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## **Extent of readiness of industrial institutes for handicrafts training programs implementation in Makkah region**

### **Abstract:**

This study aims to explore the preparedness of the industrial secondary institutes for handicrafts training programs implementation in Makkah region. In order to achieve this study aims, the researchers used a mixed approach due to its suitability to the nature of the research. The data of this study were collected through quantitative and qualitative. The researchers used a questionnaire survey, an interview, and observation to elicit data from the participants.

The sample of the study consists of 232 participants from the General Organization for Technical and Vocational Training. The researchers used the purposeful sample to select the participants of this study. Interviews were conducted with six of the industrial secondary institutes' directors as well as with the heads of the community service centers units in Makkah region.

The findings of the study which were collected through a questionnaire showed that 64.9% of the participants believe in the preparedness of the industrial secondary institutes for the application of training courses in handicrafts in Makkah region, whereas 89.9% of the participants believe in the industrial secondary institutes success preferring the following handicrafts: (Mechanics - Electricity - Carpentry - Plumbing - Sewing, and Dyeing).

The study also indicated that there is a statistical discrepancy of the interview sample in terms of the secondary industrial institutes' capabilities and preparedness for the application for the application of training courses. This variety shows that 33.4% of the industrial institutes directors and the community service centers heads in Makkah region believe in capabilities and preparedness

of the major industrial institutes in the following cities; Jeddah, Makkah and Taif to implement the training courses when available qualified trainers, appropriate equipment and materials, and appropriate training packages.

Moreover, the findings of this study indicated that there are successful experiences in the UAE, Egypt, Oman, and Jordan, which can be used in Saudi Arabia. Based on the findings, the researchers provided the following recommendations: Preparing the industrial secondary institutes for handicrafts training programs implementation, overcoming all obstacles that may face the Saudi artisans, and meeting the growing demand of the labor market by increasing the number of the Saudi artisans.