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THEIR NEED FOR ACHIEVEMENT

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ABSTRACT

Many of the world's people today do not enjoy normal lives because they are blind, deaf or cripple — in other words, are stricken with the clutches of disability. In this light, 1981 had been proclaimed as the International Year of Disabled Persons to focus attention on the enjoyment of the disabled of the rights and opportunities that abled bodies have. With this action, the researchers have endeavored to make a study about them, particularly, on their happiness values and need for achievement.

The researchers find credence to the following problems for their study: first, what are the perceived happiness values of the disabled; second, what are the rankings of happiness values of these people; third, what are the factors related or associated with their happiness values and whether happiness depends on extrinsic or intrinsic factors; fourth, what is their degree of happiness; and lastly, what is the extent of their need for achievement.

From a total population of 70 residents in Tahanang Walang Hagdanan, the researchers sampled out forty persons. Various factors, that is, sex, age, status, length and cause of disability, consideration of the disability as a limitation and the place preferred to be happy were taken into account.

An interview guide to measure happiness showed that only status, length and cause of disability and the place preferred to be happy were significant with the happiness values of the disabled. From the rankings, it was found out that closeness to God is the most important factor to happiness while power is the least important. Results also indicated that the respondents were not absolutely happy. The EPPS scores showed that the respondents have a low need for achievement. In the correlation, Spearman-rank correlation coefficient was utilized at .05 level of significance and 38 degrees of freedom.



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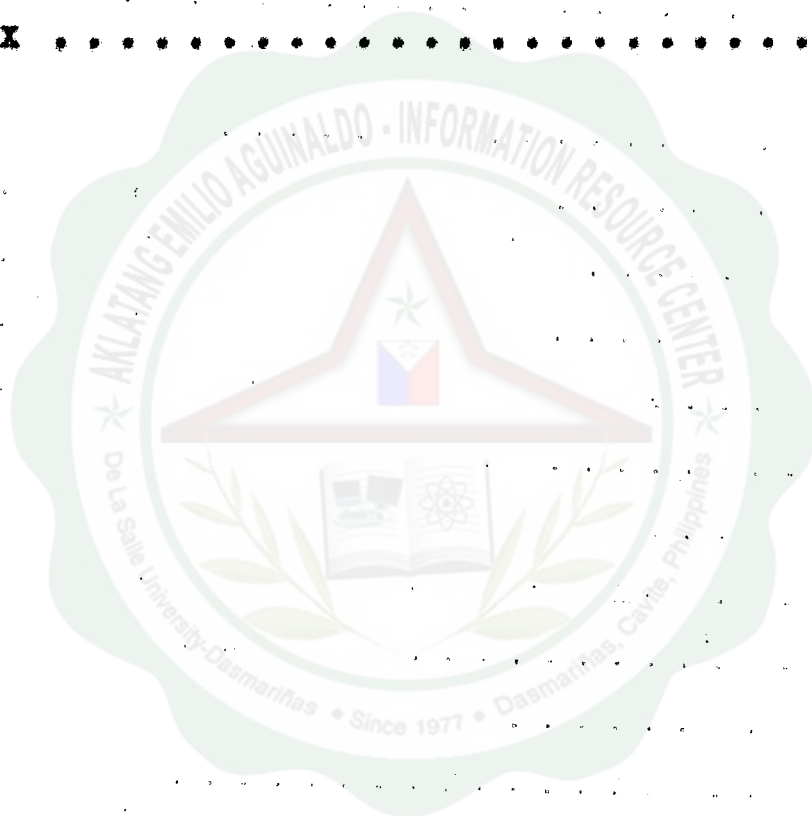
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