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ABSTRACT

This study involved the assessment of customer satisfaction, monetary incentive (for marketers and non-marketers) and the likelihood of word-of-mouth

communication among retiree-members of the Philippine Retirement Authority

Program. The study employed a correlational study to determine the relationship

between variables.

The researcher adapted Cronin and Taylor's version of SERVQUAL, which is

referred to as SERVPERF, with 22 questions in five (5) dimensions of service

performance. She made minimal wording changes to the original content of the

instrument and focused on the performance (SERVPERF). This focus was deemed

appropriate because the intent was to examine the relative importance of the

performance dimensions. The respondents of this study are retiree-members of the

Philippine Retirement Authority, using the quantitative method of data collection.

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Findings showed that mostly satisfied non-marketer retiree-members were more likely to generate word-of-mouth communication than marketers who receive monetary incentives. Results suggest that mostly-satisfied retiree-members generate more word-of-mouth, independent of incentives. It is hoped that the findings would be of help to guide the design and targeting of programs that proactively encourage and manage word-of-mouth communication, thus resulting to customer satisfaction, reduced cost and productivity for the Philippine Retirement Authority.



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