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ABSTRACT

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This research was conducted to determine the: (a) socio-demographic profile of the employees among the steel companies in First Cavite Industrial Estate at Langkaan, Dasmariñas City, Cavite in terms of age, sex, work status, position and length of service in the company; (b) the perception of steel companies' employees on the occupational health and safety practices in terms of chemical hazard, physical hazard, ergonomics, psychological hazard and environmental hazard; (c) the work attitude of employees among steel companies in terms of attitude towards work, attitude towards co-workers, attitude towards supervisors and attitude towards management; (d) the significant relationship between the socio-demographic profile and the work attitude; and (e) the significant relationship between the perception of steel companies' employees on the occupational health and safety practices and the work attitude of the respondents. The statistical analysis used frequency, percentage, mean, standard deviation, chi square and spearman rank correlation.

The summary of the findings revealed that most of the employees were in the age bracket of 24 to 31 years old, majority of the employees were male, contractual, production operators and with 1 to 5 years length of service. The perception of the steel companies' employees on the occupational health and safety practices were very good. Then, the work attitude of employees among the steel companies was highly positive.

In general, the result revealed that there is no significant relationship between the socio-demographic profile in terms of sex, work status, position and length of service to work attitude of employees in terms of attitude towards work, co-workers, supervisors and the management except in term of age which was found highly significant to their overall work attitude. It was also found that there is significant relationship between the socio-demographic profile in term of position and attitude towards supervisors then age and attitude towards management.

The results also showed that a highly positive perception on the occupational health and safety practices has a highly significant relationship to the work attitude of employees among the steel companies in FCIE.

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INTRODUCTION

Occupational accidents have a huge impact on the sector of employment. According to the Philippine Statistics Authority ([PSA], 2016), there were about 47,440 occupational accidents occurred in the different establishment in the year 2013 resulted in an increase of 0.3 percent in the number of cases of occupational injuries from the past year. If the fatal damages continuous, workers may lead to permanent incapacity.

According to Wright (2000), manufacturing companies has many hazards or dangers. In factories, there are machines and materials used by employees. There are sharps, moving shafts, cutter, hot materials and tools, gases and other conditions that could possibly harm the employees. Through safety practices, the chance of injuries to occur can be reduced through thoughtful action.