multinational companies can transfer their series of knowledge, skills even competencies to overseas operations, and obtain information from international assignments (Harzing, Pudelko, & Sebastian, 2016; Liu & Lee, 2008). Second, expatriation facilitates the communication and coordination between headquarters and subsidiaries (Liu & Lee, 2008; Rosenzweig, 1994). Expatriates bring the corporate philosophies and overall vision to overseas tasks (Rosenzweig, 1994). Besides, expatriates will explain organizational goals and objectives with their intended ways (Liu & Lee, 2008). Therefore, multinational companies can achieve effective coordination and control across organization's foreign operations through expatriates (Black & Gregersen, 1992; Harzing, 2001; Kühlmann & Hutchings, 2010). Third, expatriates also can develop relationships with the persons who can assist them in achieving organizational goals, since expatriates can acquire local culture which is conducive to developing contacts with local nations (Hocking, Brown, & Harzing, 2007; Sonesh & DeNisi, 2016). Moreover, expatriates make contributions for multinational firms in gaining a company's competitive advantage in the global context (Kühlmann & Hutchings, 2010; Stroh & Caligiuri, 1998; Taylor, Beechler, & Napier, 1996). Expatriation is a means of enhancing firms' competencies because expatriates are sensitive to international chances (Liu & Lee, 2008). Competent expatriates learn about the updated direction of global business as well as intercultural management through their international experiences to gain competitive edge (Webb, 1996). These perspectives are in keeping with Mendenhall and Oddou (1991)'s exploration that expatriation aid in expanding international standpoints, communicating more effectively with others in cross-cultural settings, and absorbing the business development trend along with globalization background.

Although expatriates make contributions to multinational companies' international operations, it is undeniable that expatriates are confronted with difficult situations when they work in global assignments within an unfamiliar environment

(Kühlmann & Hutchings, 2010; Liu & Lee, 2008; Sambasivan, Sadoughi, & Esmaeilzadeh, 2017). Olie (1990) pointed out that cross-cultural differences lead to difficulties in international business tasks. Because of this, expatriates inevitably face work and personal difficulties due to different norms, values, languages, political as well as economic systems compared to their home country (Harzing & Christensen, 2004; Oberg, 1960; Sambasivan et al., 2017). Tung (1987) also explored the reasons that caused some expatriates to fail and reported reasons such as expatriate's inability to adapt to a new environment, an expatriate's immature emotions, expatriate's inability to deal with their responsibilities linked to overseas tasks, etc. Therefore, it is a challenge for expatriates to make sense of the cultural assumptions and identify the similarities as well as the differences between the host country and their home countries (Sambasivan et al., 2017). If expatriates are exposed to uncertainty and anxiety in their work and non-work circumstances, their performance will be obstructed (Osland & Osland, 2005). As a result, expatriates need to comprehend the foreign country where they are exposed to function, because it is essential to cross critical cultural boundaries as well as mindset boundaries during executing the overseas tasks (Fish, Bhanugopan, & Cogin, 2008; Liu & Lee, 2008). Expatriates ought to have abilities to appropriately respond to cross-cultural situations that are less comfortable compared to their home country's environment (Peterson, 2011; Thomas et al., 2008; Yamazaki & Kayes, 2004). In particular, the challenges that expatriates generally face are also common for Chinese expatriates when they work and interact with local employees. Chinese expatriates may face problems such as conflict in cross-cultural assignments, because cultures and social norms tend to vary from one culture to another (Leung, 2014). In addition, Chinese expatriates may experience in group favoritism and out group discrimination in cross-cultural settings because of culture-based intergroup dynamics. Furthermore, language barriers and business communication are challenges for Chinese expatriates during the cross-cultural adjustment process (Shi & Wang, 2014). Hence, it is vital for Chinese expatriates to successfully adjust to the new environment and effectively deal with international assignments.

Research showed that successful adjustment relies on expatriate's a range of cross-cultural competencies such as perceptual skills, interpersonal skills, communication skills and others (Harzing & Pudelko, 2013; Mendenhall & Oddou,

1985; Yamazaki, 2010). These competencies help expatriates to deal with the difficulties mentioned before when they function in the global context (Chen, Kirkman, Kim, Farh, & Tangirala, 2010; Wang, Feng, Freeman, Fan, & Zhu, 2014; Yamazaki, 2010). Cross-cultural competencies are also the predominant factors affecting expatriate performance (Yamazaki, 2010). Desired performance is facilitated due to cross-cultural competencies in the cross-cultural settings (Seak & Enderwick, 2008; Yamazaki & Kayes, 2004). Therefore, it is necessary for expatriates to build strong cross-cultural competences to adapt to the host environment effectively (Caligiuri & Tarique, 2012). Among various conceptualizations of cross-cultural competencies proposed to enhance expatriate effectiveness, CQ is a concept that has received more attention in recent studies as a competency that helps expatriates become effective in various cross-cultural situations. (Ang et al., 2007; Earley, 2002; Templer et al., 2006; Thomas, 2006). To be consistent with previous studies, this research focuses on CQ as the cross-cultural competency that expatriates need to have to help them adjust successfully to international task assignment. The details of CQ will be discussed in the next section

## 2.2 Cultural Intelligence

#### 2.2.1 The Development Background of the Concept of CQ

Cultural intelligence (CQ) explains an ability of the individual to deal with novel situations related to cultural diversity (Ang et al., 2007; Earley & Ang, 2003). CQ is developed ground in the multi-dimensional framework of intelligence of Sternberg and Detterman (1986), which includes metacognitive intelligence, cognitive intelligence and behavioral intelligence. Basically, multiple intelligences such as linguistic intelligence, mathematical intelligence and others can be used in academic fields. However, Sternberg and Detterman (1986) have argued that intelligence like social intelligence and emotional intelligence can also be demonstrated in non-academic settings. Social intelligence and emotional intelligence are in connection with cultural intelligence. However, while social and emotional intelligences are applied in certain cultural contexts, they are not meaningful in other cultural settings. Conversely,

CQ is culture free so that it can be applied across cultures (Ang et al., 2007; Sternberg & Grigorenko, 2006).

Earley and Ang (2003) first made great progress in our understanding of cultural intelligence. According to Earley and Ang (2003), CQ is a specific intelligence of a person that allows them to manage different cultural interactions effectively. Grounded on Sternberg and Detterman (1986) multi-dimensional intelligence framework, Earley and Ang (2003) conceptualized CQ as a multidimensional construct which is comprised of cognitive cultural intelligence (CCQ), metacognitive cultural intelligence (MCCQ), motivational cultural intelligence (MCQ) and behavioral cultural intelligence (BCQ). According to Ang et al. (2007), cognition, metacognition as well as motivation are the mental capabilities, and the explicit action is the behavioral capability. The details of Earley and Ang (2003) multi-dimensional construct of CQ are described as follow.

#### Cognitive CQ

Cognitive CQ demonstrates an individual's knowledge and information related to different cultures (Ang et al., 2007; Gon calves et al., 2016). The mentioned knowledge covers culture-general knowledge and context-specific knowledge in a novel cultural environment (Ang et al., 2012). Ang et al. (2012) defined the culture-general knowledge as "the universal elements that constitute a cultural environment". This type of knowledge includes objective culture like economic, legal and political system, and knowledge with regards to languages, non-verbal behaviors, and others (Ang et al., 2012). In addition, Ang et al. (2012) pointed out that the cultural-general knowledge covers subjective knowledge which is less observable, like values and beliefs belonging to a certain society. Regarding the context-specific knowledge, Ang et al. (2012) defined it as "declarative knowledge about manifestation of cultural universals in a specific domain and procedural knowledge of how to be effective in that domain". According to Triandis (1994), the mentioned domain can be a country or a region. Besides, Fine and Fields (2008) pointed that the domain can also be a specific subculture like business manager, educator and so on. This type of knowledge benefits people by enabling them to adapt to a new setting quickly (Soon & Linn, 2015).

Cognitive CQ can benefit individuals in the multicultural environment. Both kinds of cognitive knowledge assist people in understanding new cultures with their cultural map in mind (Soon & Linn, 2015; Rockstuhl et al., 2011). Besides, the

cognitive knowledge facilitates individuals making sense of the social interactions affected by the cultural system in the specific setting (Ang et al., 2012; Rockstuhl et al., 2011). A person who holds a high level of cognitive CQ will be very conscious of the similarities and differences in the diverse cultures that they encounter (Earley & Ang, 2003; Sharma & Hussain, 2017).

#### Metacognitive CQ

Metacognitive CQ demonstrates one's awareness of cross-cultural interactions in an unfamiliar environment (Soon & Linn, 2015; Earley & Ang, 2003), and it is a high-level of cognitive skill to cope with information linked to the specific situation (Ang et al., 2012; Nelson, 1996). It reveals how people manage and employ their cognitive knowledge and information related to the certain context (Sharma & Hussain, 2017). In other words, Ang et al. (2012) pointed that metacognitive CQ represents one's mental process involved in planning, which includes preparation and developing specific steps before interactions; awareness, which refers to the cultural consciousness in the real-time interaction context; and checking strategies, which involves looking back to cultural assumptions and adjusting mental models grounded on the experiences (Bell & Kozlowski, 2008; Jacobs & Paris, 1987). In this process, Ang et al. (2012) pointed that planning usually proceeds before cultural interactions; awareness should be always current; checking usually happens in the real-time settings and after certain interactions.

People with high metacognitive CQ are furthermore able to obtain desired interaction outcomes inside the specific context (Sharma & Hussain, 2017). Those with high metacognitive CQ always acquire and grasp the relevant cultural knowledge before and during running into the cross-cultural interactions (Ang et al., 2012; Ang et al., 2007). According to Earley and Ang (2003), persons who have high metacognitive CQ are able to integrate their learning into their self-concept. Moreover, they use inductive reasoning beyond their existing knowledge to flexibly understand a novel situation (Earley, 2002). They will question their cultural assumptions, think about the specific setting and then make corresponding adjustments to function (Brislin, Worthley, & Macnab, 2016). Besides, people possessing high metacognitive CQ will spend a lot of time trying to comprehend the new knowledge and densely packed information they encounter, which will lead to creative thinking to revise mental models

and may help them to develop updated strategies for novel interaction environments (Flavell, 1979; Thomas et al., 2008). Conversely, people with low metacognitive CQ cannot understand the behavioral options in a multicultural environment; they are incapable of grasping how cultures vary as well as how cultures influence behaviors (Thomas, 2006). Additionally, the stereotyping assumptions of people holding low metacognitive CQ in the cognitive process will undermine the positive judgments towards an intercultural relationship (Chua et al., 2012). Hence, high metacognitive CQ will help individuals to less rely on their stereotypic knowledge (Earley, 2002). A high level metacognitive CQ helps people notice others' assumptions in the diverse cultural environments and helps people perceive the specific situation through what others speak (Thomas, 2006). In addition, high metacognitive CQ can help people to view the context from multiple standpoints and then create new mental maps and take adaptive behaviors to adjust to the intercultural settings (Earley, 2002; Thomas, 2006).

#### Motivational CQ

Motivational CQ demonstrates one's capability to capture the drive source to learn and manage effectively when facing cultural differences in diverse settings (Ang et al., 2007; Gon calves et al., 2016). There are various drive sources for individuals (Latham & Pinder, 2005), and people will adjust their actions based on the level of drive to get involved in the interactions (Ang et al., 2012). The drive sources related to motivational CQ are derived from intrinsic interest, extrinsic interest and self-efficacy to adjust (Ang et al., 2012).

According to Ang et al. (2012), the intrinsic interest of motivational CQ is the intangible benefits and satisfaction attained from different culture situations, and it is the self-generated enjoyment from intercultural interactions. Extrinsic interest of motivational CQ refers to the tangible benefits gained from the cross-cultural interactions. For instance, people in multicultural organizations accept the recognition or promotion and they will continue to function well regarding to the intercultural work (Ang et al., 2012; Ryan & Deci, 2000). Self-efficacy to adjust is a crucial aspect for individuals to be effective within intercultural settings (Bandura, 2002; Eccles & Wigfield, 2002). It refers to the confident degree of one's capability to effectively interact within the cross-cultural settings, which has influences on the extent of paying

efforts to make adjustments to the specific situations (Ang et al., 2012; Sharma & Hussain, 2017).

Motivational CQ is involved in a considerable part in intercultural situations. Motivational CQ can help people to develop their self-efficacy toward multicultural environments (Bücker, Furrer, Poutsma, & Buyens, 2014). People with a strong sense of efficacy are more stimulated and look for more opportunities to engage in interacting with others from different cultural backgrounds (Ang et al., 2012; Deci & Ryan, 1985). Besides, those with high motivational CQ will make a big effort to engage in solving problems related to intercultural encounters, since they have a great deal of confidence in going through the challenges of intercultural interactions (Bandura, 2002). In contrast, people who have a low level of motivational CQ will tend to avoid experiencing intercultural interactions (Templer et al., 2006). They do not believe that they can manage the culturally diverse situations which exceed their capabilities to overcome. Thus, motivational CQ is essential in this regard because a persons' engagement in an unfamiliar circumstance is affected by their self-efficacy (Earley, 2002). High motivational CQ helps people to overcome obstacles through the strong sense of self-efficacy and the ability to learn more from the new cultures (Bandura, 1977; Earley, 2002).

#### Behavioral CO

Behavioral CQ demonstrates the capability that one possesses in situations where one must appropriately deal with intercultural settings through verbal and nonverbal actions (Ang et al., 2012; Sharma & Hussain, 2017). People exhibit actions with verbal behavior, non-verbal behavior as well as through speech acts when they interact with others. According to Ang et al. (2012), verbal behavior is "flexibility in vocalization like accent and tone". Non-verbal behavior means that communication is transported through facial expressions, gesture and body language (Knapp, Hall, & Horgan, 2013). Speech acts explains the communicating flexibility in terms of a specific kind of message, such as disagreement, apology and so on (Bowe, Martin, & Manns, 2014).

These flexible actions are conducive to satisfying outcomes of intercultural interactions. People with high behavioral CQ can manage their actions more appropriately when engaging in situations across cultures (Earley & Ang, 2003; Yl änne,

2008). Their flexible verbal behaviors display the mental processes used to adapt to novel environments and improve the communicative effectiveness (Ang et al., 2012; Beamer & Varner, 2001). Besides this, their culturally appropriate non-verbal behaviors show the respect given to others from different cultures (Ang et al., 2012; Hall, 1989; Helen, 2008). Additionally, their flexible speech acts can make others feel at their ease during the interactions (Ang et al., 2012; Helen, 2008; Tanaka, 1991). Moreover, people with high behavioral CQ will persist in acquiring new skills and provide desired responses in a multicultural environment; the host will react positively towards those with high behavioral CQ as they exhibit situational behaviors to adapt to local traditions, customs and lifestyles (Ang et al., 2012; Earley & Gardner, 2005).

### 2.2.2 Research Findings about positive contributions of CQ

The varieties of outcomes related to CQ have been explored since CQ draws researcher's massive attention (Ang et al., 2012; Huff, 2013; Ott & Michailova, 2018; Puyod & Charoensukmongkol, 2019; Sharma & Hussain, 2017). Studies have recognized extensive outcomes connected with CQ in cross-cultural situations (B ücker, Furrer, & Lin, 2015; Charoensukmongkol, 2019; Jyoti & Kour, 2015; Ng & Earley, 2006; Ott & Michailova, 2018; Sharma & Hussain, 2017). Persons with high CQ have better outcomes in term of cross-cultural adjustment and adaptation, cross-cultural performance as well as positive work-related behaviors in cross-cultural work contexts (Ang et al., 2007; Chen, 2015; Korzilius, Bücker, & Beerlage, 2017; Presbitero, 2016; Sharma & Hussain, 2017; Suthatorn & Charoensukmongkol, 2018; Templer et al., 2006). For example, Nunes et al. (2017) found that CQ positively affects expatriates' cross-cultural adaptations by using the sample of expatriates in Brazil. Presbitero (2016) focusing on the sample of call center employees in Philippines provided evidence that CQ was positively related to cross-cultural task performance in virtual and cross-cultural interaction. Korzilius et al. (2017) found that CQ positively affected employees' innovative work behavior by using the sample of employees in the headquarters of an international and Dutch-based staffing agency. Likewise, research showed that CQ can benefit cross-cultural team effectiveness through collaboration, team shared values and cross-cultural performance (Adair et al., 2013; Chua et al., 2012; Groves & Feyerherm, 2011; Moon, 2013; Scholz, 2012). For instance, Moon (2013) using the sample of students in a business school in Korea found evidence that multicultural teams with highly level of CQ were more likely to improve cross-cultural team performance. Besides, CQ makes contributions to cross-cultural leadership effectiveness (Groves & Feyerherm, 2011; Kim & Linn, 2012; Rockstuhl et al., 2011). Moreover, studies supported that idea that CQ was associated with organizational performance such as export performance and global competitiveness (Charoensukmongkol, 2016b; Chen et al., 2012; Tuan, 2015). For example, a study conducted by using the sample of small-medium enterprises in Thailand showed that business owners with greater CQ led to the firm's higher level of international knowledge acquisition capability and better export performance (Charoensukmongkol, 2016b). A study of Tuan (2015) focusing on multinational companies in Vietnam reported that managers with high CQ were conducive to the process of building global competitiveness. However, scholars noted that CQ may be particularly effective only in the contexts that require cross-cultural interaction. For example, some research found that CQ may lead to better performance only in culturally diverse context (Groves & Feyerherm, 2011; Rockstuhl et al., 2011). Moreover, the previous study showed that CQ did not explain better performance in low diversity environments (Groves & Feyerherm, 2011; Rockstuhl et al., 2011). Given the job characteristics of expatriates that required them to deal with cross-cultural experiences in a foreign country, CQ seems to be a relevant cross-cultural competence that is essential for them. Table 2.1 summarizes findings about contributions of CQ reported in recent research.

Table 2.1 Recent Research on the Contributions of CQ

Authors	Research	<b>Outcomes of CQ</b>
	Contexts	
Nunes et al. (2017)	Expatriates living	CQ positively affects
	in Brazil	expatriate cross-
		cultural adaptation.
Jyoti and Kour	Managers working	CQ has a significant
(2015)	in nationalized	influence on cross-
	banks in India	cultural adjustment.

	Authors	Research	Outcomes of CQ
		Contexts	
Cross-cultural	Guðmundsd áttir	Nordic expatriates	CQ positively
Adjustment	(2015)	working in the US	predicted cross-
and adaptation			cultural adjustment.
	Huff et al. (2014)	Assistant language	Motivational CQ had
		teacher or	a positive
		coordinator	relationship with
		working in	cross-cultural
		Japanese Exchange	adjustment.
		and Teaching	
		program	
	Presbitero and	Employees of	Improved CQ
	Toledano (2017)	global teams at a	positively predicted
		multicultural	individual-level task
		company which is	performance of IT
		engaged in	service providers in a
		offshoring	global team.
		business	
		headquartered in	
<b>Cross-cultural</b>		the US	
Performance	Presbitero (2016)	Call center	CQ was positively
		employees in	related to task
		Philippines	performance in
			virtual and cross-
			cultural interaction.
	Jyoti and Kour	Managers working	CQ had a positive
	(2015)	in nationalized	relationship with task
		banks in India	performance.
	Groves et al. (2015)	Full employed	Cognitive CQ and
		MBA students	behavioral CQ had

	Authors	Research	Outcomes of CQ
		Contexts	
			positive impacts on negotiation performance.
	Korzilius et al. (2017)	Employees in the headquarters of an international and Dutch-based staffing agency	
	Lorenz et al. (2017)	Expatriates working in the US	Expatriates with high metacognitive CQ and cognitive CQ recognized more
Positive Work- related			international opportunities.
Behaviors in Cross-cultural Work Contexts	Chen (2015)	Philippine laborers working in technology manufacturing industries of Taiwan in China	Foreign labors with high CQ were better involved in their job in the host country.
	Bücker et al. (2014)	Chinese host country managers working for international firms	CQ had a positive relationship with communication effectiveness and job satisfaction. CQ had a negatively relationship with anxiety.

	Authors	Research	Outcomes of CQ
		Contexts	
	Moon (2013)	Students in a business school in Korea	Teams with high levels of CQ were more likely to improve team
			performance.
	Scholz (2012)	Game developers working in various regions	CQ was positively associated with teamwork quality in creative jobs.
	Mor et al. (2013)	American MBA students in an American business school	Metacognitive CQ had a positive influence on intercultural cooperation.
Cross-cultural Team Effectiveness	Chua et al. (2012)	Managers from various nations working in the US	Managers with higher metacognitive CQ resulted in more effective and creative collaboration as well as greater idea
	Adair et al. (2013)	Undergraduate students of a Canadian university	sharing across cultures.  Metacognitive CQ and behavioral CQ positively affected shared values within multicultural teams.
	Groves and Feyerherm (2011)	Leaders and their direct followers	

	Authors	Research	<b>Outcomes of CQ</b>
		Contexts	
	Juit	from MBA students in a public university in the US	follower perceptions of leaders' performance and team performance within a culturally diverse work team.
Cross-cultural	Rockstuhl et al.	Swiss military	CQ facilitated cross-
Leadership Effectiveness	(2011)	officers	cultural leadership effectiveness.
	Chen et al. (2012)	US real estate agents	Motivational CQ positively predicted cross-cultural
	Charoensukmongkol	Small and medium	performance Entrepreneurs' CQ
	(2015)	manufacturing firms in Thailand	positively predicted the relationship that their companies have with foreign customers, foreign suppliers as well as foreign competitors.
	Magnusson et al. (2013)	US exporting firms	Export managers with higher motivational CQ made a better decision to adapt to marketing-mix, whereas export managers possessing

	Authors	Research	Outcomes of CQ
		Contexts	
			higher metacognitive CQ improved their firms' export performance.
	Charoensukmongkol		Business owners
	(2016b)	enterprises in	with greater CQ led
Organizational Performance		Thailand	to firm's higher level of international knowledge acquisition capability and better export performance
	Yitmen (2013)	Contracting firms	Organizations with
		from Turkish	high CQ can function
		Contractors Association	effectively in the intercultural environments and maintain a sustainable
			development as well
			as their competitive advantages. Besides,
			firms with a high
			level of CQ had
			strong cross-cultural
			competence to establish and

Authors	Research	Outcomes of CQ
	Contexts	
		strategic alliances
		performance
Tuan (2015)	Multinational	Managers with high
	companies in	CQ were conducive
	Vietnam	to the process of
		building
		organizational
		competitiveness.
		Managers' CQ
		played a moderating
		role in the
		relationship between
		organizational
		orientation and
		competitive
		intelligence.

The outcomes mentioned above showed that CQ played influential roles in enhancing various areas of performance in cross-cultural settings. In particular, the results indicated that those with high CQ tended to demonstrate cross-cultural adjustment performances. Because of this characteristic, CQ is also found as a competency that helps expatriates adjust effectively during overseas task (Templer et al., 2006). The following section will describe the details of cross-cultural adjustment and the contribution of CQ.

#### 2.3 Cross-cultural Adjustment

Cross-cultural adjustment refers to the process of one's adaptation to a new situation, and it is the perceived degree in terms of comfort that one feels and the extent of adjustments toward varieties of aspects of the new environment (Black, 1988; Black, Mendenhall, & Oddou, 1991). It demonstrates the extent to which individuals are

integrated in the daily life and work environment within the host country's context as well as individuals' abilities to adapt to the interactive aspects related to the local culture (Davies, Kraeh, & Froese, 2015; Ward, Okura, Kennedy, & Kojima, 1998). Cross-cultural adjustment is also a process of uncertainty reduction through the expatriate's feeling of comfort and harmonizing with the new environment (Black, 1988). Psychological adjustment and sociocultural adjustment were the two notions that the earlier literature on adjustment focused. These two notions paid attention to subjective well-being and the ability to function effectively in host culture. At the same time, psychological adjustment and sociocultural adjustment stressed the attitudinal elements that were conducive to cultural learning as well as the acquisition of culturally appropriate skills and behaviors during the adjustment process. Later, expatriate adjustment was operationalized by two facets: general adjustment and work adjustment. Furthermore, Black and Stephens (1989) extended the framework of cross-cultural adjustment to three areas consisting of general adjustment, work adjustment as well as interaction adjustment. Subjective well-being related to psychological aspects of adjustment was well developed and sociocultural aspects of adjustment are covered in this multi-framework. Given that this framework has been widely adopted in prior research (Muhammad et al., 2013; Ditchburn & Brook, 2015; Jyoti & Kour, 2015; Selmer & Lauring, 2015; Vijayakumar & Cunningham, 2016; Wu & Ang, 2011), it is selected for this study. The details of this framework of cross-cultural adjustment are explained as follow.

#### General adjustment

General adjustment means the degree of comfort related to expatriate overall adjustment to the living conditions in a new environment (Black, 1988). It refers to the basic needs as well as activities of the expatriate's daily life (Black et al., 1991). The dimensions of this aspect includes food, housing, the cost of living, transportation, shopping and health care (Black, 1988; Hechanova, Beehr, & Christiansen, 2003; Krishnan & Kirubamoorthy, 2017). Expatriates who are effective in general adjustment tend to become accustomed to local life (Black, 1988). They feel comfortable toward various aspects of the host-country's environments (Salamin & Davoine, 2015).

Work adjustment

Work adjustment refers to one's adjustment to the new job within a foreign environment (Black, 1988). This aspect of adjustment involves the new work roles, tasks as well as the work environment (Black & Stephens, 1989; Krishnan & Kirubamoorthy, 2017). It is facilitated by the similarities in procedures, policies and requirements of the assignments between host country operation and the home country operation (Black & Stephens, 1989). Expatriates who are effective in work adjustment tend to feel comfortable toward assignment requirements in the cross-cultural contexts (Black, 1988; Salamin & Davoine, 2015). They keep the attitude that their presence is valuable in the task (Salamin & Davoine, 2015).

#### Interaction adjustment

Interaction adjustment reflects the degree of comfort individuals feel when interacting with host nationals in the work situation and in the non-work environment (Black & Stephens, 1989; Krishnan & Kirubamoorthy, 2017). Interaction adjustment involves not only language, but also the nonverbal behaviors such as facial expressions, eye contact and posture when socializing with local people (Ditchburn & Brook, 2015; Usunier, 2011). It is facilitated by interaction frequency, trust as well as contact quality (Hechanova et al., 2003; Liu & Shaffer, 2005). Expatriates who are effective in interaction adjustment can develop a better relationship with host country employees (Lee & Sukoco, 2010). They can positively interact with local employees and easily acquire trust within the organization (Lee, Li, & Wu, 2018; Napier & Taylor, 2002).

The combination of these three aspects of adjustment has influences on expatriates' lives when they enter a foreign environment (Black et al., 1991). Interaction adjustment is the most difficult area of adjustment among these three facets of cross-cultural adjustment. This is particularly true because each culture with various customs, cultural norms and behaviors has effects on interactions within the host nation in a specific setting (Black, Gregersen, Mendanhall, & Stroh, 2001; Krishnan & Kirubamoorthy, 2017; Selmer & Lauring, 2015). On the other hand, general adjustment and work adjustment are grounded on socializing and interactions within the host country nations (Bell & Harrison, 1996). Interaction with host country people is a method of comprehending the local culture since the actions within local nations are the sources of cultural information (Puck, Holtbrügge, & Dölling, 2003). Furthermore,

interactions with local people can facilitate expatriates' sense of cultural differences, and they can then exhibit appropriate behaviors within a social setting (Bochner, 1981).

# 2.3.1 The Importance of Cross-cultural Adjustment

As an indicator of the feelings of acceptance of a new environment, adjustment has been measured and become one of the influential themes of expatriate study (Muhammad et al., 2013; Brislin, 1981; Sambasivan et al., 2017; Selmer & Lauring, 2016). Many studies have explored expatriate adjustment in the intercultural studies (Jyoti & Kour, 2015; Mahajan & Toh, 2014; Salamin & Davoine, 2015; Sambasivan et al., 2017; Selmer & Lauring, 2016). The research found that crosscultural adjustment was related to expatriate effectiveness and job performance. For example, a study of Salgado and Bastida (2017) focusing on the sample of expatriate managers from Spanish companies found that cross-cultural adjustment had a positive relationship with expatriate effectiveness. Jyoti and Kour (2015) found by using a sample of managers working in nationalized banks in India that cross-cultural adjustment positively affects task performance. A study conducted using the sample of expatriates in private colleges in Malaysia of Hassan and Diallo (2013) also found that cross-cultural adjustment was positively related to improve expatriate job performance. Beside these studies, Wu and Ang (2011) reported that work adjustment and work adjustment of expatriates in Singapore had positive effects on the intention to complete the assignment.

In addition, research also found that cross-cultural adjustment had important influences on expatriate contextual performance. For instance, the study of Wu and Ang (2011) focusing on expatriates in Singapore found that interaction adjustment positively affected contextual performance such as interaction with host country co-workers. Harrison and Shaffer (2005) found evidence that work adjustment and interaction adjustment of expatriates in Hong Kong had a strong association with relationship building. Nunes et al. (2017) also found that cross-cultural adaptation of expatriates in Brazil was positively related to their effectiveness in managing local employees. Moreover, a study of Shay and Baack (2006) conducted by the sample of expatriate managers and their subordinates in multinational host hotel firms showed that expatriate work adjustment had a positive relation with local subordinates' satisfaction with

supervision. In this study, expatriate managers were from various countries such as Australia, France, Germany and others. The subordinates came from a number of countries including Australia, China, Malaysia and others. This study also showed that expatriates' work adjustment influenced local employees' perception of the expatriate's managerial effectiveness (Shay & Baack, 2006).



## 2.3.2 Research about CQ in Expatriation

CQ has played an important role in explaining successful expatriation (Malek & Budhwar, 2013; Ott & Michailova, 2018). The research about CQ in expatriation has covered various areas. A body of research found that CQ can facilitate expatriate adjustment (Lee & Sukoco, 2010; Wu & Ang, 2011). Some scholars reported evidence about the contribution of CQ to expatriate performance (Lee & Sukoco, 2010; Ramalu, Rose, Uli, & Kumar, 2012; Zhao, Liu, & Zhou, 2016). In addition, Huff (2013) explored the influence of CQ on expatriates' satisfaction with job assignment and living in the current country. Research also found the connection between CQ and previous work experience of expatriates (Hyoung, Byoung, & Jae, 2012, 2013). Moreover, research explored other aspects in expatriation related to CQ. For instance, Vlajčić, Caputo, Marzi, and Dabić (2018) analyzed the role of CQ of the expatriate manager in the area of knowledge transfer. Lorenz et al. (2017) conducted a research on the effect of CQ on international opportunity recognition and innovation of expatriates. Elenkov and Maney (2009) also analyzed the relationship between CQ and leadership effectiveness of expatriates related to innovation. Additionally, Lee and Sukoco (2010) found that CQ had a positive effect on cultural effectiveness of expatriates.

Given prior evidence about the positive contribution of CQ and cross-cultural adjustment, this research focuses on three aspects of subordinates' attitudes and behaviors that could be promoted by CQ and cross-cultural adjustment of expatriates: (1) leadership effectiveness, (2) perceived supervisor support, and (3) commitment to supervisor. The content in the next sections will review these outcome variables in more detail. Then, this research will provide theoretical and literature support regarding why they can be promoted by CQ and cross-cultural adjustment.

## 2.4 Challenge of Managing a Cross-cultural Workforce

Cross-cultural workforces have attracted a lot of attention in global business since the rapid growth of globalization began (Bird & Mendenhall, 2016; Dalluay & Jalagat, 2016; Shaban, 2016; Stahl, Miska, Lee, & De Luque, 2017). Basically, a culturally diverse workforce is a workplace that is composed of employees with a variety of cultural backgrounds (Oya, 2006). For people who work in multicultural

workforces, there is a need to interact frequently with persons who come from different cultures (Oya, 2006; Montagliani & Giacalone, 1998). Workers coming from different cultures tend to have different work attitudes and behaviors (Dong & Liu, 2010). Some workers may not distinguish other cultures from their own culture; as a result, they will maintain their behaviors in their own ways (Dalluay & Jalagat, 2016; Hofstede, 2003). Perceived cultural differences also make some workers pay attention only to their own interests, and they do not want to focus on team work (Hofstede, 2003; Mach & Baruch, 2015). These cultural issues will negatively influence workers' performance in the cross-cultural environment (Adler & Gundersen, 2007). In addition, the different values, assumptions as well as perception of employees can lead to misunderstanding and conflicts (Cragan, Wright, & Kasch, 2008; Stahl et al., 2017). These misunderstanding and conflicts may also negatively affect communication effectiveness within cross-cultural context (Oya, 2006). Cultural diversity in the workforce also creates challenge for managers who come from different cultural background (Dong & Liu, 2010). In particular, the impact of cultural differences can potentially reduce cooperation between managers and other employees (Smith, Peterson, & Schwartz, 2002). Thus, it is essential that managers and leaders should possess cross-cultural sensitivity and skills within cross-cultural workforces (Bird & Mendenhall, 2016; Dong & Liu, 2010; Zander, Mockaitis, & Butler, 2012). Managers and leaders should be aware of cultural difference in the workplace and the impact it may cause instead of ignoring the differences or even allowing these differences to result in problems (Agrawal, 2012; Kundu, 2003; Stevens & Ogunji, 2011).

## 2.5 Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness

Leaders play the leading role in achieving organizational goal (Yazmina, Miguel, & Teresa, 2017; Muchiri, Cooksey, Di Milia, & Walumbwa, 2011). For any organization, leadership effectiveness plays a crucial role in its success (Sadeghi & Pihie, 2012). Leadership effectiveness indicates leaders' ability to affect their followers to accomplish goals (Chemers, 2001; Vardiman, Houghton, & Jinkerson, 2006; Yukl, 1994). Research has shown that good relationships with subordinates is a crucial factor that affects the effectiveness of leaders (Hogg et al., 2005). Effective leaders have the

ability to attract their subordinates to engage in organizational activities (Sadeghi & Pihie, 2012). They are skilled at taking advantage of their subordinates' competencies as well as limitations to achieve organizational objectives (Manamela, Cassim, & Karodia, 2016).

Accompanying the rapid growth of international business, cross-cultural leadership effectiveness has become an important topic in literature (Caligiuri & Tarique, 2012; Harteis, 2012; Rockstuhl et al., 2011). Developing cross-cultural leadership competency is challenging because leaders have to face different social systems that are different from those in their countries, and employees from different cultures tend to have different attitudes towards their leaders (Elenkov & Maney, 2009; Rockstuhl et al., 2011). Research has found that the situational context has influences on leaders' behaviors (Vroom & Jago, 2007). Some behaviors of leaders may be effective in a certain context and ineffective in another setting (Avery, 2004). This is in accordance with idea that successful leadership behaviors vary from one context to another (Ersoy, 2014; House, Hanges, Javidan, Dorfman, & Gupta, 2004). Therefore, effective management of culturally diverse workforce acts in a crucial role in international operations (Caligiuri & Tarique, 2012; Okoro, 2012). Leaders must realize the different cultures and understand different cultural perspectives within the crosscultural workforce, and they need to be equipped with requisite competencies (Egel & Fry, 2017; Groves & Feyerherm, 2011).

# 2.6 Perceived Supervisor Support

Perceived supervisor support indicates the degree to which subordinates receive constructive support as well as recognition from their supervisor (Maertz Jr, Griffeth, Campbell, & Allen, 2007; Stinglhamber & Vandenberghe, 2003). Perceived supervisor support reflects employees' perception related to their relationships with supervisors as well as represents the degree to which employees depend on supervisors to think of employees' personal concerns (Yu, 2011). Generally, subordinates tend to perceive that their supervisor is supportive when supervisors demonstrate certain behaviors toward the subordinates (Phungsoonthorn & Charoensukmongkol, 2018). For example, subordinates tend to have a sense of support from the supervisors when the supervisors

care about subordinate welfare (Eisenberger, Stinglhamber, Vandenberghe, Sucharski, & Rhoades, 2002). Moreover, subordinates perceive that they receive support when supervisors clarify subordinate roles and fairly assign a reward to value subordinate contributions (Podsakoff, Podsakoff, & Kuskova, 2010; Tremblay, Vandenberghe, & Doucet, 2013). Besides, providing career development chances for subordinates is also a way for supervisors to support subordinates.

Perception of employees about the supportive behaviors of a supervisor was shown to positively affect subordinate accomplishment of their (Charoensukmongkol, Murad, & Gutierrez-Wirsching, 2016; Tremblay & Gibson, 2016). Employees with high level of perceived supervisor support feel obligated to organizations and exert more efforts to help their supervisors to achieve goals (Khan, Mahmood, Kanwal, & Latif, 2015). On the contrary, employees who did not see that supervisor display supportive behavior tend to exhibit withdrawal behaviors (Charoensukmongkol, 2014; Liao, Joshi, & Chuang, 2004; Menguc, Auh, Fisher, & Haddad, 2013). Scholars asserted that supervisor support acts a role in fostering employees' positive attitudes regarding to their organizations (Eisenberger et al., 2002; Levinson, 1965). A research of Dysvik and Kuvaas (2013) using sample of Norwegian employees from public organizations also found that perceived supervisor support moderated the relationship between job autonomy and turnover intention. Besides, a study of Shanock and Eisenberger (2006) focusing on the sample of full-time retail employees and their supervisors in the northeastern United States found that subordinates' perceived supervisor support was positively connected with their perceived organizational support, in-role performance as well as extra-role performance. A research of DeConinck (2010) focusing on advertising managers from the US companies also documented that perceived supervisor support positively related with organizational trust. Moreover, the study of Gok, Karatuna, and Karaca (2015) using sample of medical secretaries in Turkey found that perceived supervisor support was positively associated with job satisfaction. A study of Jose and Mampilly (2015) indicated that perceived supervisor support positively connected with employee engagement and psychological empowerment.

## 2.7 Commitment to Supervisor

Commitment is a psychological state and attachment that characterize the relationship that employees develop with other persons in a workplace or with an organization (Meyer & Allen, 1991; O'Reilly & Chatman, 1986). Commitment motivates individuals to use their best endeavors to complete assignments outside their duties (Salancik, 1977). Individuals with high level commitment are more likely to sacrifice their personal welfare to maintain a good relationship with others in the work environment (Van Lange et al., 1997; Wieselquist, Rusbult, Foster, & Agnew, 1999). In addition, individuals with high level commitment are less likely to leave their organizations (Mathieu & Zajac, 1990).

Research classifies the concept of commitment in a workplace at different levels which include: commitment to organizations, unions, occupations and professions, teams and leaders, personal careers as well as customers (Becker, 1992; Gordon, Philpot, Burt, Thompson, & Spiller, 1980; Hall, 1996; Mathieu & Zajac, 1990; Meyer & Allen, 1991; Meyer, Allen, & Smith, 1993; Siders, George, & Dharwadkar, 2001). Within a workplace, organizational commitment is defined as the degree to which employees are psychologically attached to their organizations (Mathieu & Zajac, 1990). It represents the degree to which employees are willing to remain at the organization and make a contribution toward the organization (Kalidass & Bahron, 2015; Meyer et al., 1993). However, according to Reichers (1985), commitment to an organization cannot be adequately considered as the commitment to the workplace. Employees can develop commitment to various targets other than the organization (Becker, 1992; Cohen, 1999; Snape, Chan, & Redman, 2006); for example, they can develop commitment toward a supervisor, a work group as well as customers (Becker, Billings, Eveleth, & Gilbert, 1996; Gregersen, 1993; Snape et al., 2006). Given that the focus on this research is leadership effectiveness of expatriates who take a supervisory role at a workplace, the aspect of commitment that this research emphasizes is commitment to supervisors.

Commitment to a supervisor has been one of the vital foci of commitment (Becker et al., 1996; Wong & Lui, 2007). Commitment to a supervisor represents subordinates' psychological attachment to their supervisors, which is grounded on

supervisors' attitudes as well as behaviors (Becker et al., 1996). When subordinates develop commitment toward their supervisor, they are willing to exert extra efforts to help the supervisors accomplish goals (Mowday, Steers, & Porter, 1979). Subordinates who develop commitment toward their supervisor also have a willingness to continuously work for their supervisors (Mowday et al., 1979). Scholars reported that commitment to a supervisor was positively related to job performance (Becker, 1992; Becker et al., 1996; Becker & Kernan, 2003; Cheng, Jiang, & Riley, 2003). Research also found that commitment to supervisors positively predicted employees' job satisfaction (Chen, 2001). Beside this, earlier research documented that commitment to a supervisor was positively associated with organizational citizenship behaviors (Gregersen, 1993; Wasti & Can, 2008). Scholars also supported that commitment to one's supervisor was negatively connected with turnover intention (Harris, Harris, & Harvey, 2008; Vandenberghe & Bentein, 2009). Moreover, research also found that commitment to supervisors was negatively related to subordinate-supervisor conflicts (Landry & Vandenberghe, 2009). Literature also showed that high level of commitment that employees have toward a supervisor indicates a good relationship between employees and their supervisors (Cheng et al., 2003). In addition, commitment to a supervisor was also found to have a significant effect on work related attitudes as well as behaviors of employees (Chughtai, 2013). Employees tend to be more engaged in their work when they develop a high-quality relationship with their supervisors (Carmeli, Batia, Waldman, & Rupp, 2009; Chughtai, 2013). Beside this, research suggested employees are likely to learn and be innovative in the workplace when they develop high commitment to their supervisors (Janssen, 2000).

## 2.8 Social Identity Theory

This study uses social identity theory as a framework to guide hypotheses development about the positive contribution of CQ that might help Chinese expatriates work effectively with Thai subordinates. Hogg, Terry, and White (1995) asserted that social identity theory is a theory of group membership and behavior. This theory has been widely used to explain conflict and collaboration among group members who are influenced by cultural diversity (Fiske, Rosenblum, & Travis, 2004; Shupe, 2007).

Jenkins (2014) pointed out that social identity is an ongoing process of interaction between individual and in group as well as between individual and out group. Tajfel and Turner (1979) specified three processes involved in social identity theory to evaluate members as in group or out group and the processes are social categorization, social identification and social comparison.

According to Turner (1981), an individual develops a social identity through the process of self-categorization (Korte, 2007). For purposes of understanding the social environment, people always categorize themselves and others. Once people know what categories they belong to, they will refer to the group norms to define proper behaviors. Then, individuals will adopt the identity of the group which they categorized themselves as belonging to, and they will behave in the ways that the group members act. When people categorize themselves as the members of a group and identify with this group, they tend to compare this group with other groups. Generally, people perceive that out group members are less trustworthy and cooperative than in group members (Brewer, 1979; Hobman, Bordia, & Gallois, 2003). Visible demographic variables such as age, gender or ethnicity are used in social categorization processes (Triandis, 2003; Tsui, Egan, & O'Reilly III, 1992). Those who are visibly dissimilar in a work group regarding these characteristics might be categorized as out group members (Hobman et al., 2003). Besides, it is documented that demographic, attitudinal, and work value differences are associated with lower group cohesiveness and lower commitment to groups (Hobman et al., 2003). Culture also plays a role in drawing the line between in group and out group (Worchel, 2005). The empirical evidence supported that in group favoritism and out group discrimination are also likely in a situation that involves interactions among members from different cultures (Shupe, 2007). Perceived similarity is a vital element in intergroup relations (Triandis, 2003). When individuals perceive each other as similar, they tend to discuss and coordinate in group work (Triandis, 2003). On the other hand, research found that there are more perceptual problems and conflict in diverse groups, because people are likely to avoid or be aggressive with one another when they see others as dissimilar (Triandis, 2003).

The ideas of social identity theory have been applied in work contexts, particularly in the area of leader-and-subordinate relationship (Ellemers, Dick, & Haslam, 2004). Basically, leaders are the members of organizations and of varieties of

groups. As a result, leaders share one or more group memberships with others they lead (Daan & Hogg, 2003). Subordinates are likely to stay with an in group leader who displays desirable behavior (Bruins, Ellemers, & Dick, 1999). By contrast, the willingness of subordinates to cooperate with the out group leader relies on whether the leader represents the features that contribute to distinguish the in group from other groups (Ellemers, Wendy, Bruins, & Dick, 1998). CQ is regarded as a competency to help individuals to adjust effectively in any cross-cultural situation, which helps people lower perceived differences and enhance perceived similarities (Earley & Gardner, 2005). In this point, individuals with high CQ are able to overcome the challenge of differentiating themselves from other group members with different cultural backgrounds (Earley & Mosakowski, 2000). In this regard, it might help Chinese expatriates with high CQ to effectively get Thai employees to perceive that the expatriate is not different from them. When this occurs, the Thai employees are more willing to develop positive attitudes toward Chinese expatriates.

# 2.9 Hypotheses Development

## 2.9.1 CQ and Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness

Among various aspects of the cross-cultural competencies documented in research, CQ appears to be a cross-cultural competency that plays a vital role in promoting cross-cultural leadership effectiveness, especially for the expatriates who practice leadership cross cultures (Alon & Higgins, 2005; Elenkov & McMahan, 2005). This research proposes that all aspects of CQ can contribute to leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates in Thailand. In a culturally diverse workforce, the ability of expatriates to effectively cope with cultural differences in the cross-cultural environment is vital (Collings & Sculling, 2006). It is crucial for expatriates to understand and to have the ability to manage subordinates from different cultures (Deng & Gibson, 2008). Given that subordinates from different cultural backgrounds tend to possess different cultural perceptions regarding the characteristics of effective leadership style, expatriates must have the ability to understand how subordinates with various cutural backgrounds view them as well as interpret their behaviors (Deng & Gibson, 2008; Dong & Liu, 2010; Spector et al., 2001; Yukl, 1994). Hence, cognitive

CQ that demonstrates an individual's knowledge and information of different cultures is important for expartaites to effectively interact with others in a cross-cultural context. Expatriates with high cognitive CQ tend to identify the differences and similarities across cultures (Keung, 2011; Livermore, 2011). They can accurately interpret the circumstance when they are involved in intercultural settings (Musamali & Martin, 2016). Beside this, high cognitive CQ can facilitate expatriates' understading of subordinates' norms and values and make them more considerate to their subordinates (Musamali & Martin, 2016). Cultural knowledge of expatriates also allows them to understand work behaviors of subordinates from different cultures. Moreover, expatriates with high cognitive CQ tend to know what the leadership style is that is consistent with cultural expectations of their followers (Hanges, Aiken, Park, & Su, 2016; House et al., 2004). These can contribute to their leadership effectiveness when managing subordinates from different cultures.

Metacognitive CQ also can make contributions to leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates in Thailand. Metacognitive CQ is a high-level of cognitive skill to deal with the cultural information in a certain situation, and it represents individuals' awareness of intercultural activities (Soon & Linn, 2015; Ang et al., 2012; Earley & Ang, 2003). Individuals with high metacognitive CQ always acquire and grasp the cultural knowledge before and during cross-cultural interactions (Ang et al., 2012; Ang et al., 2007). Moreover, they will be more flexible in understanding a new sitution using inductive reasoning in addition to their existing knowledge (Earley, 2002). Beside this, individuals with high metacognitive CQ will question their assuptions and make adjustments to function in the cross-cultural settings (Brislin et al., 2016). In this regard, high metacognitive CQ will help expatriates to be more sensitive to cultural cues in the culturally diverse envrionment (Groves & Feyerherm, 2011). Expatriates with high metacognitive CQ can think about their knowledge of other cultures within the crosscultural environment, examine their cultural assumptions then to suppose values that may be feasible to their interaction with subordinates (Solomon & Steyn, 2017). Keung (2011) also supported the idea that leaders with high metacognitive CQ are more likely to find cultural ways to connect with their subordinates from other cultures. This can help leaders to know how to develop good relationships with their followers. Moreover, individuals with high metacognitive CQ always take time to learn and comprehend new

knowledge related to cross-cultural settings. This will help individuals to create new mental maps and make strategies to function in new environments (Thomas et al., 2008). For this reason, expatriates with high metacognitive CQ tend to have the ability to understand the specific culture that they are involved in (Deng & Gibson, 2008). They also have the ability to identify the relevant information that contributes to correct judgments about the new situation (Triandis, 2006). Consequently, expatriates with high metacognitive CQ will tend to develop adaptive strategies to deal with subordinates from other cultures who may have different expectations about characteristics of an effective leader. They will create the appropriate mental map of the situation to effectively function with their subordinates to make them develop positive attitudes toward the expatriate. Thus, metacognitive CQ helps expatriates to enhance their effectiveness in cross-cultural context.

Motivational CQ also can make contributions to leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates in Thailand. For leaders to function effectively in a cross-cultural context, it is not enough to only have relevant knowledge about national culture of their subordinates. Leaders also need to be self-motivated to adjust to the cross-cultural context (Deng & Gibson, 2008). Motivational CQ shows individuals' ability to capture the drive source to function effectively across cultures (Ang et al., 2007). Individuals with high motivational CQ will develop their self-efficacy and have much more confidence to overcome difficulties during the cross-cultural interactions (Bandura, 2002; Bücker et al., 2014). Accordingly, expatriates with high motivation CQ tend to have the ability to determine how to effectively function with others with confidence. They tend to possess high interest in the new cultures of their followers (Deng & Gibson, 2008; Earley & Peterson, 2004). These characteristics of motivational CQ encourage expatriates to apply their cultural knowledge to interact with followers in the manner that can help them gain respect from their foreign subordinates (Templer et al., 2006). This will contribute to the leadership effectiveness of expatriates during their management of a cross-cultural workforce.

Behavioral CQ also can make contributions to the leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates in Thailand. Although cultural knowledge is the foundation of the intercultural communication, it is not enough for leaders to interact effectively with followers from different cultures (Ersoy, 2014). Leaders must flexibly and

appropriately interact with their followers within the cross-cultural situations (Rockstuhl et al., 2011). Behavioral CQ shows individuals' behavioral flexibility through verbal and nonverbal actions when interacting with others from different cultures (Ang et al., 2012). Because of this characteristic, expatriates with high behavioral CQ can effectively manage their actions across cultures (Earley & Ang, 2003; Ylänne, 2008). Their flexible verbal and nonverbal behaviors can improve communication effectiveness and show their respect to others from different cultures (Ang et al., 2012; Beamer & Varner, 2001). According to Alon and Higgins (2005), leaders with high behavioral CQ tend to switch cultural contexts as well as display situational behaviors to deal with the dynamic interactions with others from different cultures. In this regard, behavioral CQ can help expatriates adjust their behaviors to exhibit more proper and respectful behaviors to their local subordinates (Earley, Ang, & Tan, 2006). This can enhance the effectiveness of expatriates in cross-cultural settings.

Evidence about the contribution of CQ of expatriate to cross-cultural leadership effectiveness was also supported in previous studies (Bird & Mendenhall, 2016; Peter & Daan, 2018). For example, a qualitative study conducted by Ersoy (2014) found that expatriate leaders' CQ had positive influences on their cross-cultural leadership effectiveness. This study interviewed expatriate managers from Spanish, Dutch and Indian as well as local Turkish managers. The result is in accordance with an earlier qualitative study of Deng and Gibson (2008) focusing on Australian expatriate managers in China and local Chinese managers, which confirmed that expatriate leaders' CQ positively impacted their leadership effectiveness in cross-cultural contexts. In addition, the study of Groves and Feyerherm (2011) using the sample of leaders and their direct followers from MBA students in a public university in the US showed that leaders' CQ had impacts on their followers' perceptions of leaders' performance within the cross-cultural context. Musamali and Martin (2016) using the sample of educational leaders in Kenya and the US found evidence that there was a significant relationship between CQ and effective leadership practices across cultures. Rockstuhl et al. (2011) also supported the notion that CQ facilitated cross-cultural leadership effectiveness by using the sample of Swiss military officers. On the basis of these supports, the following hypothesis is proposed:

H1: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perception of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness.

## 2.9.2 CQ and Perceived Supervisor Support

This research proposes that the CQ of Chinese expatriates will relate to the degree of support that Thai subordinates perceive from the Chinese expatriates. Since subordinates rely largely on their leaders for rewards as well as career opportunities, leaders play a vital role in recognizing their subordinates' contributions and positively reacting to their subordinates (Van Vianen, Shen, & Chuang, 2011). Subordinates are developing a global view about the degree to which their supervisors value their well-being as well as evaluate their contributions (Eisenberger et al., 2002; Leveson, Joiner, & Bakalis, 2009). Given that subordinates from different cultural backgrounds tend to hold various cultural perceptions related to received support, expatriates must have the ability to recognize the well-being of subordinates and then to support the subordinates (Jyoti & Kour, 2017). Because individuals with high CQ can identify the differences across cultures, expatriates who possess high CQ tend to understand their subordinates' different cultural values through their cultural knowledge (Livermore, 2011). In addition, expatriates with high CQ tend to be sensitive to cultural cues to connect with subordinates (Groves & Feyerherm, 2011). In this point, expatriates with high CQ have the ability to make effective reward plans to value their subordinates' contributions to organization. Additionally, expatriates with CQ can behave properly in order to show their care as well as recognition of subordinates' performance (Earley et al., 2006). Consequently, subordinates might feel that they perceive high levels of support from the expatriate who understands what the subordinates expect in their culture. Thus, this research proposes the following hypothesis:

H2: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support

## 2.9.3 CQ and Commitment to Supervisor

This research proposes that the CQ of Chinese expatriates will be associated with the level of commitment that Thai subordinates have toward the

Chinese expatriates. According to Engle and Lord (1997), subordinates may positively react to their supervisors when cultures between their supervisors and them are similar. Leaders with high CQ are able to consider the influence of different cultural values employees bring to their workforce, and they tend to exhibit adaptive behaviors in response to followers (Ang et al., 2012). In this point, expatriates with high CQ tend to effectively and respectively interact with subordinates. Their high level of knowledge about culture also allows them to consider working styles and expectations of their subordinates from the subordinates' culture (Anvari, Irum, Ashfaq, & Atiyaye, 2014; Keung, 2011; Livermore, 2011). In addition, expatriates with high CQ can analyze and adapt to different personal values to make subordinates' satisfaction possible (Anvari et al., 2014). In this regard, when the supervisors understand and treat the subordinates well, subordinates are more willing to make a commitment toward their supervisor (Chughtai, 2013). Given the prior evidence, it is supposed that Chinese expatriates with high CQ accept trust from their subordinates when they behave properly in showing concern for subordinates, which results in the subordinates developing commitment toward the Chinese expatriates. Thus, this study proposes the following hypothesis:

H3: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' commitment to supervisors.

# 2.9.4 Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness and Commitment to Supervisor

This research proposes that the cross-cultural leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatiates is associated with Thai subordinates' commitment to their supervisor. According to Bass (1985), effective leaders are more likely to make their subordinates realize the task goals and the importance of these goals. They are also aware of satisfying subordinates' personal needs during the process of achieving organizational goals (Jackson, Meyer, & Wang, 2013). When subordinates feel that their leader pays attention to their needs, they increase their attachment to their leader (Yukl, 2013). Effective leaders also obtain subordinates' commitment and extra efforts through promoting shared values and enhancing enthusiasm among subordinates (Gill, 2011). High-level leadership effectiveness of expatriates can provide development opportunities to subordinates and trust subordinates to make decisions in the cross-

cultural settings (Yukl, Gordon, & Taber, 2002). Research found that followers tend to show commitment to leaders when their leader trusts and has confidence in them (Garg & Ramjee, 2013). Under this condition, when Chinese expatriates can express appropriate leadership effectiveness, it could be easy for them to gain the subordinates' commitment. Thus, this research put forward the following hypothesis:

H4: Cross-cultural leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates is positively associated with Thai subordinates' commitment to their supervisor.

## 2.9.5 Perceived Supervisor Support and Commitment to Supervisor

This research proposes that Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support is related to their commitment to Chinese expatriates. Research supported the idea that subordinates show their commitment to supervisors when they received direct support from their supervisors (Dansereau Jr, Graen, & Haga, 1975; Graen & Uhl-Bien, 1995). Conversely, studies showed that a lack of support from supervisors could lead to the intention of employees to leave their organizations (Wayne, Shore, & Liden, 1997). The supportive behaviors of leaders can improve followers' trust and tend to drive followers to feel obligations to play additional roles to help others (Cheng et al., 2003; Shanock & Eisenberger, 2006). In addition, research also showed that leaders' supportive behaviors can reduce subordinates' turnover intentions (Kalidass & Bahron, 2015). Considering the prior research evidence, it can be expected that Chinese expatriates who can express supportive behaviors to their subordinates might have a higher tendency to gain commitment from the subordinates. Hence, this study proposes the following hypothesis:

H5: Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support is positively related to their commitment to Chinese expatriates.

## 2.9.6 CQ and Cross-cultural Adjustment

This research proposes that the CQ of Chinese expatriates relates to their cross-cultural adjustment in Thailand. Individuals with high CQ have general knowledge and specific knowledge of other countries (Ang et al., 2012). The knowledge can assist expatriates in understanding the differences across various cultures. When expatriates with high CQ understand the new culture, they tend to have

the ability to adjust to the new environment they are involved in (Guðmundsdátir, 2015). Beside this, individuals with high CQ possess the ability to grasp the cultural preference of others, and they will develop relevant strategies before and during crosscultural actions (Ang et al., 2012; Ang et al., 2007). In this regard, expatriates with high CQ can use this competence to help them learn and gain more understanding about the new culture easily. This allows them to know how to make responsive adjustments to act more effectively in the new social interactions and work environment (Huff et al., 2014). In addition, individuals with high CQ tend to have more interest in learning the new culture and engaging in non-work and work situations related to cross-cultural context (Ang et al., 2007). They also have more confidence in overcoming difficult situations in intercultural interactions (Bandura, 2002). Their high-level self-efficacy to adjust to intercultural settings facilitates expatriates to overcome difficulties they face during cross-cultural interactions, so that they can have a better adjustment in the new environment (Guðmundsdáttir, 2015). Furthermore, the ability to display a range of flexible and adaptive behaviors to adjust to culturally diverse environment also allows expatriates with high CQ to tend to exhibit situational behaviors when they interact with people from other cultures (Earley & Ang, 2003; Yl änne, 2008). This competence allows them to effectively manage their actions to adapt to local customs, traditions as well as lifestyle (Ang et al., 2012; Earley & Gardner, 2005).

The contributions of CQ to the cross-cultural adjustment of expatriates can be supported by prior studies that confirm CQ significantly affects cross-cultural adjustment of expatriates in various contexts (Konanahalli et al., 2014; Malek & Budhwar, 2013; Nunes et al., 2017; Presbitero, 2017b; Ramalu, Rose, Kumar, & Uli, 2010). As a vital skill, CQ assists expatriates crossing cultural borders to better adjust to the host country's culture and situations that arise. (Ang et al., 2007; Ott & Michailova, 2018; Shin, Morgeson, & Campion, 2007). Malek and Budhwar (2013) and Ramalu et al. (2010) supported the notion that CQ facilitated cross-cultural adjustment of expatriates in Malaysia. A study conducted by Guðmundsd áttir (2015) also found that CQ had a positive relationship with cross-cultural adjustment of Nordic expatriates in the US. Beside these, Nunes et al. (2017) focusing on expatriates in Brazil supported the idea that CQ positively affected their cross-cultural adjustment. Another study conducted by Presbitero (2017b) also provided evidence that CQ has positive

influences on cross-cultural adjustments of religious expatriates. Moreover, the study of Huff (2013) focusing on the native English-speaking expatriates in Japan found that motivational CQ was the most vital factor of CQ in predicting cross-cultural adjustment. The study of Konanahalli et al. (2014) focusing on British expatriates provided the evidence that cognitive CQ and motivational CQ significantly affects cross-cultural adjustment. Thus, the following hypothesis is posited:

H6: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to their cross-cultural adjustment in Thailand.

# 2.9.7 Cross-cultural adjustment and Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness

This study hypothesizes that cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is associated with the perception of their subordinates about cross-cultural leadership effectiveness that Chinese expatriates exhibit. Research showed that crosscultural adjustment is a salient factor related with expatriate effectiveness (Salgado & Bastida, 2017). Black (1988) mentioned that expatriates who are effective in adjustments in the new environment can make sense of the basic needs of local employees in their daily life. In this regard, expatriates who act in supervisory roles and effectively adjust to new environment can develop relevant measures to satisfy local subordinates' needs in the process of achieving goals. In addition, expatriates who are effective in cross-cultural adjustment can recognize their roles as well as tasks in the new work environment (Black, 1988). Regarding this point, expatriates who are effective in cross-cultural adjustment can exhibit appropriate behaviors to motivate local subordinates to perform better. In addition, expatriates who are able to adjust to the host environment can positively interact with local employees and acquire trust (Lee et al., 2018; Napier & Taylor, 2002). In this respect, expatriates who play supervisory roles and adjust well in the new environment tend to build good relationships with local subordinates (Lee & Sukoco, 2010). Consequently, these improve the leadership effectiveness of expatriates who take supervisory roles in cross-cultural context. Research also supported the idea that cross-cultural adjustment of expatriates was positively related to managing local subordinates (Nunes et al., 2017). Therefore, this research proposes the following hypothesis:

H7: Cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is positively related to their cross-cultural leadership effectiveness.

## 2.9.8 Cross-cultural Adjustment and Perceived Supervisor Support

This study hypothesizes that the cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates can determine the degree to which Thai subordinates perceive that their Chinese expatriate is supportive. Cross-cultural adjustment of expatriates is a way to understand the various aspects of host country nations (Puck et al., 2003). Regarding this point, expatriates who become accustomed to local life tend to understand about cultural life style and expectations of their subordinates (Puck et al., 2003). In addition, expatriates who adjust well in the cross-cultural environment tend to develop close relationships with local subordinates (Harrison & Shaffer, 2005). They tend to pay attention to the specific cultural values, norms and attitudes of local subordinates, and provide subordinates with necessary resources and work incentives that match their cultural expectations (Shay & Tracey, 2009). When local subordinates feel their supervisor understands their culture and can effectively adjust the working style toward the local culture of the subordinates, it can enhance the perception of the subordinates that their supervisor is supportive. Thus, this study proposes the following hypothesis:

H8: Cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support.

All hypotheses are illustrated in the form of a conceptual model as showed in Figure 2.1. Table 2.2 also summarizes all hypotheses proposed in this research.

Table 2.2 The Summary of Research Hypotheses

#### **Hypotheses**

H1: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perception of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness.

H2: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support

H3: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' commitment to supervisors.

H4: Cross-cultural leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates is positively associated with Thai subordinates' commitment to their supervisor.

H5: Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support is positively related to their commitment to Chinese expatriates.

H6: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to their cross-cultural adjustment in Thailand.

H7: Cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is positively related to their cross-cultural leadership effectiveness.

H8: Cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support.

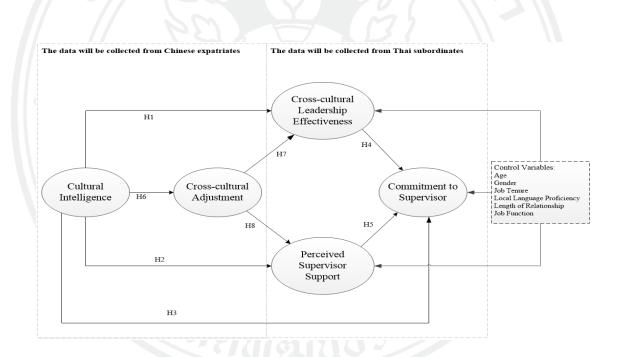


Figure 2.1 The Conceptual Model

## **CHAPTER 3**

## **METHODOLOGY**

# 3.1 Research Context

This research will collect data from Chinese multinational corporations that have established a subsidiary in Thailand. Thailand is a good context for this research because it has been one of the investment destinations for many Chinese companies. Sorndee et al. (2017) mentioned that the number of Chinese expatriates has taken the second place in Thailand. Investments of Chinese companies in Thailand are driven by several factors. One of the key factors that drive the direct investments of Chinese companies in Thailand is the Agreement on Promotion and Protection of Mutual Investment between Thailand and China. Along with the go-out policy of China, Chinese government has a close tie with ASEAN. In the light of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area, China's investment in Thailand has a strong growth. Beside these factors, Thailand' Board of Investment (BOI) Promotional Schemes also facilitated the investments of Chinese firms in Thailand. All the investments of Chinese firms were approved by BOI. In addition, BOI granted the promotional privileges to these firms. BOI can provide preferential rights in taxes such as the exemption of the import tax on machinery and on raw material. BOI also provides the preferential rights in introducing experts and technicians for firms. During the period of 1987 to 2014, Chinese firms have invested in 373 projects that covered a wide range of business sectors in Thailand (Keorite & Pan, 2016). Chinese multinational corporations invest in Thailand in various industries including metal and machinery, electronics and electrical industry, plastic and construction material, food, latex products, service, etc. In the first two quarters of 2018, China applied for investing 47 projects valued 4.71 billion baht. To date, there are more than 100 Chinese subsidiaries in Thailand and most of them locate in Bangkok and Rayong areas.

## 3.2 Sample Selection

This study focuses on the sample of Chinese expatriates who take a supervisory role in international assignments in Thailand and their Thai subordinates. The sample of this study will be obtained in Bangkok and Rayong in Thailand. These areas are selected because they are major economic areas where many Chinese companies are established. The companies in these areas involve food, service, latex, electronics and electrical industry, metal and machinery, automotive industry, etc. There are around 100 firms and approximately 2000 Chinese expatriates working in these areas. This research uses convenience sampling to collect data. Convenience sampling is a kind of nonprobability sampling technique that targets respondents who are selected because they are easy to access by researchers (Dörnyei, 2007). This method allows the researcher to obtain a large number of target respondents at a given time. In addition, this method is affordable to researchers. The reason this study uses convenience sampling to conduct data collection is that it allows the researcher to easily access target samples who are willing to respond to the questions. It is a quick way to collect data in a certain time, and it is affordable to the researcher during the data collection process.

## 3.3 Data Collection Method

This study uses a self-administered questionnaire survey to collect data. Questionnaires can be distributed all at once and respondents can complete questionnaires at a convenient time (Bell, Bryman, & Harley, 2018). This method allows researchers to collect data from large numbers of respondents within a short period of time; in addition, the collection is anonymous which encourages each respondent to answer the questionnaire honestly (Bell et al., 2018). All the scale questions used to measure main variables of this study were developed originally in English. Given that language difference and English proficiency, the questions of the scale need to be translated from English to the Chinese language (which will be used to collect data from Chinese expatriates), and to Thai language (which will be used to collect data from Thai employees). Back-translation is a technique that is necessary in

cross-cultural studies when the researcher collects the data of the respondents from two or more groups of samples that use different languages (Hult et al., 2008). Backtranslation can contribute to ensuring that the meaning of questions to target language is accurate in cross-cultural study (Brislin, 1970). To ensure the validity of the questionnaire used in this cross-cultural study, questions for Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates will be translated into Chinese and Thai respectively by bilingual experts and then back-translated to English to compare to see whether the version that was back-translated still retains the same meaning or not (Brislin, 1970).

The data will be collected from two sources that have Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates who work for the Chinese expatriates. The data of CQ and crosscultural adjustment will be collected from the source of Chinese expatriates. The data of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness, perceived supervisor support and commitment to supervisor will be collected from the Thai subordinates. The reason to collect data from two different sources is to minimize the problems that might occur from common method bias and social desirability bias. Common method bias is a phenomenon caused by the measurement method in research (Kock, 2015). Method bias tend to occur when the data for both predictor and criterion variable are collected from the same person in the same measurement context; besides, method bias can be a problem in research since these biases are one of the sources of measurement error, which may have a negative influence on the validity results of the relationship between measures (Podsakoff, MacKenzie, Lee, & Podsakoff, 2003). When studies use the selfreport questions as the single measurement method, there may occur problems from human subjects in the data gathering process (Kock, 2015). In addition, social desirability can be a source of common method bias. Individuals are likely to give socially desirable answers instead of showing their true feelings about a topic (Grimm, 2010). As a result, the bias may hide the true relationship between variables (Ganster, Hennessey, & Luthans, 1983). One way to control the common method bias is to collect the data of predictor and criterion variables from different sources (Podsakoff et al., 2003). To alleviate concerns about single-source bias, using two sources data collecting method could avoid social desirability when respondents answer self-rating questions. Given that leadership effectiveness and supportive behavior of the Chinese expatriates, as well as employee commitment to the Chinese expatriates, are assessed by Thai

employees who work with Chinese expatriates, this method might avoid the tendency of Chinese expatriates to overstate their effectiveness in the workplace.

The process that the research will use to collect data will be performed as follows: First, the researcher will ask permission from Chinese firms to collect data. After getting the permission to collect data at the companies, the questionnaire for Chinese expatriates will be distributed to Chinese expatriates in person. Then, the researcher will identify the Thai employees who work for the Chinese expatriates and contact them to complete the questionnaire that evaluates their Chinese expatriates. Both of them are informed of the study objectives as well as the guarantee of confidentiality and anonymity. The questionnaires will be collected back by the researcher.

#### 3.4 Measurement

The questionnaire of this study adopts the scale questions that were developed by prior researchers, since the reliability and validity of the existing scales have been tested (Hyman, Lamb, & Bulmer, 2006). The measurements of each main variable will be presented as follows.

#### 3.4.1 CQ

CQ will be measured by a self-report scale developed by Ang et al. (2007). Previous research has used this scale and it has been tested for good validity and reliability (Imai & Gelfand, 2010; Koh, Ang, & Linn, 2015; Young, Haffejee, & Corsun, 2017). It consists of twenty items with four subscales: Cognitive CQ with six items, Metacognitive CQ with four items, Motivational CQ with five items and Behavioral CQ with five items. All items are measured by using a five-point Likert scale, ranging from strongly disagree (1) to strongly agree (5). Table 3.1 displays the items.

#### Table 3.1 Cultural Intelligence (CQ)

## **Cognitive CQ**

- 1. I know the legal and economic systems of other cultures.
- 2. I know the cultural values and religious beliefs of other cultures.
- 3. I know the marriage systems of other cultures.
- 4. I know the arts and crafts of other cultures.
- 5. I know the rules (e.g., grammar) of other languages.
- 6. I know the rules for expressing non-verbal behaviors in other culture.

## Meta-cognitive CQ

- 7. I am conscious of the cultural knowledge I use when interacting with people with different cultural backgrounds.
- 8. I am conscious of the cultural knowledge I apply to cross-cultural interaction.
- 9. I adjust my cultural knowledge as I interact with people from a culture that is unfamiliar to me.
- 10. I check the accuracy of my cultural knowledge as I interact with people from different cultures.

## **Motivational CQ**

- 11. I enjoy interacting with people from different cultures.
- 12. I enjoy living in cultures that are unfamiliar to me.
- 13. I am confident that I can socialize with locals in a culture that is unfamiliar to me.
- 14. I am confident that I can get accustomed to the shopping conditions in a different culture.
- 15. I am sure I can deal with the stress of adjusting to culture that is new to me.

#### **Behavioral CQ**

- 16. I change my verbal behavior (e.g., accent, tone) when a cross-interaction requires it.
- 17. I change my non-verbal behavior when a cross-cultural situation requires it.

- 18. I use pause and silence differently to suit different cross-cultural situations.
- 19. I vary the rate of my speaking when a cross-cultural situation requires it.
- 20. I alter my facial expressions when a cross-cultural interaction requires it.

Source: Ang et al. (2007)

## 3.4.2 Cross-cultural Adjustment

Cross-cultural adjustment will be measured by the scale developed by Black and Stephens (1989). The scale has been tested for good reliability and validity in prior research (Robie & Ryan, 1996; Shaffer & Harrison, 1998; Wu & Ang, 2011). There are fourteen items with three dimensions that are general adjustment (7 items), work adjustment (3 items) and interaction adjustment (4 items) to measure. Respondents will be asked to what degree they agree with the following adjustment. All items are rated on a five-point Likert scale ranging from completely unadjusted (1) to well adjusted (5). The following table 3.2 shows the items of this variable.

## Table 3.2 Cross-cultural Adjustment

## **General Adjustment**

- 1. Living conditions in general
- 2. Housing conditions
- 3. Food
- 4. Shopping
- 5. Cost of living
- 6. Entertainment/recreation facilities and opportunities
- 7. Health care facilities

## **Work Adjustment**

- 8. Specific job responsibilities
- 9. Performance standards and expectations
- 10. Supervisory responsibilities

#### **Interaction Adjustment**

- 11. Socializing with host nationals
- 12. Interacting with host nationals on a day-to-day basis
- 13. Interacting with host national outside of work
- 14. Speaking with host nationals

Source: Black and Stephens (1989)

# 3.4.3 Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness

Leadership effectiveness will be measured by four items developed by Cicero, Pierro, and Van Knippenberg (2010). The scale has been tested for good reliability and validity in the research conducted by Solomon and Steyn (2017). All items are measured by using a five-point Likert scale ranging from strongly disagree (1) to strongly agree (5). Table 3.3 shows the items to be measured of this variable.

## Table 3.3 Leadership Effectiveness

- 1. My Chinese supervisor is very effective as a leader.
- 2. My Chinese supervisor is a good leader.
- 3. My Chinese supervisor influences my level of commitment effectively.
- 4. Overall, I feel a good level of agreement with my Chinese supervisor.

Source: Cicero et al. (2010)

## 3.4.4 Perceived Supervisor Support

Perceived supervisor support will be measured by a scale developed by Cheng, Jiang, Cheng, Riley, and Jen (2015). The scale has been tested for good reliability and validity in the research conducted by Cheng et al. (2015). Prior research There are three items that are measured by using a five-point Likert scale ranging from strongly disagree (1) to strongly agree (5). Table 3.4 displays the items to be measured.

#### Table 3.4 Perceived Supervisor Support

- 1. My Chinese supervisor shows concern for my comfort.
- 2. My Chinese supervisor expresses an interest in my personal well-being.
- 3. My Chinese supervisor helps employees to develop their strengths.

Source: Cheng et al. (2015)

#### 3.4.5 Commitment to Supervisor

Commitment to supervisor will be measured by the scale developed by Cheng et al. (2015). The scale has been tested for good reliability and validity in the research of Cheng et al. (2015). There are six items to measure this variable, and each item is measured by using a five-point Likert scale ranging from strongly disagree (1) to strongly agree (5). Table 3.5 shows the items of this variable.

## Table 3.5 Commitment to Supervisor

- 1. Since starting this job, my personal values and those of my Chinese supervisor have become more similar.
- 2. I find that my values and those of my Chinese supervisor are very similar.
- 3. I identify with my Chinese supervisor's work philosophy.
- 4. When someone criticizes my Chinese supervisor, I feel it is a personal insult.
- 5. I promote my Chinese supervisor to my friends as a great person for whom to work.
- 6. I admire how my Chinese supervisor conducts himself/herself at work.

Source: Cheng et al. (2015)

## 3.5 Control Variables

The following set of control variables which could be associated with the level of the leadership effectiveness, perceived supervisor support and commitment to supervisor that Thai employees evaluate the Chinese expatriate, are incorporated in the data analysis. The control variables include the age of Chinese expatriates, genders of Chinese expatriates, Chinese expatriate job tenure in current position, local language proficiency of Chinese expatriates, length of relationship that Thai employees have worked with Chinese expatriates as well as the job function that Chinese expatriates have. The explanation for why these variables might affect the main dependent variables are presented below.

#### 3.5.1 Age

The age of Chinese expatriates might relate to their leadership effectiveness. Research indicated that leader's age has impacts on leadership effectiveness (Taylor & Hood, 2011). Doherty (1997) found that younger leaders were perceived as more effective than those who are older. Beside this, Barbuto, Fritz, Matkin, and Marx (2007) reported that older and younger leaders are perceived as more effective than leaders in the middle age. In addition, the age of Chinese expatriates might associate with the perception of Thai employee regarding the supportive behavior of the Chinese expatriate. For example, research showed that subordinates may perceive that older and experienced supervisors may have the ability to provide more support to subordinates than younger supervisors (Tsui, Egan, & Xin, 1995). Additionally, the age of Chinese expatriate might also be associated with the level of commitment that Thai employees have toward the Chinese expatriate. Research showed that when supervisors are older, subordinates tend to show a higher level of commitment; conversely, subordinates tend to show a lower level of commitment when supervisors are younger (Tsui et al., 1995). This variable will be measured by the actual age of expatriates.

#### **3.5.2** Gender

The gender of Chinese expatriates might associate with their leadership effectiveness. Zacher, Rosing, Henning, and Frese (2011) demonstrated that leaders' genders affect leadership effectiveness. Women are characterized by considerate and relationship behavior whereas men score high in task-oriented behavior and directive controlling (Druskat, 1994; Eagly & Johnson, 1990; Helgesen, 1995). Rosen and Jerdee (1973) reported that subordinates were satisfied with a considerate leadership style from the opposite gender supervisors. In addition, genders of Chinese expatriate might associate with the perception of Thai employees regarding the supportive behavior of Chinese expatriate. Research showed that men deemphasize the feeling expression and pay attention to autonomy as well as independence while women focus on warmth and care (Olson & Shultz, 1994). Thus, there may be gender differences on the side of Chinese expatriate support toward Thai employees. Moreover, Chinese expatriate genders might be related to the level of commitment that Thai employees have toward the Chinese expatriate. The result of the study conducted by Nadler,

Nadler, and Todd-Mancillas (1987) showed that subordinates will show a higher level of commitment to women supervisors who possess communicative competence when they work longer with women supervisors. Gender of Chinese will be measured by using a dummy variable; male will be code as 1 and female will be code as 0.

## 3.5.3 Job Tenure in current position

Job tenure of Chinese expatriates might be related to their leadership effectiveness. Research showed that the short tenure of supervisors limited their effective management (Hanbury, 2001). In addition, Chinese expatriate job tenure might be related to the perception of Thai employees regarding the supportive behavior of the Chinese expatriate. Research has documented that supervisors with high tenure could gain more details of the skills, habits and mental models of their subordinates (Hutzschenreuter & Horstkotte, 2013). Related to this point, the high tenure of Chinese expatriates could contribute to the effective communication between Chinese expatriates and Thai employees, thereby facilitating Chinese expatriates to accurately provide various support based on the needs of Thai employee. In addition, job tenure of Chinese expatriate might associate with the level of commitment that Thai employees have toward the Chinese expatriate. For example, prior research found that supervisors' job tenure was significantly related with subordinate commitment (Witt, Kacmar, & Andrews, 2001). Job tenure of Chinese expatriates will be measured by using the actual number of years that Chinese expatriate has worked in their current position in Thailand.

## 3.5.4 Local Language Proficiency

Local language proficiency of Chinese expatriate might be related to their leadership effectiveness. Generally, efficient communication relies on a common language (Peltokorpi, 2008; Ravasi, Salamin, & Davoine, 2015). Regarding this point, the Chinese expatriate's fluency in Thai might facilitate their communication effectiveness with Thai employees so that the Chinese expatriate can have a better understanding of local culture and work values (Caligiuri & Lazarova, 2002; Froese, Peltokorpi, & Ko, 2012). Accordingly, the ability to communicate in Thai also facilitates the Chinese expatriates to know the leadership style that Thai subordinates

expect, and to guide Chinese expatriates to behave properly in showing their support of Thai subordinates. In addition, high levels of local language may help expatriates receive trust and close relations from local employees (Lauring & Selmer, 2012). In this regard, Thai subordinates may develop commitment to Chinese expatriates with a high-level Thai language proficiency. Thai language proficiency of Chinese expatriates will be measured by five items developed by Takeuchi, Yun, and Tesluk (2002). The good validity of these items has been supported by the research conducted by Presbitero (2017a). The five items include "I feel confident in (a) using Thai language in general, (b) writing in Thai language, (c) speaking Thai language, (d) reading and understanding Thai language, and (e) listening to Thai language."

## 3.5.5 Length of relationship

Based on the prior research on expatriates, length of relationship has been used as a control variable to test expatriate effectiveness (Ewen et al., 2013; Fan, Cregan, Harzing, & Köhler, 2018). To be consistent with prior studies, this study also uses length of relationship that Thai subordinates have worked with Chinese expatriate as the control variable for leadership effectiveness, supportive behavior of Chinese expatriate, and commitment of Thai employees toward the Chinese expatriates. This variable will be measured by using actual number of years that Thai subordinates have worked with the Chinese expatriate.

## 3.5.6 Job Function

This study also controls for the job function that Chinese expatriates are in. Job function is represented by the department that the Chinese expatriates work for. There are five departments including production department, marketing/sales department, finance/accounting department, human resource department and IT department. Job functions are coded as dummy variables. For example, if a Chinese expatriate works in the production department, the dummy variable that represents production department is coded as 1; and the dummy variables that represent other departments are coded as 0.

#### 3.6 Estimation Method

This study will use Partial Least Squares (PLS) as a statistical technique for data analysis. PLS combines principal component analysis, a series of regression analysis and path analysis. According to Hair, Ringle, and Sarstedt (2011), the operation of PLS structural equation modeling seems like a multiple regression analysis. It allows one to test multiple hypotheses simultaneously. It can be particularly useful when researchers need to predict a set of dependent variables from a set of independent variables (Abdi, 2007). It aims to maximize the explained variance in the dependent constructs and evaluate the data quality based on the characteristics of measurement model (Hair et al., 2011). PLS can be used with smaller samples than other structural equation modeling techniques (Richter, Cepeda, Roldán, & Ringle, 2016). In this research, given the limited population size of Chinese expatriates who take supervisory roles in Thailand, PLS is appropriate for sample size that the study obtains. PLS is recommended for complex theoretical models with a high number of indicators and constructs (Hair Jr, Matthews, Matthews, & Sarstedt, 2017). Because the theoretical model of this research involves a large number of indicators and constructs, particularly the measure of CQ that has 20 items, PLS seems to be suitable for this research. Additionally, PLS does not require normally distributed data. PLS has been applied in many fields such as marketing (Fornell & Bookstein, 1982; Hair, Sarstedt, Pieper, & Ringle, 2012; Hair, Sarstedt, Ringle, & Mena, 2012; Henseler, Ringle, & Sinkovics, 2009), international business (Ketkar, Kock, Parente, & Verville, 2012; Lee, Yang, & Graham, 2006; Sarstedt, Ringle, Smith, Reams, & Hair Jr, 2014; Tanchaitranon & Charoensukmongkol, 2016), accounting (Lee, Petter, Fayard, & Robinson, 2011; Van Rinsum & Verbeeten, 2012), human resource management (Aryanto, Fontana, & Afiff, 2015; Charoensukmongkol, 2016c, 2017; Koirala & Charoensukmongkol, 2018; Ling Suan & Mohd Nasurdin, 2014), strategic management (Hair et al., 2012; Robins, Tallman, & Fladmoe-Lindquist, 2002; Sasatanun & Charoensukmongkol, 2016), operations management (Peng & Lai, 2012), mangement information systems (Charoensukmongkol, 2016a; Liu, Guo, & Lee, 2011; Ringle, Sarstedt, & Straub, 2012) and leadership and expatriate management (Linder, 2015;

Vlajčić, Caputo, Marzi, & Dabić, 2019). WarpPLS will be used to perform PLS estimation in this research.



## **CHAPTER 4**

## DATA ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

#### **4.1** Data

The data of this study was collected in Bangkok and Rayong in Thailand. The data was collected from two sources that are Chinese expatriates who take supervisory roles and Thai subordinates who work for these Chinese expatriates. The questionnaires distributed in this study included (1) a copy of cover letter that introduced the researcher as well as the study information, and (2) the questions for Chinese supervisors and Thai subordinates. At the beginning of the collection process, the researcher asked permission from the persons in charge of the Chinese companies. The researcher contacted 48 Chinese companies to participate in the investigation. After receiving the approval for data collection, the questionnaires were distributed to Chinese supervisors and their Thai subordinates by the researcher. Because the dyad data between a Chinese expatriate and a Thai subordinate were collected, it was important to match the questionnaire from the expatriate with the questionnaire from the Thai subordinate. Therefore, the questionnaires that were collected from the Chinese expatriate and the Thai subordinate who worked with each other were coded by using the same running number for the matching purpose. The respondents were informed that the questionnaires were anonymous. The researcher distributed 210 pairs of questionnaires and collected 169 pairs back at the end of the data collection period. The response rate of this study was 80.5%. The researcher started the data collection from the mid-January 2019 and finished it in late March 2019. Although some questions were left blank in questionnaires, the uncompleted questions are less than 10% of any variable. Little and Rubin (2019) suggested that the missing data can be replaced by the column mean in case of the missing data accounting less than 10% of question items. Hence, the researcher used the column mean to fill the missing data. The basic information of respondents is reported in table 8 to 14.

# 4.2 Demographic Characteristics

The data of gender was collected from Chinese supervisors and Thai subordinates. The majority of all respondents are male. There are 186 male respondents (55.0%) and 147 female respondents (43.5%). For Chinese supervisors, there are 128 male respondents accounting for 75.7% of Chinese supervisors, and 41 female respondents accounting for 24.3%. Among 169 Thai subordinates, there are 58 male respondents (34.3%), 106 female respondents (62.7%) and 5 respondents (3%) did not report their gender. The details of respondent's gender are shown in table 4.1.

Table 4.1 Respondents' Gender of Chinese Supervisors and Thai Subordinates

Variable	Categories	Chinese Supervisor		Thai Subordinate		Total	
		Frequency	%	Frequency	%	Frequency	%
	Male	128	75.7	58	34.3	186	55.0
Gender	Female	41	24.3	106	62.7	147	43.5
	Not -		0	5	3.0	5	1.5
	specified						
	Total	169	100	169	100	338	100

The respondents of Chinese supervisors are in the 20 to 60 age range. There are 3 respondents who did not report their age. The mean value of supervisor's age is 35.04 and standard deviation is equal to 7.595. Age of the Thai subordinate ranges from 17 to 58. Six respondents did not fill in their age. The mean value of subordinate' age is 31.53 and standard deviation is 7.369. Respondents' age is displayed in the following table 4.2.

Table 4.2 Respondents' Age of Chinese Supervisors and Thai Subordinates

Variable	Categories	Min	Max	Mean	Standard
					Deviation
	Supervisor	20	60	35.04	7.595
Age	Subordinate	17	58	31.53	7.369

Among 169 Chinese supervisors, 21 respondents (12.4%) have worked less than 1 year in the current position. 40 respondents (23.7%) have worked for 1 to 2 years in the current position. 38 respondents (22.5%) have worked for 3 to 4 years in the current position. 24 respondents (14.2%) have worked for 5 to 6 years in the current position. 14 respondents (8.3%) have worked for 7 to 8 years in the current position. 10 respondents (5.9 %) have worked for 9 to 10 years in the current position. 20 respondents (11.8%) have worked more than 10 years in the current position and 2 respondents (12.2%) did not report their job tenure in the current position. For the Thai subordinates, 51 respondents (30.1%) have worked less than 1 year in the company. 54 respondents (32.0%) have worked for 1 to 2 years in the company. 34 respondents (20.1%) have worked for 3 to 4 years in the company. 17 respondents (10.1%) have worked for 5 to 6 years in the company. 7 respondents (4.1%) have worked for 7 to 8 years in the company. 2 respondents (1.2%) have worked for 9 to 10 years. 4 respondents (2.4%) have worked more than 10 ten years in the company. The details of respondents' job tenure are shown in the following table 4.30.

Table 4.3 Job Tenure of Chinese Supervisor and Thai subordinate in the Company

Variable	Categories	Chinese St	upervisor	Thai Subordinate	
		Frequency	%	Frequency	%
	Less than 1 year	21	12.4	51	30.1
	1-2 years	40	23.7	54	32.0
	3-4 years	38	22.5	34	20.1
	5-6 years	24	14.2	17	10.1
Job	7-8 years	14	8.3	7	4.1
Tenure	9-10 years	10	5.9	2	1.2
	More than 10 years	20	11.8	4	2.4
	Not - specified	2	1.2		
	Total	169	100	169	100

The job department that Chinese supervisors work in is reported in table 4.4 below. For the Chinese supervisors, there are 55 respondents (32.5%) working in the department of production. 43 respondents (25.4%) are working in the department of marketing/sales. 17 respondents (10.1%) are working in the department of finance/accounting. 10 respondents (6.0%) are working in the department of human

resource. 9 respondents (5.3%) are working in the department of IT. 35 respondents (20.7%) report that they work in other departments.

Table 4.4 The Department that Chinese Supervisors Work in

Variable	Categories	Chinese Supervisor				
		Frequency	%			
	Production	55	32.5			
	Marketing/sales	43	25.4			
	Finance/accounting	17	10.1			
ob Department	Human Resource	10	6.0			
	IT	9	5.3			
	Others	35	20.7			
	Not - specified		0			
	Total	169	100			

The industry that Chinese supervisors work in is reported in table 4.5 below. There are 114 respondents (67.4%) working in manufacturing industry. 2 respondents (1.2%) work in food industry. 30 respondents (17.8%) work in service industry. 4 respondents (2.4%) who are working in airline industry. In addition, there are 19 respondents (11.2%) who work in other industries such as construction, household appliance, IT and others.

Table 4.5 The Industry that Chinese Supervisors Work in

Variable Industry	Categories	Frequency	%
10.3	Manufacturing	114	67.4
	Food	2	1.2
	Service	30	17.8
Industry	Airline	4	2.4
	Others	19	11.2
	Total	169	100

Local language proficiency of Chinese supervisors is displayed in the table 4.6 below. For Chinese supervisors, the mean value of using Thai language in general is 2.65 and standard deviation is 1.08. The mean values of their writing, speaking, reading and listening proficiency are 1.95, 2.57, 2.09 and 2.62 respectively. The values of standard deviation of their writing, speaking, reading and listening proficiency are 1.07, 1.16, 1.16 and 1.07 respectively.

Table 4.6 Thai Proficiency of Chinese Supervisors

Categories	Vari	able	Mean	Standard
				Deviation
		General	2.65	1.08
		Writing	1.95	1.07
Chinese	Thai	Speaking	2.57	1.16
supervisor	Proficiency	Reading	2.09	1.16
		Listening	2.62	1.17

The table 4.7 below shows the length of relationship that Thai subordinates have worked with Chinese expatriates. The data show that 65 of respondents who are Thai subordinates (38.5%) have worked with their Chinese supervisors less than 1 year. 70 of respondents who are Thai subordinates (41.4%) have worked with their Chinese supervisors for 1 to 2 years. 21 of respondents who are Thai subordinates (12.4%) have worked with their Chinese supervisors for 3 to 4 years. 9 of respondents who are Thai subordinates (5.3%) have worked with their Chinese supervisors for 5 to 6 years. 2 of respondents who are Thai subordinates (1.2%) have worked with their Chinese supervisors for 7 to 8 years. 1 of respondent who is Thai subordinate (0.6%) has worked with Chinese supervisor for 9 to 10 years. Besides, there is 1 of the respondents who is Thai subordinate (0.6%) who did not report the length of relationship with Chinese supervisor.

Table 4.7 The Length of Relationship that Thai Subordinates Work with Chinese Supervisors

Variable	Categories	Frequency	%
11,00	Less than 1 year	65	38.5
	1-2 years	70	41.4
	3-4 years	21	12.4
Length of	5-6 years	9	5.3
Relationship	7-8 years	2	1.2
	9-10 years	1	0.6
	Not - specified	1	0.6
	Total	169	100

#### 4.3 Measurement Model Assessment

It is essential to conduct a set of tests to ensure the variables that are measured as the reflective latent variables have a sufficient level of validity and reliability before

analyzing the model. According to Kock and Mayfield (2015), the reflective latent variable is one in which all indicators are expected to be highly correlated with one another as well as with the latent variable itself. In addition, it is vital to confirm the data is not suffering from serious multi collinearity issue before examining the model (Hair et al., 2012; Hair, Hult, Ringle, & Sarstedt, 2016). Convergent validity and discriminant validity tests were used to analyze the validity of this study. In addition, Cronbach's Alpha coefficient and composite reliability were used to evaluate the reliability of this study. Furthermore, this study performed a full Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) test to evaluate whether the model has serious multicollinearity issues.

### 4.3.1 Validity Test

According to Hair et al. (2016), testing validity is to assess how well the constructs are measured. The validity tests are conducted to confirm that the constructs used measure what they are supposed to measure accurately (Bolarinwa, 2015). The Researcher performs validity tests to check the questions used in this study. Convergent validity and discriminant validity are employed in this study to test validity (Ali, Rasoolimanesh, Sarstedt, Ringle, & Ryu, 2018; Hair et al., 2017).

#### 4.3.1.1 Convergent Validity Test

Convergent validity is to assess how well indicators measure their constructs (Hair et al., 2011). Factor loading values are used to assess the quality of the convergent validity. The ideal value of each item should be above 0.7 (Chin, 1998). However, it is considered acceptable that the minimum value of factor loading is above 0.5 (Hair, Black, Babin, & Anderson, 2009).

This study conducted the factor loadings and cross loadings of all reflective latent variables which are CQ, cross-cultural adjustment, cross-cultural leadership effectiveness, perceived supervisor support, commitment and local language proficiency. The results of factor loadings and cross loadings of the main variables are shown in table 4.8.

Table 4.8 The Factor Loadings and Cross Loadings

Indicators	CQ	CCA	LEDE	PST	COM	LAN
CCQ1	0.607	0.082	-0.249	-0.006	0.155	0.431
CCQ2	0.470	0.060	-0.183	-0.127	0.276	0.444
CCQ3	0.655	0.120	-0.150	-0.074	0.276	0.258

Indicators	CQ	CCA	LEDE	PST	COM	LAN
CCQ4	0.594	0.055	-0.335	-0.011	0.242	0.283
CCQ5	0.677	0.136	-0.253	-0.034	0.249	0.305
CCQ6	0.530	0.115	-0.204	-0.002	0.192	0.377
MCCQ1	0.709	-0.037	-0.085	-0.040	0.113	-0.016
MCCQ2	0.747	-0.019	-0.125	-0.054	0.219	-0.151
MCCQ3	0.750	-0.070	0.193	-0.067	0.015	-0.054
MCCQ4	0.768	-0.094	0.059	0.086	-0.067	-0.146
MCQ1	0.726	0.162	0.223	0.041	-0.236	-0.050
MCQ2	0.781	0.035	0.064	-0.042	-0.060	0.020
MCQ3	0.791	-0.011	0.203	-0.052	-0.162	-0.003
MCQ4	0.761	0.063	0.163	0.022	-0.208	0.036
MCQ5	0.747	0.031	0.077	0.043	-0.107	-0.142
BCQ1	0.871	-0.153	0.263	-0.059	-0.297	-0.249
BCQ2	0.878	-0.119	0.038	0.053	-0.195	-0.195
BCQ3	0.815	-0.021	0.086	0.061	-0.116	-0.269
BCQ4	0.822	-0.110	0.036	0.109	-0.062	-0.339
BCQ5	0.819	-0.124	0.065	0.149	-0.124	-0.191
GA1	0.326	0.704	0.277	0.013	-0.159	0.012
GA2	0.097	0.731	0.319	0.107	-0.278	-0.049
GA3	0.072	0.723	0.141	-0.070	-0.058	0.174
GA4	0.298	0.722	0.113	0.097	-0.075	-0.148
GA5	0.080	0.761	0.149	-0.128	0.002	-0.104
GA6	0.063	0.773	0.000	0.147	-0.194	-0.069
GA7	-0.055	0.735	-0.083	0.092	-0.044	0.171
WA1	-0.054	0.795	0.171	-0.042	-0.160	-0.135
WA2	-0.012	0.767	0.036	0.011	0.011	-0.121
WA3	-0.121	0.810	-0.032	0.050	-0.048	-0.213
IA1	-0.123	0.732	-0.279	-0.093	0.251	0.007
IA2	-0.125	0.725	-0.183	-0.082	0.221	0.071
IA3	-0.110	0.723	-0.245	-0.020	0.262	0.050
IA4	-0.201	0.718	-0.194	0.029	0.040	0.266
LEDE1	-0.028	0.032	0.731	0.024	-0.087	-0.006
LEDE2	-0.028	0.023	0.718	0.004	-0.024	-0.021
LEDE3	-0.025	-0.055	0.731	-0.082	0.069	0.073
LEDE4	0.092	-0.002	0.710	0.058	0.052	-0.050
PST1	0.058	-0.057	-0.001	0.720	0.096	0.052
PST2	-0.048	0.033	-0.030	0.747	-0.045	-0.017
PST3	-0.002	0.016	0.032	0.738	-0.039	-0.029
COM1	-0.037	0.163	-0.142	0.031	0.701	0.031
COM2	-0.064	0.185	-0.208	0.006	0.730	-0.042

Indicators	CQ	CCA	LEDE	PST	COM	LAN
COM3	-0.061	-0.109	0.073	0.092	0.672	0.014
COM4	0.082	-0.152	-0.076	-0.168	0.752	0.078
COM5	0.023	-0.005	0.209	0.007	0.684	-0.038
COM6	0.072	-0.158	0.267	0.060	0.660	-0.064
LAN1	-0.001	0.036	0.010	-0.053	-0.005	0.830
LAN2	0.014	-0.049	-0.056	0.064	0.017	0.804
LAN3	0.016	-0.012	0.065	-0.030	-0.052	0.840
LAN4	-0.005	0.022	-0.048	0.068	0.036	0.798
LAN5	-0.024	-0.000	0.023	-0.041	0.008	0.826

Note: CCQ = Cognitive CQ, MCCQ = Metacognitive CQ, MCQ = Motivational CQ, BCQ = Behavioral CQ, CCA = Cross-cultural Adjustment, GA = General Adjustment, WA = Work Adjustment, IA = Interaction Adjustment, LEDE = Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness, PST = Perceived Supervisor Support, COM = Commitment to Supervisor, LAN = Local Language Proficiency.

The results indicate that most of items of each variable have a value higher than 0.5 except one item (CCQ2) which has a value below 0.5. Hence, that item was removed from the analysis. The convergent validity analysis was performed again after that item was removed.

The convergent validity of overall model is shown in the following table 4.9. The value of each variable is above 0.5 after removing the item (CCQ2). Therefore, the results indicate that the convergent validity of this research is acceptable.

Table 4.9 The Factor Loadings and Cross Loadings of Variables after the Low Loading Item was Removed

Indicators	CQ	CCA	LEDE	PST	COM	LAN
CCQ1	0.582	0.091	-0.257	0.013	0.143	0.439
CCQ3	0.641	0.131	-0.156	-0.062	0.274	0.265
CCQ4	0.573	0.063	-0.344	-0.003	0.242	0.287
CCQ5	0.651	0.153	-0.266	-0.018	0.248	0.314
CCQ6	0.501	0.130	-0.215	0.018	0.186	0.389
MCCQ1	0.711	-0.037	-0.101	-0.057	0.142	0.011
MCCQ2	0.751	-0.017	-0.146	-0.077	0.261	-0.122
MCCQ3	0.752	-0.068	0.182	-0.086	0.046	-0.018
MCCQ4	0.771	-0.093	0.040	0.065	-0.031	-0.107
MCQ1	0.727	0.165	0.216	0.045	-0.234	-0.029
MCQ2	0.782	0.041	0.051	-0.046	-0.044	0.048
MCQ3	0.792	-0.007	0.191	-0.055	-0.148	0.024
MCQ4	0.762	0.070	0.150	0.015	-0.190	0.066

MCQ5         0.749         0.033         0.063         0.029         -0.081         -0.107           BCQ1         0.874         -0.156         0.259         -0.067         -0.290         -0.229           BCQ2         0.881         -0.122         0.026         0.049         -0.098         -0.253           BCQ3         0.818         -0.021         0.078         0.049         -0.098         -0.253           BCQ4         0.824         -0.110         0.026         0.104         -0.047         -0.320           BCQ5         0.820         -0.123         0.053         0.143         -0.107         -0.169           GA1         0.327         0.705         0.270         0.006         -0.146         0.027           GA2         0.102         0.731         0.323         0.107         -0.281         -0.046           GA3         0.070         0.724         0.140         -0.068         -0.060         0.145           GA4         0.300         0.722         0.113         0.010         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070							
BCQ2         0.881         -0.122         0.026         0.043         -0.182         -0.175           BCQ3         0.818         -0.021         0.078         0.049         -0.098         -0.253           BCQ4         0.824         -0.110         0.026         0.104         -0.047         -0.320           BCQ5         0.820         -0.123         0.053         0.143         -0.107         -0.169           GA1         0.327         0.705         0.270         0.006         -0.146         0.027           GA2         0.102         0.731         0.323         0.107         -0.281         -0.046           GA3         0.070         0.724         0.140         -0.068         -0.060         0.175           GA4         0.300         0.722         0.116         0.105         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA2         -0.018	MCQ5	0.749	0.033	0.063	0.029	-0.081	-0.107
BCQ3         0.818         -0.021         0.078         0.049         -0.098         -0.253           BCQ4         0.824         -0.110         0.026         0.104         -0.047         -0.320           BCQ5         0.820         -0.123         0.053         0.143         -0.107         -0.169           GA1         0.327         0.705         0.270         0.006         -0.146         0.027           GA2         0.102         0.731         0.323         0.107         -0.281         -0.046           GA3         0.070         0.724         0.140         -0.068         -0.060         -0.175           GA4         0.300         0.722         0.116         0.105         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018	BCQ1	0.874	-0.156	0.259	-0.067	-0.290	-0.229
BCQ4         0.824         -0.110         0.026         0.104         -0.047         -0.320           BCQ5         0.820         -0.123         0.053         0.143         -0.107         -0.169           GA1         0.327         0.705         0.270         0.006         -0.146         0.027           GA2         0.102         0.731         0.323         0.107         -0.281         -0.046           GA3         0.070         0.724         0.140         -0.068         -0.060         0.175           GA4         0.300         0.722         0.116         0.105         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126	BCQ2	0.881	-0.122	0.026	0.043	-0.182	-0.175
BCQ5         0.820         -0.123         0.053         0.143         -0.107         -0.169           GA1         0.327         0.705         0.270         0.006         -0.146         0.027           GA2         0.102         0.731         0.323         0.107         -0.281         -0.046           GA3         0.070         0.724         0.140         -0.068         -0.060         0.175           GA4         0.300         0.722         0.116         0.105         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126	BCQ3	0.818	-0.021	0.078	0.049	-0.098	-0.253
GA1         0.327         0.705         0.270         0.006         -0.146         0.027           GA2         0.102         0.731         0.323         0.107         -0.281         -0.046           GA3         0.070         0.724         0.140         -0.068         -0.060         0.175           GA4         0.300         0.722         0.116         0.105         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.731         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125	BCQ4	0.824	-0.110	0.026	0.104	-0.047	-0.320
GA2         0.102         0.731         0.323         0.107         -0.281         -0.046           GA3         0.070         0.724         0.140         -0.068         -0.060         0.175           GA4         0.300         0.722         0.116         0.105         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.126           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108	BCQ5	0.820	-0.123	0.053	0.143	-0.107	-0.169
GA3         0.070         0.724         0.140         -0.068         -0.060         0.175           GA4         0.300         0.722         0.116         0.105         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201	GA1	0.327	0.705	0.270	0.006	-0.146	0.027
GA4         0.300         0.722         0.116         0.105         -0.086         -0.145           GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028	GA2	0.102	0.731	0.323	0.107	-0.281	-0.046
GA5         0.090         0.760         0.150         -0.138         0.010         -0.098           GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE3         -0.026 </th <th>GA3</th> <th>0.070</th> <th>0.724</th> <th>0.140</th> <th>-0.068</th> <th>-0.060</th> <th>0.175</th>	GA3	0.070	0.724	0.140	-0.068	-0.060	0.175
GA6         0.070         0.772         -0.003         0.139         -0.184         -0.062           GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.02	GA4	0.300	0.722	0.116	0.105	-0.086	-0.145
GA7         -0.053         0.737         -0.083         0.089         -0.041         0.171           WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           PST1         0.06	GA5	0.090	0.760	0.150	-0.138	0.010	-0.098
WA1         -0.059         0.796         0.175         -0.025         -0.178         -0.146           WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.06	GA6	0.070	0.772	-0.003	0.139	-0.184	-0.062
WA2         -0.018         0.768         0.038         0.020         0.002         -0.127           WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.04	GA7	-0.053	0.737	-0.083	0.089	-0.041	0.171
WA3         -0.126         0.811         -0.024         0.066         -0.069         -0.226           IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0	WA1	-0.059	0.796	0.175	-0.025	-0.178	-0.146
IA1         -0.126         0.733         -0.279         -0.091         0.249         0.002           IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0	WA2	-0.018	0.768	0.038	0.020	0.002	-0.127
IA2         -0.125         0.727         -0.184         -0.087         0.227         0.071           IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0	WA3	-0.126	0.811	-0.024	0.066	-0.069	-0.226
IA3         -0.108         0.724         -0.246         -0.027         0.269         0.051           IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3	IA1	-0.126	0.733	-0.279	-0.091	0.249	0.002
IA4         -0.201         0.720         -0.195         0.022         0.049         0.263           LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4	IA2	-0.125	0.727	-0.184	-0.087	0.227	0.071
LEDE1         -0.028         0.032         0.731         0.025         -0.088         -0.007           LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5 <t< th=""><th>IA3</th><th>-0.108</th><th>0.724</th><th>-0.246</th><th>-0.027</th><th>0.269</th><th>0.051</th></t<>	IA3	-0.108	0.724	-0.246	-0.027	0.269	0.051
LEDE2         -0.027         0.021         0.718         0.005         -0.026         -0.022           LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6	IA4	-0.201	0.720	-0.195	0.022	0.049	0.263
LEDE3         -0.026         -0.055         0.731         -0.080         0.067         0.071           LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.	LEDE1	-0.028	0.032	0.731	0.025	-0.088	-0.007
LEDE4         0.091         0.000         0.710         0.055         0.057         -0.046           PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.01	LEDE2	-0.027	0.021	0.718	0.005	-0.026	-0.022
PST1         0.060         -0.057         -0.003         0.720         0.101         0.057           PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.013         -0.048         -0.056         0.066         0.014         0.806           LAN3         0.01	LEDE3	-0.026	-0.055	0.731	-0.080	0.067	0.071
PST2         -0.049         0.033         -0.028         0.747         -0.050         -0.021           PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.013         -0.048         -0.056         0.066         0.014         0.806           LAN3         0.016         -0.012         0.065         -0.030         -0.053         0.842           LAN4         -0.	LEDE4	0.091	0.000	0.710	0.055	0.057	-0.046
PST3         -0.002         0.016         0.032         0.738         -0.039         -0.029           COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.013         -0.048         -0.056         0.066         0.014         0.806           LAN3         0.016         -0.012         0.065         -0.030         -0.053         0.842           LAN4         -0.007         0.022         -0.047         0.073         0.030         0.800           LAN5         -0.02	PST1	0.060	-0.057	-0.003	0.720	0.101	0.057
COM1         -0.034         0.161         -0.142         0.024         0.701         0.034           COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.013         -0.048         -0.056         0.066         0.014         0.806           LAN3         0.016         -0.012         0.065         -0.030         -0.053         0.842           LAN4         -0.007         0.022         -0.047         0.073         0.030         0.800           LAN5         -0.022         0.000         0.022         -0.045         0.045         0.013         0.827	PST2	-0.049	0.033	-0.028	0.747	-0.050	-0.021
COM2         -0.056         0.180         -0.207         -0.006         0.730         -0.034           COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.013         -0.048         -0.056         0.066         0.014         0.806           LAN3         0.016         -0.012         0.065         -0.030         -0.053         0.842           LAN4         -0.007         0.022         -0.047         0.073         0.030         0.800           LAN5         -0.022         0.000         0.022         -0.045         0.013         0.827	PST3	-0.002	0.016	0.032	0.738	-0.039	-0.029
COM3         -0.062         -0.109         0.074         0.092         0.672         0.012           COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.013         -0.048         -0.056         0.066         0.014         0.806           LAN3         0.016         -0.012         0.065         -0.030         -0.053         0.842           LAN4         -0.007         0.022         -0.047         0.073         0.030         0.800           LAN5         -0.022         0.000         0.022         -0.045         0.013         0.827	COM1	-0.034	0.161	-0.142	0.024	0.701	0.034
COM4         0.081         -0.152         -0.076         -0.167         0.752         0.080           COM5         0.020         -0.006         0.213         0.016         0.684         -0.044           COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.013         -0.048         -0.056         0.066         0.014         0.806           LAN3         0.016         -0.012         0.065         -0.030         -0.053         0.842           LAN4         -0.007         0.022         -0.047         0.073         0.030         0.800           LAN5         -0.022         0.000         0.022         -0.045         0.013         0.827	COM2	-0.056	0.180	-0.207	-0.006	0.730	-0.034
COM5       0.020       -0.006       0.213       0.016       0.684       -0.044         COM6       0.066       -0.158       0.273       0.073       0.660       -0.071         LAN1       0.000       0.036       0.009       -0.056       -0.001       0.832         LAN2       0.013       -0.048       -0.056       0.066       0.014       0.806         LAN3       0.016       -0.012       0.065       -0.030       -0.053       0.842         LAN4       -0.007       0.022       -0.047       0.073       0.030       0.800         LAN5       -0.022       0.000       0.022       -0.045       0.013       0.827	COM3	-0.062	-0.109	0.074	0.092	0.672	0.012
COM6         0.066         -0.158         0.273         0.073         0.660         -0.071           LAN1         0.000         0.036         0.009         -0.056         -0.001         0.832           LAN2         0.013         -0.048         -0.056         0.066         0.014         0.806           LAN3         0.016         -0.012         0.065         -0.030         -0.053         0.842           LAN4         -0.007         0.022         -0.047         0.073         0.030         0.800           LAN5         -0.022         0.000         0.022         -0.045         0.013         0.827	COM4	0.081	-0.152	-0.076	-0.167	0.752	0.080
LAN1       0.000       0.036       0.009       -0.056       -0.001       0.832         LAN2       0.013       -0.048       -0.056       0.066       0.014       0.806         LAN3       0.016       -0.012       0.065       -0.030       -0.053       0.842         LAN4       -0.007       0.022       -0.047       0.073       0.030       0.800         LAN5       -0.022       0.000       0.022       -0.045       0.013       0.827	COM5	0.020	-0.006	0.213	0.016	0.684	-0.044
LAN2       0.013       -0.048       -0.056       0.066       0.014 <b>0.806</b> LAN3       0.016       -0.012       0.065       -0.030       -0.053 <b>0.842</b> LAN4       -0.007       0.022       -0.047       0.073       0.030 <b>0.800</b> LAN5       -0.022       0.000       0.022       -0.045       0.013 <b>0.827</b>	COM6	0.066	-0.158	0.273	0.073	0.660	-0.071
LAN3       0.016       -0.012       0.065       -0.030       -0.053       0.842         LAN4       -0.007       0.022       -0.047       0.073       0.030       0.800         LAN5       -0.022       0.000       0.022       -0.045       0.013       0.827	LAN1	0.000	0.036	0.009	-0.056	-0.001	0.832
LAN4       -0.007       0.022       -0.047       0.073       0.030       0.800         LAN5       -0.022       0.000       0.022       -0.045       0.013       0.827	LAN2	0.013	-0.048	-0.056	0.066	0.014	0.806
LAN5 -0.022 0.000 0.022 -0.045 0.013 <b>0.827</b>	LAN3	0.016	-0.012	0.065	-0.030	-0.053	0.842
	LAN4	-0.007		-0.047	0.073	0.030	0.800

Note: CCQ = Cognitive CQ, MCCQ = Metacognitive CQ, MCQ = Motivational CQ, BCQ = Behavioral CQ, CCA = Cross-cultural Adjustment, GA = General Adjustment, WA = Work Adjustment, IA =

Interaction Adjustment, LEDE = Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness, PST = Perceived Supervisor Support, COM = Commitment to Supervisor, LAN = Local Language Proficiency,

## 4.3.1.2 Discriminant Validity Test

The discriminant validity is to prove whether a variable discriminates from other variables (Ali et al., 2018; Farrell, 2010). The researcher used the value of Average Variance Extracted (AVE) to test the discriminant validity of all variables. To prove that the level of discriminant validity is adequate, the square root of AVE of each variable is higher than any correlation involving that variable (Fornell & Larcker, 1981). The results of discriminant validity of this study are shown in the following table 4.10. The result is satisfactory since the square root of AVE of each variable is higher than other correlations that involved in the particular variable.



Table 4.10 Correlation among Constructs VS Square root of Average Variance Extracted (AVE)

ariables	CQ	CCA	LEDE	PST	COM	LAN	GEN	AGE	JT	WRT					
											JFP	JFM	JFA	JFH	JFIT
CQ	(0.648)														
CCA		(0.718)													
	0.611														
LEDE	0.119	0.145	(0.919)												
PST	0.174*	0.101	0.553	(0.943)											
COM	0.206**	0.110	0.684	0.653	(0.800)										
LAN	0.200**	0.322	0.122	0.104	0.074	(0.934)									
GEN	-0.014	-0.077	0.061	0.040	0.074	-0.322	(1.000)								
AGE	-0.050	-0.075	-0.042	0.031	-0.079	-0.245**	0.286	(1.000)							
JT	-0.097	0.007	-0.020	-0.108	-0.104	0.034	0.139	0.342	(1.000)						
WRT	0.054	0.149	0.051	-0.096	-0.049	0.231*8	0.045	0.107	0.394	(1.000)					
JFP	-0.123	-2.241**	0.041	0.058	-0.002	-0.208**	0.305	0.049	-0.016	-0.142					
											(1.000)				
JFM	0.168*	0.259	0.147	0.026	0.103	0.125	-0.081	-0.070	-0.016	0.101					
					<b>11</b>		. 42.				-0.406	(1.000)			
JFA	-0.169*	-0.144	-0.201**	-0.159*	-0.150	-0.007	-0.132	0.090	0.105	0.114	0.020**	0.105*	(1.000)		
JFH	0.020	0.081	0.009	0.052	-0.010	0.067	-0.209*	-0.085	-0.160(*)	-0.054	-0.232**	-0.195*	(1.000)		
JIII	0.020	0.001	0.003	0.032	-0.010	0.007	-0.209	-0.065	-0.100(*)	-0.054	-0.174*	-0.147	-0.084	(1.000)	
JFIT	-0.103	-0.089	-0.075	-0.057	-0.021	0.054	-0.112	-0.099	-0.033	0.024				(2.000)	
											-0.165*	-0.139	-0.079	-0.059	(1.00

Notes: CCQ = Cognitive CQ, MCCQ = Metacognitive CQ, MCQ = Motivational CQ, BCQ = Behavioral CQ, CCA = Cross-cultural Adjustment, GA = General Adjustment, WA = Work Adjustment, IA = Interaction Adjustment, LEDE = Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness, PST = Perceived Supervisor Support, COM = Commitment to Supervisor, LAN = Local Language Proficiency, GEN = Chinese Expatriate Gender, AGE = Chinese Expatriate Age, JT = Chinese Expatriate's Job Tenure, WRT=Length of Work Relationship, JFP = Production Department Dummy Variable, JFMD = Marketing/Sales Department Dummy Variable, JFA = Accounting/Finance Department Dummy Variable, JFHR = Human Resource Department Dummy Variable, JFIT = IT Department Dummy Variable. Square roots of average variance extracted of latent variables are shown in the parentheses

<sup>\*</sup>p-value<0.05, \*\* p-value < 0.01

## 4.3.2 Reliability Test

The reliability test ensures the adequate quality of the scales used in studies. The items that measure a reflective latent variable have to be consistent with one another so that respondents can understand the measurement scales in the same way. This study uses Cronbach's Alpha coefficient and composite reliability to measure the reliability of the scales.

## 4.3.2.1 Cronbach's Alpha Coefficient

Cronbach's Alpha coefficient is the indicator to estimate the internal consistency of the scales (Hair et al., 2012). It evaluates the reliability of the items measuring the same variable. According to Fornell and Larcker (1981), the acceptable value of the reliability is 0.7 or above. The results show that the Cronbach's Alpha coefficient of all reflective latent variables of this study are higher than 0.7.

#### 4.3.2.2 Composite Reliability

According to Fornell and Larcker (1981), because PLS analysis takes factor loadings into consideration, composite reliability is recommended by researchers to measure the internal consistency. The value of composite reliability is acceptable at 0.7 or above (Hair et al., 2012). Additionally, the value of composite reliability should be higher than Cronbach's Alpha coefficient (Kock, 2017). The composite reliability of all reflective latent variables of this study is higher than 0.7. Besides, the values of composite reliability of all reflective latent variables are higher than Cronbach's Alpha coefficient. The results of the reliability of this research is shown in table 4.11.

Table 4.11 Cronbach's Alpha Coefficient and Composite Reliability

Variables	CQ	CCA	LEDE	PST	COM	LAN
Cronbach's Alpha(α)	0.917	0.927	0.939	0.938	0.887	0.963
<b>Composite Reliability</b>	0.928	0.937	0.956	0.960	0.914	0.972

Note: CCA = Cross-cultural Adjustment, LEDE = Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness, PST = Perceived Supervisor Support, COM = Commitment to Supervisor, LAN = Local Language Proficiency.

The above results demonstrated that Cronbach's Alpha coefficient and composite reliability of all variables are above 0.7, which means that the scales of all variables are reliable in this research model.

## 4.4 Multicollinearity

Multicollinearity is a statistical phenomenon that two or more independent variables have high correlations in the model estimation (Farrar & Glauber, 1967; Yoo et al., 2014). Full Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) is used to examine the multicollinearity issues of a research (Kock & Lynn, 2012). Besides, the full VIF is also used to test whether the collinearity of the research model might lead to common method bias in PLS analysis. It is recommended that the value of full VIF should be lower than 3.3, which means that multicollinearity is not a serious issue in the PLS estimation (Kock & Lynn, 2012). The full VIF results of this study are reported in table 4.12. The results of the full VIF value of each variable are below 3.3, which indicates a satisfactory result. Hence, there is no serious multicollinearity in the analysis.

Table 4.12 The Full Collinearity VIF Statistics of all Variables

Variables	CQ	CCA	LEDE	SPT	COM	LAN	GEN	AGE	JT	WRT	JFP	JFM	JFM	JFH	JFIT
Full						Y					117				
VIF	1.732	1.858	2.110	1.936	2.519	1.396	1.371	1.327	1.399	1.335	1.892	1.723	1.476	1.299	1.260

Note: CCA = Cross-cultural Adjustment, LEDE = Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness, PST = Perceived Supervisor Support, COM = Commitment to Supervisor, LAN = Local Language Proficiency, GEN = Chinese Expatriate Gender, AGE = Chinese Expatriate Age, JT = Chinese Expatriate's Job Tenure, WRT= Length of Work Relationship, JFP = Production Department Dummy Variable, JFM = Marketing/Sales Department Dummy Variable, JFA = Accounting/Finance Department Dummy Variable, JFHR = Human Resource Department Dummy Variable, JFIT = IT Department Dummy Variable.

#### 4.5 Normal Distribution

There are two tests for investigating the normality, which are the Jarque-Bera test (Normal-JB) and the Robust Jarque-Bera test (Normal-RJB). In the results, *Yes* represents the variable that was a normal distribution and *No* represents that the data is not normally distributed. The normality results of this research are shown as following table 4.13. Beside this, other results indicate normality which are skewness, exc.kutoris as well as histogram which will be shown below. The results show that PLS might be appropriate for this research due to the non-normal distribution data (Hair et al., 2012; Pandey & Charoensukmongkol, 2019; Richter et al., 2016).

Table 4.13 The Normalization of the Variables

Variables	С	CC	LED	SP	CO	LA	GE	AG	J	WR	JF	JF	JF	JF	JFI
	Q	A	$\mathbf{E}$	T	M	N	N	$\mathbf{E}$	T	T	P	$\mathbf{M}$	A	H	T

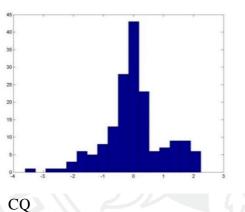
Normal-	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	N	No	No	No	No	No	No
JB									О						
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RJB									0						

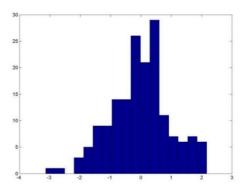
Note: CCA = Cross-cultural Adjustment, LEDE = Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness, PST = Perceived Supervisor Support, COM = Commitment to Supervisor, LAN = Local Language Proficiency, GEN = Chinese Expatriate Gender, AGE = Chinese Expatriate Age, JT = Chinese Expatriate's Job Tenure, WRT=Length of Work Relationship, JFP = Production Department Dummy Variable, JFM = Marketing/Sales Department Dummy Variable, JFA = Accounting/Finance Department Dummy Variable, JFHR = Human Resource Department Dummy Variable, JFIT = IT Department Dummy Variable.

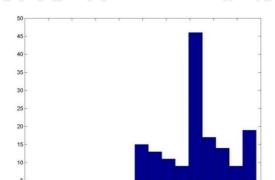
Table 4.14 Skewness and Exc. kurtosis Coefficients

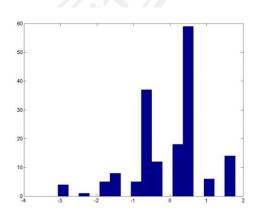
Variables	CQ	CCA	LEDE	SPT	COMMIT	LAN	GEN	AGE	JT	WRT	JFP	JFM	JFA	JFH	JFIT
Skewness	-0.206	-0.1	-0.955	-0.62	-0.428	0.814	-1.201	0.811	0.595	1.288	0.745	1.128	2.656	3.737	3.979
Exc.kutoris	0.882	0.234	1.268	0.835	1.256	-0.144	-0.558	0.462	-0.684	2.043	-1.445	-0.728	5.053	11.963	13.834

Note: CCA = Cross-cultural Adjustment, LEDE = Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness, PST = Perceived Supervisor Support, COM = Commitment to Supervisor, LAN = Local Language Proficiency, GEN = Chinese Expatriate Gender, AGE = Chinese Expatriate Age, JT = Chinese Expatriate's Job Tenure, WRT= Length of Work Relationship, JFP = Production Department Dummy Variable, JFM = Marketing/Sales Department Dummy Variable, JFA = Accounting/Finance Department Dummy Variable, JFHR = Human Resource Department Dummy Variable, JFIT = IT Department Dummy Variable.









Cross-cultural Adjustment

Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness

Perceived Supervisor Support

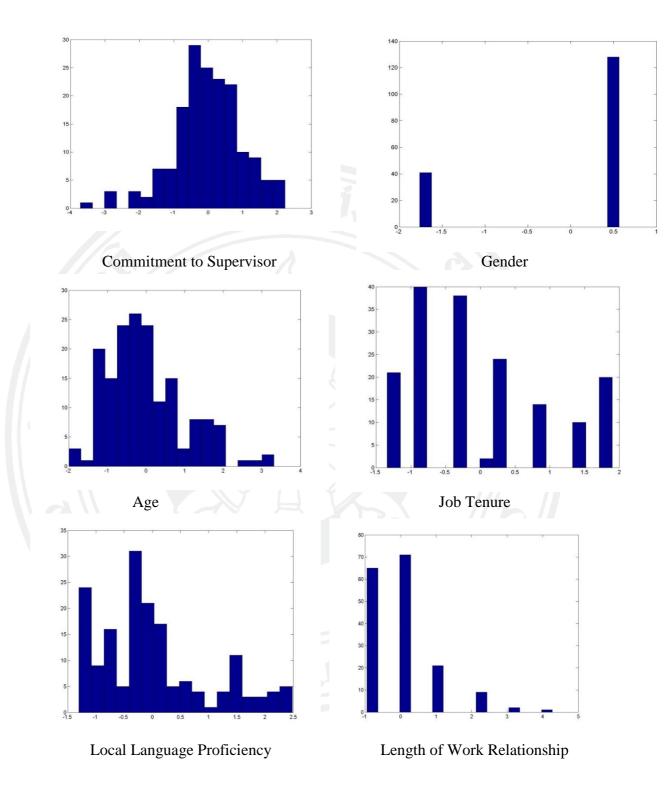


Figure 4.1 Histograms for Data Distribution

#### 4.6 Test of Hypotheses

This study has eight hypotheses that were presented in table 2 before. PLS analysis results of this study will be shown in this part. Beta coefficient, p-value and rsquare are used to explain the results. Beta coefficient ( $\beta$ ) is widely used as the term to indicate the path coefficient of analysis. The value of beta coefficient is to show the strength of the effect that an independent variable causes to a dependent variable. Positive beta coefficient illustrates the effect of the independent variable on the dependent variable is in a positive direction. On the contrary, negative beta coefficient shows a negative effect of the independent variable on the dependent variable. P-value obtained from statistical analysis, is widely used as the indicator to accept or reject the null hypothesis. The p-value ranges from 0 to 1. A lower p-value indicates more probability to reject the null hypothesis. In the field of behavioral sciences, if the pvalue is lower than 0.05, the null hypothesis can be rejected, and the alternative hypothesis is statistically supported (Kline, 2004). On the other hand, the null hypothesis cannot be rejected when the p-value is higher than 0.05, which implies that the alternative hypothesis is not statistically supported. There are different levels of statistical significance such as at 5 percent level, at 1 percent level and 0.1 percent level. The level of statistically significance at 0.1 percent is the strongest. R-square coefficient indicates the percentage of the dependent variable that can be explained by the independent variables in the research model. R-squared shows how well the dependent variable can be explained by the independent variable (Chatterjee & Hadi, 2015). The value of R-square ranges from 0 to 1. Higher value means that the research model has a better explanatory power. The results from hypotheses testing are reported as follows. H1: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perception of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness.

The result indicates that there is a negative relationship between these two variables, which means that Chinese expatriates who possess a higher level of CQ are likely to exhibit a lower level of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness. The value of the beta coefficient is negative ( $\beta$  = -0.060, p = 0.169), which is contradict with the positive correlation between the two variables (r = 0.119, p = 0.124) that was shown in table 4.10 above. The wrong sign of the beta

coefficient in the regression result could be explained by the suppression effect in the multiple regression, which could be observed when the correlation between two independent variables is enhanced or diminished when other variables are added to the research (Tu, Gunnell, & Gilthorpe, 2008). The suppression effect may occur when there is a high association among two or more independent variables in research model, and one of them explains the dependent variable better than others (Lancaster, 1999). Nonetheless, considering that the beta coefficient from PLS is not statistically significant, hypothesis 1 is not supported. The results regarding the relationship between CQ of Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates' perception of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness are reported in table 4,15.

Table 4.15 Effect of Cultural Intelligence, Cross-cultural Adjustment and Perceived Supervisor Support on Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness

	Dependent Variable: Cross-cultural Leadership
Variable	Effectiveness
	Beta Coefficients
Main Independent Variables	
Cultural Intelligence	-0.060
Cross-cultural Adjustment	0.070
Perceived Supervisor Support	0.545***
Control Variables	
Age	-0.071
Gender	0.045
Job Tenure	0.024
<b>Local Language Proficiency</b>	0.026
Length of Work Relationship	0.092
<b>Production Department Dummy Variable</b>	0.047
Marketing/Sales Department Dummy	0.110*
Variable	

Accounting/Finance		<b>Department Dummy</b>		-0.085
Variable				
Human	Resource	Department	Dummy	0.002
Variable				
IT Depai	tment Dumr	-0.032		
R-squared				0.355

Note: \*\*\* p-value < 0.001, \* p-value < 0.05

H2: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support.

The result shows that there is a positive association between these two variables. This indicates that Chinese expatriates with higher level of CQ tend to receive better evaluations from Thai subordinates in terms of the leadership's supportive behavior. The result is statistically supported ( $\beta = 0.139$ , p < 0.05), which means that there is a low potential that the positive association may accidently occur. Therefore, hypothesis 2 is statistically supported. The results regarding the relationship between CQ of Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support are reported in table 4.16.

Table 4.16 Effect of Cultural Intelligence and Cross-cultural Adjustment on Perceived Supervisor Support

Swper ( Mor Swpport	Dependent Variable:
Variable	Perceived Supervisor
	Support
	Beta Coefficients
Main Independent Variables	
Cultural Intelligence	0.139*
Cross-cultural Adjustment	-0.021
Control Variables	
Age	0.109*
Gender	0.054
Job Tenure	-0.090
Local Language Proficiency	0.159**

Length of Work Relationship	-0.095	
<b>Production Department Dummy Variable</b>	0.044	
Marketing/Sales Department Dummy	0.006	
Variable		
Accounting/Finance Department Dummy	-0.108*	
Variable		
<b>Human Resource Department Dummy</b>	0.039	
Variable		
IT Department Dummy Variable	-0.036	
R-squared	0.087	

Note: \*\* p-value < 0.01, \* p-value < 0.05

H3: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' commitment to supervisors.

The result reveals a positive association between these two variables. This indicates that Chinese expatriates possessing a higher level of CQ tend to receive a higher level of commitment from Thai subordinates. However, this positive association is not statistically significant ( $\beta$  = 0.092, p = 0.072). Thus, hypothesis 3 is not statistically support. The results regarding the relationship between CQ of Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates' commitment to supervisor are reported in table 4.17.

Table 4.17 Effect of Cultural Intelligence, Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness and Perceived Supervisor Support on Commitment to Supervisor

	Independent Variable:
Variable	Commitment to Supervisor
	Beta Coefficients
Main Independent Variables	
Cultural Intelligence	0.092
Cross-cultural Leadership Effectiveness	0.467***
Perceived Supervisor Support	0.391***
Control Variables	
Age	-0.086

Gender	0.062
Job Tenure	-0.017
Local Language Proficiency	-0.046
Length of Work Relationship	-0.030
<b>Production Department Dummy Variable</b>	-0.055
Marketing/Sales Department Dummy	-0.000
Variable	
Accounting/Finance Department Dummy	0.030
Variable	
<b>Human Resource Department Dummy</b>	-0.037
Variable	
IT Department Dummy Variable	0.039
R-squared	0.600

Note: \*\*\* p-value < 0.001

H4: Cross-cultural leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates is positively associated with Thai subordinates' commitment to their supervisor.

The result shows that there is a positive association between these two variables. This demonstrates that Chinese expatriates who were perceived by Thai subordinates as having a high level of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness tend to receive a higher level of commitment from their Thai subordinates. This result is also statistically significant ( $\beta = 0.467$ , p < 0.001). Thus, hypothesis 4 is statistically supported. The results regarding the relationship between cross-cultural leadership effectiveness of Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates' commitment to supervisor are also reported in table 4.16.

H5: Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support is positively related to their commitment to Chinese expatriates.

The result demonstrates a positive relationship between perceived supervisor support of the Chinese expatriate and the commitment from the Thai subordinates. This indicates that Thai subordinates who perceived that the Chinese expatriates demonstrate a higher level of supportive behavior are more likely to develop commitment to their Chinese expatriates. The result is statistically significant ( $\beta = 0.391$ , p < 0.001). Therefore, hypothesis 5 is

statistically supported. The results regarding the relationship between Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support and their commitment to Chinese expatriates are reported in table 4.16.

H6: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to their cross-cultural adjustment in Thailand.

The result reveals there is a positive association between these two variables. This means that Chinese expatriates who hold a higher level of CQ tend to demonstrate a higher level of cross-cultural adjustment in Thailand. This result is also statistically significant ( $\beta=0.611,\ p<0.001$ ). Thus, hypothesis 6 is statistically supported. The results regarding the relationship between CQ of Chinese expatriates and their cross-cultural adjustment in Thailand are reported in table 4.18.

Table 4.18 Effect of Cultural Intelligence on Cross-cultural Adjustment

Dependent Variable:
Cross-cultural Adjustment
Beta Coefficients
0.611***
0.373

Note: \*\*\* p-value < 0.001

H7: Cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is positively related to their cross-cultural leadership effectiveness.

The result shows a positive relationship between cross-cultural adjustment and cross-cultural leadership effectiveness. This means that Chinese expatriates who demonstrated a higher level of cross-cultural adjustment in Thailand tend to be perceived by the Thai subordinates as having a high level of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness. However, the result from PLS analysis is not statistically significant ( $\beta=0.070$ , p=0.132). Therefore, hypothesis 7 is not statistically supported. The results regarding the relationship between cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates and their cross-cultural leadership effectiveness are reported in table 4.15.

H8: Cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support.

The result reveals that cross-cultural adjustment and perceived supervisor support have a negative association. This indicates that Chinese expatriates who had a better adjustment in Thailand tend to receive less favorable evaluation from Thai subordinates in terms of the leadership's supportive behavior ( $\beta$  = -0.021, p = 0.367). However, the value of the beta coefficient is negative, which is contradict with the correlation between the two variables (r = 0.101, p = 0.192) that was shown in table 18 above. The contradict result could be explained by the suppression effect in the multiple regression. Nonetheless, considered that the beta coefficient from PLS is not statistically significant, hypothesis 8 is not supported. The results regarding the relationship between cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinate perceived supervisor support are reported in table 4.16.

#### 4.6.1 Control Variables

In addition to the results from the main hypotheses, the association that each control variable has with cross-cultural leadership effectiveness, perceived supervisor support and commitment to supervisors are reported as follows. The results show that the age of Chinese expatriate supervisor has a positive association with Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support ( $\beta = 0.109$ , p < 0.05). It indicates that older Chinese expatriates tend to be perceived by the Thai subordinate as having a higher level of supportive behavior. This result is statistically significant. In addition to this, the results from PLS analysis reveals that the Thai language proficiency of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support ( $\beta$  = 0.159, p < 0.01). This result implies that the Chinese expatriates who possessed a higher level of Thai language proficiency tend to be perceived by the Thai subordinates as having a higher level of supportive behavior. This result is also statistically supported. Regarding the effect of job function on the dependent variables, the results show that the degree to which the Chinese expatriates were evaluated in terms of perceived supervisor support and cross-cultural leadership effectiveness tended to be significantly more or less favorable in some job functions. In particular, the result shows that the dummy variable that represents accounting/finance department has a negative

relationship with Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support ( $\beta$  = -0.108, p < 0.05). The result implies that Chinese expatriates who worked in the accounting/finance department tended to be perceived by the Thai subordinate as having a low level of supportive behavior. This result is statistically significant. PLS analysis also shows that the dummy variable that represents marketing/sales department has a positive relationship with cross-cultural leadership effectiveness ( $\beta$  = 0.110, p < 0.05). This result implies that Chinese expatriates who worked in marketing/sales department tend to be perceived by the Thai subordinate as having a higher level of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness. This result is statistically supported. The beta coefficient of other control variables is not statistically supported in this research.

## 4.6.2 Total Effect Analysis

Total effect analysis could reveal the effects of all latent variables in research model that can be linked through one or more paths with segments (Kock, 2017). It is suggested to use total effect analysis to conduct the analysis for a complex research model which includes many mediating variables and paths. This research also conducts the total effect analysis to investigate the contribution of CQ of Chinese expatriates to Thai employees' commitment through counting all direct as well as indirect paths which link them through cross-cultural adjustment, cross-cultural leadership effectiveness and perceived supervisor support. The total effect analysis used in this study is to evaluate whether these variables could explain why Chinese expatriates possessing a higher level of CQ can receive a higher level of Thai subordinates' commitment. The results from PLS analysis displayed a positive sign of the total effects, and it is statistically significant ( $\beta = 0.165$ , p < 0.01). It indicates that cross-cultural adjustment, cross-cultural leadership effectiveness and perceived supervisor support altogether can explain the linkage between CQ of Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates' commitment to the Chinese expatriates. However, given that there are some links in figure 3 that are statistically significant, it can be concluded that the total effect that CQ has on commitment to supervisor seems to be explained significantly by perceived supervisor support and cross-cultural leadership effectiveness.

#### 4.6.3 R-squared

The results from PLS analysis shows that R-square of cross-cultural adjustment is 0.373. Given that only CQ was used as the independent variable to explain cross-cultural adjustment, this value of r-square means CQ alone can explain crosscultural adjustment by 37.3%. The r-square of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness is 0.355, which indicates that its independent variables including CQ, cross-cultural adjustment, perceived supervisor support, age, gender, job tenure, local language proficiency, work relationship time and job function altogether can explain crosscultural leadership effectiveness by 35.5%. The r-square of perceived supervisor support is 0.087. Given that CQ, cross-cultural adjustment, age, gender, job tenure, local language proficiency, work relationship time as well as job function were used as the independent variables to explain perceived supervisor support, this value of r-square implies that these independent variables can explain perceived supervisor support by 8.7%. The r-square of commitment is 0.600, which means that all predicting variables that are CQ, cross-cultural adjustment, cross-cultural leadership effectiveness, perceived supervisor support, age, gender, job tenure, local language proficiency, work relationship time and job function can explain commitment by 60%.

The results from PLS analysis of this study above are summarized in figure 4.

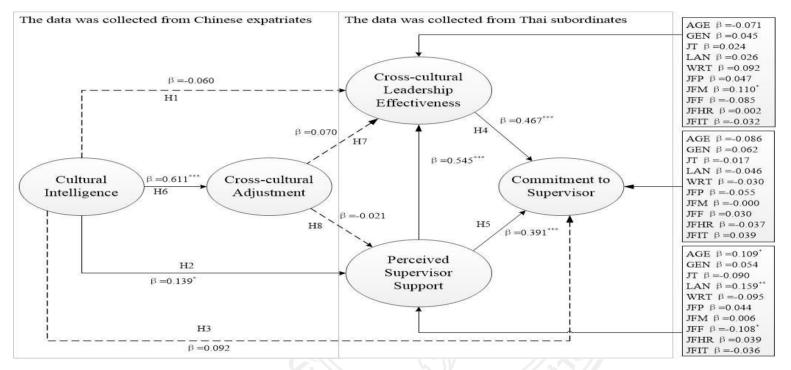


Figure 4.2 Main Model Results

Note: - \* p<0.05, \*\* p<0.01, \*\*\* p<0.001

- Solid lines refers to significant paths and dashed lines refer to non-significant paths
- AGE = Chinese Expatriate Age, GEN = Chinese Expatriate Gender (male is code as 1 and female is code as 0), JT = Chinese Expatriate's Job Tenure, LAN = Local Language Proficiency, WRT= Length of Work Relationship, JFP = Production Department Dummy Variable, JFM = Marketing/Sales Department Dummy Variable, JFA = Accounting/Finance Department Dummy Variable, JFHR = Human Resource Department Dummy Variable, JFIT = IT Department Dummy Variable

#### 4.7 Model Fit Indices

This study used model fit indices to evaluate the quality of the research model. WarpPLS 6.0 provide 10 model fit indices to analyze the PLS results of this study.

## 4.7.1 Average path coefficient (APC)

The average path coefficient (APC) represents the path strength of the research model. The p-value of APC is suggested to be equal to or below 0.05. This study shows that the p-value of APC is 0.024 which is lower than 0.05. Thus, APC of this research is statistically significant.

## 4.7.2 Average R-squared (ARS)

Average R-squared (ARS) represents the overall explanatory degree of the research model. It is recommended that the p-value of ARS should be equal to or lower than 0.05. The result shows that ARS value is 0.354 with p-value below 0.001. Hence, ARS of this research is statistically significant.

### 4.7.3 Average adjusted R-squared (AARS)

Average adjusted R-squared (AARS) is used to correct the spurious increase in research model in case predicting variables added may not improve the overall model (Henseler & Sarstedt, 2013; Kock, 2017). The p-value of AARS is suggested to be equal to or below 0.05. The result reveals that AARS value is 0.314 and p-value is lower than 0.001. Thus, AARS of this research is statistically significant.

#### 4.7.4 Average variance inflation factor (AVIF)

Average variance inflation factor (AVIF) is an indicator used to examine whether the research model has serious collinearity issues. AVIF value is accepted when it is lower than 5 and ideal value is at 3.3 or below. The result shows that the value of AVIF is 1.456 which is lower than 3.3. Therefore, the collinearity in this study is ideally acceptable.

#### 4.7.5 Average full variance inflation factor VIF (AFVIF)

Average full variance inflation factor VIF (AFVIF) investigates the collinearity of the research model. It is suggested that the acceptable AFVIF value equals 5.5 or lower. The result from PLS analysis reveals that the value of AFVIF is

1.642 which is lower than 3.3. Thus, this ideal indicator confirms that multicollinearity is not a serious concern in the model assessment.

#### 4.7.6 Tenenhaus GoF (GoF)

GoF, grounded on the square root of the average communality index and ARS, is used to assess the explanatory power of the research model (Kock, 2017). If GoF index is equal to or higher than 0.1, explanatory power is small. Medium explanatory is considered when GoF index is equal to or greater than 0.25. Explanatory is considered large if GoF index equals or greater than 0.36. The result shows that the index of GoF is 0.558 which is higher than 0.36. Therefore, this research model has a large explanatory power.

## 4.7.7 Sympson's paradox ratio (SPR)

Sympson's paradox ratio (SPR) is used to investigate the possibility of the research model to experience a Simpon's paradox (Kock, 2017). It is acceptable if the value of SPR greater than 0.7. The result shows that SPR value is 0.821 which is higher than 0.7. Thus, the SPR index of this research is acceptable.

## 4.7.8 R-squared contribution ratio (RSCR)

R-squared contribution ratio (RSCR) is used to measure whether the model experiences a negative r-squared contribution (Kock, 2017). RSCR value is acceptable at 0.9 or above, which means 90 percent of r-squared of paths have a positive sign. The result reveals that RSCR value of this research equals to 0.987 which indicates that 98.7% of paths have a positive sign in this study. Therefore, the value of RSCR is acceptable in this research.

## 4.7.9 Statistical suppression ratio (SSR)

Statistical suppression ratio (SSR) is an indicator to examine the possibility of having a causality problem in research model (Kock, 2017). It is suggested that SSR value demonstrates whether the proposed path in the research is not reasonable or should be reversed. The acceptable SSR value is higher than 0.7. The result reveals that the SSR value is 0.795 which is higher than 0.7. Thus, SSR value is acceptable in this research.

## 4.7.10 Nonlinear bivariate causality direction ratio (NLBCDR)

Nonlinear bivariate causality direction ratio (NLBCDR) is to assess the correctness of proposed direction in non-linear relationship of the research model. The

acceptable NLBCDR value is equal to 0.7 or above. The result indicates that NLBCDR index is 0.962, which means that the non-linear of direction of causality of this study is acceptable. Because this study is to focus on linear relationship, NLBCDR should not be taken into consideration. The results of model fit indices are shown in the following table 4.19.

Table 4.19 Model Fit Indices

Model Fit Indices	Coefficient	Result	
Average path coefficient (APC)	0.104*	Significantly	
Average R-squared (ARS)	0.354***	Significantly	
Average adjusted R-squared (AARS)	0.314***	Significantly	
Average variance inflation factor (AVIF)	1.456	Ideally	
Average full variance inflation factor VIF (AFVIF)	1.642	Ideally	
Tenenhaus GoF (GoF)	0.558	Large	
Sympson's paradox ratio (SPR)	0.821	Acceptable	
R-squared contribution ratio (RSCR)	0.987	Acceptable	
Statistical suppression ratio (SSR)	0.795	Acceptable	
Nonlinear bivariate causality direction ratio (NLBCDR)	0.962	Acceptable	

Note: \* p-value < 0.05, \*\*\* p-value < 0.001

# **CHAPTER 5**

# **DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

# 5.1 Findings

**Hypotheses** 

The results of hypotheses from PLS analysis are summarized in the following table 5.1. In addition, this part includes the findings and discussions related to the previous studies.

**Results** 

Table 5.1 Summary of Hypotheses Test Results

H1: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai subordinates' perception of cross-cultural leadership	Not supported
effectiveness.	
H2: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai	Supported
subordinates' perceived supervisor support.	
H3: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to Thai	Not supported
subordinates' commitment to supervisors.	
H4: Cross-cultural leadership effectiveness of Chinese	Supported
expatriates is positively associated with Thai subordinates'	
commitment to their supervisor.	
H5: Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support is	Supported
positively related to their commitment to Chinese expatriates.	
H6: CQ of Chinese expatriates is positively related to their	Supported
cross-cultural adjustment in Thailand.	
H7: Cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is	Not supported
positively related to their cross-cultural leadership	
effectiveness.	

H8: Cross-cultural adjustment of Chinese expatriates is Not supported positively related to Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support.

Four out of eight hypotheses were supported. The results show the evidence that CQ is positively related to cross-cultural adjustment and perceived supervisor support. The results also indicate that cross-cultural leadership effectiveness and perceived supervisor support are positively related to commitment. The details of the results will be discussed in the following parts.

The results provide the evidence that there was a positive relationship between CQ and cross-cultural adjustment. The result indicates that Chinese expatriates with a higher level CQ are likely to have the ability to make a better adjustment to the new environment they are involved in in Thailand. This finding related to the positive contribution of CQ to cross-cultural adjustment provides additional support to prior research which suggested that CQ was an important characteristic of expatriates that help them to adjust effectively when working in foreign countries (Barakat et al., 2015; Jyoti & Kour, 2015; Wu & Ang, 2011). In particular, the result is consistent with the study of Nunes et al. (2017) which confirmed that foreign expatriates worked in Brazil tended to have a high level of cross-cultural adjustment when they possessed high level of CQ. Besides this, the result is also in line with the study of Guðmundsd óttir (2015) which demonstrated that Nordic expatriates who possess a high level of CQ are like to have a higher level of ability to adjust themselves when working in the US. In addition, the result is consistent with the study of Marlin and Budhwar (2013) which showed that expatriates with high level of CQ working in multinational companies in Malaysia had a high level of cross-cultural adjustment. Furthermore, the result is also congruous with the study of Konanahalli et al. (2014) which confirmed that British expatriates with high CQ had a better cross-cultural adjustment when they worked in foreign countries.

In addition, this study also supports that CQ of Chinese expatriate was positively related to perceived supervisor support from the evaluation of the subordinate. This is in line with the research of Groves and Feyerherm (2011), which indicated that expatriates with high CQ are sensitive to cultural cues to connect with their subordinates. Besides, the result is consistent with the earlier study of Earley et al.

(2006) which demonstrated that expatriates who possess a high-level of CQ have the ability to display proper behavior to show their care and recognition regarding their subordinates' performance. The results of this study revealed that Chinese expatriates holding a higher level of CQ tend to receive better evaluations from Thai subordinates regarding supportive behavior. Since high level CQ could facilitate Chinese expatriates in understanding Thai cultures as well as to know the expectation and needs of Thai subordinates during the working process, Chinese expatriates possessing high CQ tend to exhibit adaptive behavior to show their support to Thai subordinates. In return, Thai subordinates who worked for the Chinese expatriates with high CQ may notice that the Chinese expatriate was concerned about their wellbeing; thus, they were more likely to recognize the supportive behavior of Chinese expatriates easily.

This study also verifies that cross-cultural leadership effectiveness was positively related to commitment to supervisor. The result indicates that Chinese expatriates who were perceived by Thai subordinates as having a high level of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness tend to receive a higher level of commitment from their Thai subordinates. This finding is consistent with the study of Gill (2011) which showed that an effective leader could obtain the commitment from subordinates. Besides, the result supports the finding of the study of Gatling, Kang, and Kim (2016) which proved that employees in hospitality business in America were likely to increase their commitment when their leaders exerted effective leadership behaviors. Moreover, the result also corresponds with the study of Ding, Li, Zhang, Sheng, and Wang (2017) that showed that the project managers who displayed effective leadership behaviors could lower the propensity of subordinates' turnover intention. In addition, the result is consistent with the study of Herman, Huang, and Lam (2013) which confirmed that effective leaders can strengthen their employees' attachment to supervisors, thereby motivating employees to stay longer with their supervisors.

Moreover, this research also supports the positive relationship between perceived supervisor support and commitment to supervisor. This result indicates that Thai subordinates who perceived that the Chinese expatriates demonstrate a higher level of supportive behavior are more likely to develop commitment to their Chinese expatriates. It is in line with the earlier study of Graen and Uhl-Bien (1995) which showed that subordinates tend to show their commitment to supervisors when they

received direct support from supervisors. This result is also consistent with the previous research of Kalidass and Bahron (2015) which found that leaders' supportive behaviors reduced turnover intention of subordinates. Moreover, the result is also in line with the study of Hassan, Mahsud, Yukl, and Prussia (2013) which showed that subordinates tend to increase their attachment to leaders when the leader pays attention to their needs.

However, the results of this study did not significantly support the contribution of CQ to leadership effectiveness and commitment to supervisor. The result indicates that CQ of the Chinese expatriates didn't directly affect their leadership effectiveness and subordinates' commitment to supervisor. This finding is contradictory with the previous study of Rockstuhl et al. (2011) which founded that CQ facilitated crosscultural leadership effectiveness. However, when considering the significant relationship between CQ and perceived supervisor support as well as the significant relationship between perceived supervisor support and leadership effectiveness, it could be possible that CQ may determine leadership effectiveness indirectly through the role of perceived supervisor support. As expatriates with high CQ have the ability to understand the culture of the host country, then they can effectively adapt to the new culture and demonstrate supportive behaviors to their subordinates in the cross-cultural interaction. Accordingly, subordinates are more likely to perceive these supportive expatriates as effective leaders and develop positive attitudes and behaviors towards them. Some possible reasons that might explain why CQ did not relate directly with leadership effectiveness and commitment to supervisor, but was mediated by perceived supervisor support, are the characteristics of people in Thailand that tends to put more emphasis on people-oriented characteristic of a leader when evaluating leadership effectiveness. Generally, Thailand is a collectivist culture where people tend to be concerned about the wellbeing of members in their own group (AU, Bunchapattanasakda, & Wong, 2010). A strong value of interpersonal relationship prevails over tasks in Thailand (Yukongdi, 2010). Therefore, Thai people always take other persons' feelings into consideration in work context, which helps to maintain good interpersonal relationships (Tsai, Carr, Qiao, & Supprakit, 2019). For this reason, Chinese expatriates with high CQ may not be perceived as effective leaders if they could not use their cultural knowledge and skills to demonstrate supportive behavior toward the Thai subordinate. On the other hand, when Chinese expatriates with high CQ can use their cultural knowledge and skills to demonstrate supportive behavior toward the Thai subordinates, it can create an impression to Thai subordinates that the Chinese expatriate is effective in understanding the needs of local people, and that can cause Thai subordinates to evaluate Chinese expatriates more favorably. As a result, Thai subordinates tend to perceive their supportive supervisors as effective leaders and develop commitment to them.

Besides, the results of this study do not provide evidence of the statistical support of the direct relationship between cross-cultural adjustment and cross-cultural leadership effectiveness as well as the direct relationship between cross-cultural adjustment and perceived supervisor support. This finding is in contradiction to the study of Nunes et al. (2017) which confirmed that high level of cross-cultural adaption of expatriates was positively related to their effectiveness in managing local employees. The contradictory results may possible be explained by the nature of cross-cultural adjustment that tend to reflect the adjustment to foreign country environment, which may not directly relate to interpersonal interaction in a workplace setting. Cross-cultural adjustment involves general adjustment, work adjustment and interaction adjustment. Although cross-cultural adjustment allows expatriates to adjust themselves to foreign country environment, it may not allow expatriates to know how to manage people from different cultures. Moreover, it could be likely that Chinese expatriates might not turn their cross-cultural adjustment into the operational capabilities of subordinates in Thailand. Because effective cross-cultural management tends to require more subtle and flexible knowledge and skill in understanding how to work well with foreign subordinates, just being able to adapt to foreign country environment may not be sufficient for expatriates to accomplish this goal. This could be a possible explanation for the unsupported results regarding the insignificant contribution of cross-cultural adjustment.

Along with the findings regarding main variables, this study also indicated other results related to control variables of job function. The result implies that Chinese expatriates who worked in the accounting/finance department tended to be perceived by the Thai subordinate as having a low level of supportive behavior. This could be explained by the job nature related to accounting/finance department. Employees in accounting/finance department always provide visual results. The communication

between Chinese expatriates and Thai subordinates might be more direct since their accountability is to report and calculate the financial or sales performance of their company. To some extent, Chinese expatriates may not notice that Thai subordinates expect to receive positive recognition from the management. There may not have been the effective reward systems to motive employees in accounting/finance department. Hence, Thai subordinates tend to evaluate their Chinese expatriates as having a lower level of supportive behaviors. In addition to this, the result implies that Chinese expatriates who worked in marketing/sales department tend to be perceived by the Thai subordinate as having a higher level of cross-cultural leadership effectiveness. This could be explained by the nature of people in marketing department who tend to be more people oriented. Basically, people who work in marketing function tend to have good communication and interpersonal skills. Well-developed communication skills of employees in marketing department facilitate effective and adequate. In addition, most of the tasks in marketing department tend to require people in the department to work closely with one another as a team. These characteristics of marketing tasks provide a favorably condition for supervisors and subordinates to work closely together. Besides, good interpersonal skills and work cooperation may help Chinese supervisor to know the expectations of Thai subordinates from various perspectives. This might possibly allow them to develop good interpersonal relationships, thereby making Thai subordinates in the marketing department develop more favorable perceptions of the Chinese expatriates.

Additionally, the results of this study provide the support to social identity theory. According to social identity theory, people always categorize themselves and others to understand the social environment. Once individuals realize which category they belong to, they will adopt the identity of that group and behave in the ways of the group members. In the leader-subordinate relationship context, leaders always share different memberships with others they lead. Hence, subordinates tend to stay and cooperate with the ingroup leader. As a cross-cultural competence, CQ enables individuals to effectively adjust in the cross-cultural interactions, distract from the concentration of in group and out group as well as enhance the perceived similarity in cross-cultural settings. The finding confirmed that expatriates with high CQ have a better adjustment in the cross-cultural interaction, which helped them behave in the

ways that local people act. Accordingly, the perceived dissimilarities between expatriates and local subordinates tended to be reduced and local subordinates were likely to perceive that the expatriates are in group leaders. In addition, expatriates with high CQ knew what the local subordinates needed and tended to show adaptive as well as supportive behaviors to their subordinates. As a result, local subordinates enhanced their feelings of similarity toward expatriates and perceived them as the effective leaders.

#### 5.2 Contribution

The result of this study can provide some academic and practical contributions. The details of contributions are reported as follows.

#### **5.2.1** Academic Contribution

The results of this study provide additional evidence related to the contributions of CQ. Given that there is no research done focusing on the contribution of CQ on Chinese expatriate effectiveness in Thailand, this study filled the gap by adding extra evidence on the role of CQ in this unexplored research context. The results confirmed that CQ of Chinese expatriates can help them to make an effective crosscultural adjustment in Thailand which is similar to the results that were found in expatriates in other countries. Besides, given that prior research that analyzed the effect of CQ on expatriate effectiveness did not consider the mediating factors that explain why the expatriate with high CQ tended to be perceived as the effective leader, this study filled this gap by showing some possible reasons why the expatriate with high CQ tended to be perceived as the effective leader could be explained by the ability of the expatriate to show good support to local subordinates. In addition, the results provide extra evidence that expatriates who display supportive behaviors have a high potential to gain the sense of commitment from their subordinates in the host country. Given that prior research did not clearly explain why expatriates with high CQ tended to be effective in cross-cultural work assignments, this added to prior CQ research by showing that local subordinates tended to develop their commitment to high CQ expatriates who have a better understanding of their work nature in the work setting. This study also provided support to the social identity theory that can explain the positive contribution of CQ that helps expatriates work effectively with local subordinates.

#### **5.2.2 Practical Contribution**

In addition to the academic contributions, this study provided some practical contributions for Chinese multinational corporations in terms of expatriation development. Considering the different cultures in China and Thailand, it is necessary for Chinese expatriates to understand the Thai culture so that they can lessen the problems caused by cultural differences. Therefore, it is important for the management of Chinese companies to provide cultural training and development programs for expatriates to have a better understanding of cultural values and cultural issues existing in Thailand before they are sent to Thailand. The cultural training and development program can help Chinese expatriates effectively adjust to the new environment and deal with the problems that may occur in the cross-cultural assignment. In addition, it is an essential issue for Chinese multinational corporations to consider the qualification of expatriates who will be sent to conduct the overseas operations in Thailand. Expatriates should possess high level of cross-cultural competencies, and CQ is considered as a crucial competency that supports effective cross-cultural interactions. The results showed that Chinese expatriates possessing high CQ could adjust generally in Thailand, adapt well to their work environment and interact effectively with Thai people. Therefore, it is vital for Chinese companies to select appropriate employees who hold a high level of CQ and are capable of operating international assignment in Thailand. Previous studies revealed that CQ can be learned and developed through effective CQ training (MacNab, 2012; Rehg, Gundlach, & Grigorian, 2012). Scholars suggested that individuals can develop cultural knowledge, gain experience related to cross-cultural interaction and practice to perform in intercultural settings through CQ training programs (Earley & Peterson, 2004). Thus, CQ training serves a vital role in developing the CQ of Chinese expatriates. Chinese companies can provide training programs for expatriates to know the cultural knowledge through reading relative materials, watching videos and learning from the case study. Then, Chinese companies should ask expatriates to analyze the cross-cultural situations and ask them what they would do based on their cultural knowledge when experiencing the situations in Thailand. The training should also focus on developing the self-efficacy of expatriates

to guide them to know how to effectively interact in the cross-cultural context in Thailand. Chinese companies can give some guidance for expatriates on how to effectively interact with individuals from different cultural backgrounds. For example, case studies can be used to guide expatriates in how to successfully perform in Thai culture. Chinese companies could show real cases related to cross-cultural interaction that happened in working settings in Thailand to their expatriates. Then the expatriates can analyze the situations grounded on their knowledge, and they can express their views on the case. Once Chinese expatriates develop a better understanding of Thai culture, they tend to apply what they have learned to deal with the real cross-cultural situations in Thailand. Furthermore, Chinese companies should allow expatriates to practice displaying appropriate actions in the culturally diverse situations. Chinese companies can simulate cross-cultural working scenarios that may occur in Thailand with different roles. Then expatriates could act out the situations based on their knowledge and skills, which could help them to have a deeper understanding of proper behaviors when managing Thai employees. The CQ development should not only help Chinese expatriates to adjust well in Thailand, but also facilitate them in adjusting their working styles to support the cultural nature of Thai subordinates. Once Chinese expatriates can effectively express supportive behaviors by applying their cultural knowledge and skills, their Thai employees are more willing to show positive attitudes and increase attachment to them, thereby contributing to the good expatriate performance in the Thai subsidiary.

Moreover, considering the results that significantly supported the positive effect of local language proficiency on perceived supervisor support, this research also recommended that local language proficiency might be important for Chinese expatriates to be successful in managing local people. In particular, for Chinese expatriates who will be sent to work in Thailand, the ability to understand Thai language is essential because it can help Chinese expatriates to communicate effectively with and understand Thai employees. Therefore, it is essential for human resource management to enhance the local language proficiency of expatriates. For example, companies can provide Thai language courses for Chinese expatriates who will operate the overseas tasks in Thailand to learn, which can make sure that the expatriates possess the ability to communicate with the Thai people. Beside this, Chinese companies should also

provide Thai language training after their expatriates arriving in Thailand so that they can continue to improve their Thai language proficiency. Additionally, given that the result indicated that the age of Chinese expatriates positively associated with Thai subordinates' perceived supervisor support, Chinese companies may have to assign older expatriates for overseas assignment in Thailand. Because the older expatriates tend to have more experience, they may possess the ability to provide more appropriate support to Thai subordinates than younger expatriates. Finally, the management of Chinese companies should organize the session so that older expatriates share their experiences in order to help younger expatriates gain knowledge and understanding about cross-cultural management in Thailand.

#### 5.3 Limitations

There are several limitations that need to be discussed. First, cross-sectional data was used in this research. It is difficult for this method to test the causal relationship between variables (Maxwell, Cole, & Mitchell, 2011). Second, although this research collected data from two sources to alleviate single source bias and social desirability, the results of the questionnaire from Chinese expatriates may still contain the subjective bias. For example, because the self-evaluated questionnaire was used to collect the data related to the CQ of Chinese expatriates, they may give socially desirable answers instead of showing their accurate level of cultural competence. Finally, it is possible to limit the generalizability of the results due to the small-scale data collection of this research. Considered that it is vital to demonstrate more reliable and generalized results, the sample size needs to be expanded.

#### **5.4** Future Research

This study provides some suggestions for future research. Future study may explore the contribution of CQ to expatriate effectiveness in other cultural contexts to make comparisons with this study to confirm whether the contribution of CQ might be consistent across different country-contexts. For example, future study could investigate whether CQ will help Chinese expatriates to develop good relationships with local subordinates in the US or European countries, as the cultures between Thailand and the US or European countries are different. Future studies that explore the contribution of CQ to the effectiveness of expatriate in various contexts could provide evidence to confirm whether CQ is an essential competence affecting the expatriate effectiveness in cross-cultural situations. Moreover, considering that it is a crucial factor for expatriates to build good work relationships with local subordinates, future research can explore whether CQ might explain the quality of interpersonal relationship that expatriates develop with other persons in the workplace. For example, future research will need to explore whether CQ may affect the quality of trust and interpersonal relationship that local subordinates have toward the expatriates.

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### Questionnaire -- English

Dear Respondents,

I am Guang Xiaoyun, currently taking my Doctor of Philosophy in Management at International College of NIDA (ICO NIDA) Thailand. I am conducting a study on Chinese Expatriates in Thailand. I would like to request your participation in my study by completing the survey questions below.

This questionnaire is completely anonymous, and whatever information you furnish will be dealt with utmost confidentiality. Please answer the questions as honestly as possible. There are no *right* or *wrong* answers. Thank you very much!

#### Part 1

#### **Personal Information**

For each of the following items, please place a check mark  $\square$  onto the appropriate box.

1.	Gender					
	□Male □Female					
2.	Age years old					
3.	Job Tenure in current position	n				
	$\square$ less than 1 year $\square$ 1—	2 years	☐ 3-4 years			
	□ 5—6 years □7—8	3 years	□9—10 years			
	☐ more than 10 years					
4.	Job function					
	$\square$ Production	☐ Marketing/Sales				
	☐ Finance/Accounting	☐ Human Resources				
		☐ Others, ple	ase specify			

5. Industry					
☐ Manufacturing ☐ Food		Service	□ Airl	ine	
☐ Others, please specify					
Part 2					
Please evaluate your Thai language	No	Limited	Average	Above	Excellent
ability in the following aspects	ability	ability	ability	average ability	ability
Using Thai language in general					
Writing in Thai language					
Speaking Thai language					
Reading and understanding Thai					
language					
Listening to Thai language					
				118	all
To what extent you agree with the	Strongly	-41	ee Neutra	al Agree	
following statements	Disagre	e			Agree
I know the legal and economic	JY			1/8.	- //
systems of other cultures.					
I know the rules (e.g., vocabulary,					
grammar) of other languages.					
I know the cultural values and					
religious beliefs of other cultures.					
I know the marriage systems of					
other cultures.					
I know the arts and crafts of other					
cultures.					
I know the rules for expressing non-					
verbal behaviors in other culture.					
I am conscious of the cultural					
knowledge I use when interacting					

To what extent you agree with the Strongly Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly following statements

with people with different cultural backgrounds.

I adjust my cultural knowledge as I interact with people from a culture that is unfamiliar to me.

I am conscious of the cultural knowledge I apply to cross-cultural interaction.

I check the accuracy of my cultural knowledge as I interact with people from different cultures.

I enjoy interacting with people from different cultures.

I am confident that I can socialize with locals in a culture that is unfamiliar to me.

I am sure I can deal with the stress of adjusting to culture that is new to me.

I enjoy living in cultures that are unfamiliar to me.

I am confident that I can get accustomed to the shopping conditions in a different culture.

I change my verbal behavior (e.g., accent, tone) when a cross-interaction requires it.

Strongly To what extent you agree with the Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly Disagree Agree following statements I use pause and silence differently to suit different cross-cultural situations. I vary the rate of my speaking when a cross-cultural situation requires it. I change my non-verbal behavior when a cross-cultural situation requires it. I alter my facial expressions when a cross-cultural interaction requires it. To what extent you can Completely Not Neutral Adjusted Completely adjust to each of these Unadjusted Adjusted Adjusted aspects when working in Thailand Living condition in general **Housing conditions Food Shopping** 

Shopping
Cost of living
Entertainment/recreation
facilities and opportunities
Health care facilities
Specific job responsibilities
Performance standards and
expectations

Supervisory responsibilities

To what extent you can Completely Completely Not Neutral Adjusted adjust to each of these Adjusted Unadjusted Adjusted aspects when working in Thailand Socializing with host nationals **Interacting** with host nationals on a day-to-day basis Interacting with host national outside of work **Speaking** with host nationals

# Question naire-Chinese

个人信息, 请选择符合您情况的选项。							
1. 性别 口男 口女							
2. 年龄岁							
3. 在目前工作职位的任期 口少于-	−年 □1-	-2年	□3-	4年	□5-		
6年 □7-8年 □ 9-10年	□ 10年以	メ上					
4. 工作职能 □生产 □市场/销售 □	金融/会计[	コ人ナ	]资源	口信	息技术		
其它,请写明							
5. 所在行业 □制造业 □食品业 □月	服务业 □航	空业	其它,请	与印	月		
请从以下几个方面评估你的泰语能力	完全	不	中等	良	非常		
	不会	会	水平	好	好		
一般使用泰语能力			1/29	3//			
泰语写作							
泰语会话							
泰语阅读和理解							
泰语听力							
你在多大程度上同意下面的说法	完全	•	中立		,		
	不同	同		意	同意		
	意	意					
我了解其它文化中的法律和经济体系							
我了解其它语言的规则(比如词汇、语法)							
我了解其它文化中的文化价值观和宗教信仰							

请从以下几个方面评估你的泰语能力

 完全
 不
 中等
 良
 非常

 不会
 会
 水平
 好
 好

我了解其它文化中的婚姻体系 我了解其它文化的艺术和手工艺品 我了解其它文化中表达非语言行为的规则

当我与来自不同文化背景的人交往时,我知道要使用不同的文化知识 当与陌生文化中的人们交往时,我会调整自己的文化行为习惯 当我要与我文化背景不同的人交往时,我会意识到他们的文化习惯 当我和不同文化背景的人交往时,我会检查我的行为是否符合他们的文化习惯

我喜欢与来自不同文化背景的人交往 我相信在自己不熟悉的文化中也能和当地人 进行交往

我确信自己能够承受因适应新文化而带来的 压力

我享受居住在不熟悉的文化环境中的乐趣 我相信我能适应不同文化下的购物条件/环境

当跨文化交往需要时,我能改变我的言语行为(比如语调,口音等)以便适应对方为适应不同的文化,我在交流过程中运用的停顿和沉默也会有所不同为适应不同的文化,我调整我说话的速度

请从以下几个方面评估你的泰语能力

完全 不 中等 良 非常

不会 会 水平 好 好

为适应不同的文化,我改变我的的非言语行

为

为适应不同的文化,我使用不同的面部表情

在泰国工作时,你能在多大程度上适

应这些方面

完全不适 不适 中立 适 完全适应 应 的 应 应

总体生活环境

住房条件

食物

购物

生活成本

娱乐设施和机会

健康医疗设施

具体工作职责

绩效标准和预期

监管职责

与当地人的社交活动

非工作场合与当地人的活动

与当地人的交谈

# Questionnaire -- Thai

เรียน ท่านที่เคารพ

แบบสอบถามนี้เป็นส่วนหนึ่งของงานวิจัยระดับปริญญาเอก เพื่อศึกษาเกี่ยวกับทัศนคติของ
บุคลากรที่ทำงานในบริษัทข้ามชาติในประเทศไทย ซึ่งผลที่ได้จากงานวิจัยนี้จะมีประโยชน์อย่างยิ่งต่อ
การบริหารจัดการองค์กรให้มีประสิทธิภาพ ดังนั้นทางผู้วิจัยขอความกรุณาท่านช่วยตอบคำถาม
ทั้งหมดตามความเป็นจริงมากที่สุด เพื่อประโยชน์ในทางวิชาการ ท่านสามารถมั่นใจได้ว่าข้อมูลทุก
อย่างในแบบสอบถามนี้จะถูกเก็บเป็นความลับเพื่อใช้ในการวิจัยเท่านั้น ซึ่งจะมีเพียงผู้วิจัยเท่านั้นที่จะ
สามารถเข้าถึงข้อมูลนี้ได้ ขอขอบพระคุณเป็นอย่างสูงสำหรับความร่วมมือในครั้งนี้

ส่วนที่	1					
1.	เพศ					
		🗌 ชาย	🗆 หญิง			
2.	อายุ	ปี				
3.	อายุงาน	เที่บริษัท				
		🗌 น้อยกว่า 1 ปี	่ 1—2 ปี	□ 3—4 ปี	่	
		∏7—8 ପି	่	🗌 มากกว่า 1	0 ปี	
4.	ท่านทำ	งานให้กับเจ้านายค	นจีนคนปัจจุบันของท่า	นมานานกี่ปี		
		่ น้อยกว่า 1 ปี	□ 1—2 ปี	□ 3-	-4 킨 □ 5-	-6 ปี
		□ 7—8 ପି	□ 9—10 ปี	่ ี มา	กกว่า 10 ปี	

# ส่วนที่ 2

ท่านรู้สึกว่าเจ้านายคนจีนของท่านมีลักษณะ	ไม่เห็น	ไม่เห็น	ปาน	เห็น	เห็น
ตามแต่ละข้อนื้อยู่ในระดับใด	ด้วย	ด้วย	กลาง	ด้วย	ด้วย
	อย่างยิ่ง				อย่าง
					ยิ่ง

ท่านรู้สึกได้ว่าเจ้านายคนจีนของท่านมีภาวะ

ผู้นำที่ดี

เจ้านายคนจีนของท่านแสดงออกถึงการเป็น

ผู้นำที่ดี

เจ้านายคนจีนของท่านสามารถทำให้ท่าน

ทุ่มเทกับการทำงานได้ดี

โดยรวมแล้วท่านรู้สึกว่าท่านสามารถเชื่อฟัง

เจ้านายคนจีนของท่านได้อย่างสนิทใจ

กรุณาประเมินเจ้านายคนจีนของท่านในข้อ	ไม่เห็น	ไม่เห็น	ปาน	เห็น	เห็น
ต่อไปนี้	ด้วย	ด้วย	กลาง	ด้วย	ด้วย
	อย่างยิ่ง				อย่างยิ่ง

เจ้านายคนจีนของท่านใส่ใจความรู้สึกที่ดี

ของท่าน

เจ้านายคนจีนของท่านแสดงความใส่ใจต่อ

ความเป็นอยู่ที่ดีของท่าน

เจ้านายคนจีนของท่านช่วยเหลือให้พนักงาน

ทุกคนได้มีการพัฒนาศักยภาพ

กรุณาประเมินว่าท่านรู้สึกกับเจ้านายคนจีน	ไม่เห็น	ไม่เห็น	ปาน	เห็น	เห็นด้วย
	ด้วย	ด้วย	กลาง	ด้วย	อย่างยิ่ง
	อย่างยิ่ง				

ตั้งแต่เริ่มทำงานด้วยกันท่านสามารถรู้สึกได้ ว่าเจ้านายคนจีนของท่านมีค่านิยมในการใช้ ชีวิตและการทำงานที่คล้ายกับท่าน ท่านพบว่าค่านิยมในการใช้ชีวิตและการ ทำงานของท่านกับเจ้านายคนจีนของท่านมี ความคล้ายกัน ท่านรู้สึกชื่นชมและศรัทธาในแนวคิดและ หลักปรัชญาการทำงานของเจ้านายคนจีน ของท่าน ท่านจะรู้สึกแย่ไปด้วยหากมีคนมาต่อว่า เจ้านายคนจีนของท่านแบบเสียๆหายๆ ท่านรู้สึกยินดีที่จะพูดชื่นชมความดีของ เจ้านายคนจีนของท่านให้เพื่อนๆฟัง ท่านรู้สึกชื่นชมการทำงานและการวางตัว

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