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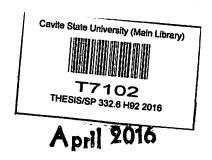
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#### **ABSTRACT**

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The study was conducted in established businesses owned by young entrepreneurs in selected areas of Cavite from October 2015 to March 2016. The main objective of the study was to measure the awareness, willingness and capabilities to invest in financial markets among young entrepreneurs in selected areas of Cavite. Specifically, the study aimed to: (1) determine the personal profile of the young entrepreneurs in selected areas of Cavite; (2) determine the profile of the business owned by young entrepreneurs; (3) determine the level of awareness of young entrepreneurs towards financial markets; (4) determine the level of willingness to invest in financial markets of young entrepreneurs: (5) determine the degree of capabilities to invest in financial markets of young entrepreneurs; (6) determine if there is a relationship between the personal profile and financial markets awareness of young entrepreneurs; (7) determine if there is a relationship between the business profile and financial markets awareness of young entrepreneurs; (8) determine if there is a relationship between the financial markets awareness and the willingness to invest in financial markets among young entrepreneurs: (9) determine if there is a relationship between the financial market awareness and the capabilities to invest in financial markets among young entrepreneurs.

The research designs used in the study were descriptive and correletional research. The study consisted of 150 young entrepreneurs with ages 18 to 35 years old from selected areas of Cavite, namely; Alfonso, Amadeo, Bacoor City, Dasmariñas City, Imus City, Indang, Mendez, Silang, Tagaytay City, and Trece Martirez City. The study used frequency count and mean to determine the personal and business profile, and to measure the level of awareness, willingness and degree of capabilities to invest in financial markets of young entrepreneurs. Likelihood ratio Chi Square Test, Point biserial and Spearman Rank Correlation Coefficient were used to determine the relationship of personal and business profile to the level of awareness to invest in financial markets. The relationship of financial markets awareness to the level of willingness and degree of capabilities to invest in financial markets among young entrepreneurs were determined using Spearman Rank Correlation Coefficient.

The study showed that young entrepreneurs are highly aware, willing and capable to invest in financial markets. The study revealed that age, civil status, educational attainment, gross monthly income and type of ownership were significantly related to the level of awareness in financial markets. The level of awareness has significant relationship to the level of willingness and the degree of capabilities to invest in financial markets.

The researchers conclude that young entrepreneurs with high level of awareness are the willing and capable to invest in financial markets.

Based on the results of the study, it is highly recommended that similar researches may be conducted but new set of participants must be interviewed to validate the results of the study.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Knowledge about finance nowadays plays a big role in the development of individual's financial status, through proper money management practices, savings and basic investment knowledge; making our economy grows. The economic development of a nation is reflected by the progress of the various economic units, classified into corporate sector, government and household sector (Rajeev, 2012).

Common investment knowledge of most Filipinos are if not savings in banks are establishing business. Entrepreneur is a person who organizes, operates and assumes the risk for a business venture. Young entrepreneurs are basically risk takers because they are defined by their fresh, exciting ideas and passionate drive to succeed and they have the guts to establish and manage their own business (Klein, 2010). But aside from investing in their business, they can also invest in financial markets.