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ABSTRACT

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A 480-hour field study was conducted at Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), Trece Martires City, Cavite. Generally, the study aimed to apply gained knowledge in business management to practical business situations and to have useful experiences in the real employment situation. Specifically, it aimed to have an exposure and knowledge in various activities of the bank and to describe the bank in terms of organization, management and marketing.

Gathering of data was done through the bank's records. Interviews with the bank personnel and actual participation in some of the bank's activities were conducted to increase the volume of data gathered. Personal observations provided more insights in studying the bank's operations.

LBP is the only universal bank with a social mission to spur countryside development. The bank offers different types of products and services such as deposits (savings, time, current), loan services, other credit facilities and programs for bank-assisted-cooperatives and for countryside financial institutions.

Inspite of the good management of the bank, problems still existed. Lots of clients were not given immediate attention because there were only two tellers, so hiring of an additional teller was recommended. It was also recommended to extend the

banking hours from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Past due payments of loans were also encountered, so it was recommended to send notice to borrowers before the maturity date and to give additional penalty to overdue accounts.

In terms of product and service promotion, the bank gave recognition such as "Gawad Pitak" to the most outstanding cooperative. It also introduced some raffle promo and sponsored contests. The bank also distributed calendars and t-shirts to the clients.

Like the other branches, LBP-Trece Martires City Branch is financed by the Head Office. The bank's financial status indicated successful performance because the bank's total income in 1997 was estimated at P22,478,000.00 and the total expenses was P13,106,000.00. The net income was P9,372,000.00.

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INTRODUCTION

A bank is an institution that deals with money and its substitutes and whose main function is to provide financial services. Banks accept deposits and provide loans/extends credit and derive a profit from the difference in the interest rates paid and charged, respectively. They also have the power to create money (The New Encyclopedia Britanica, 1986).

Banking institutions make an important role in the Philippine economy because they serve as credit facilities or they lend their money to support those businesses like cooperatives, farmers and fishermen and entrepreneurs.

Economic activity, as it is known in the Western World could not survive without a continuing flow of money and credit. The economies of all market-oriented nations depend on the efficient operation of complex and delicately balanced systems of money and credit. Banks are an indispensable element in these systems. They provide the bulk