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ABSTRACT

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This study was conducted from August 2018 to April 2019 in all municipalities/cities of Cavite which aimed to develop a PUV fare and navigation mobile application using cognitive ergonomics. Specifically, the study aimed to: 1.) determine the current situation of fare system in Cavite; 2.) determine the problems encountered in the fare system; 3.) design and develop a fare and navigation application using cognitive ergonomic criteria and industrial engineering tools; 4.) test and evaluate the developed Cavite PUV fare and navigation mobile application; and 5.) provide possible recommendations that can improve the fare system in Cavite.

Descriptive and developmental research were used in the study and Define, Measure, Analyze, Design and Verify (DMADV) method was followed as its research methodology. The primary sources of data were the data coming from the fare matrix issued by the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB), tariff from all municipalities/cities in the province and survey questionnaires while the secondary sources were the data coming from some books, journals and articles as well as the data coming from the internet that supports the findings of the study that were related in cognitive ergonomics, transportation, fare and mobile application design. Slovins formula and Stratified random sampling technique were used to determine the number of participants in the study. A total of 400 respondents in different municipalities and cities were the participants of the study.

The identified problems in the study using survey questionnaire were insufficient fare matrix posted in every Public Utility Vehicles (PUVs), unreliable and incomplete fare information at Cavite, unavailability of fare information when searching online, lack of awareness on the current situation of the fare system in the province, experience paying an overpriced fare and difficulty in seeking information about fares. These problems were categorized in information management, communication problems and time consuming.

After identifying the problems that were encountered by the respondents, the researchers designed and developed a mobile application using the gathered problems and ergonomic criteria. In terms of the ergonomic quality and usability of the application, it yields a level of excellence from the respondents, and achieved the effectiveness, and efficiency of the website. This also gives a satisfaction level to the users.

The result of the system evaluation was excellent because the system met the intended function in different aspects. For further improvement of Cavite PUV fare system, the researchers recommend that: (1) the mobile application must be promoted and advertised by the authorities such as the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to make sure that the mobile application will be used for awareness and safety purpose; (2) for the developed system, it is recommended to add or provide more interesting features for the convenience of the users such as lighter background color to be pleasing to the eyes of the user and some trivia or information regarding on the place the user wants to visit; (3) upgrade the mobile application into an offline based information system to be accessible to the commuters of the province without accessing to the internet; and (4) make the mobile application available not only for the android phone but also to all kinds of operating systems such as iOS and others.

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INTRODUCTION

Cavite is a province in the Philippines located on the CALABARZON region in Luzon Island. According to Philippine Statistics Authority (2015), the total population of the province was 3,678,301 and classified as one of the most industrialized and fastest growing provinces.

According to the National Statistics Office (2013), Cavite is an area most often visited by local and foreign visitors. It is the second most frequently visited place after National Capital Region (NCR). The number of visitors in the area continued to increase, particularly during summer months when both domestic travel and foreign tourist arrival are at peak.

As studied by Adrian (2017), whether commuters or the public transport operators like it or not, change is upon the transportation scene in the Philippines. The awful traffic