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ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted in lowland towns of Cavite namely: Bacoor, Cavite City, Kawit, Noveleta and Rosario from December 2003 to January 2004. The general purpose of the study was to analyze and describe the consumers buying behavior for branded shirts. Two hundred branded shirt users were used in this study.

Range, mean, frequency count and percentage were used to analyze and describe the consumers buying behavior for branded shirts.

Findings revealed that the average age of the consumers was 32 years old and all of them had formal education. Most of them were government employees and had an average monthly income of P12,041.50. Physiological needs, safety needs, social needs and esteem needs were satisfied by the consumers in buying shirts. Experiential sources were the most influential source of information of consumers in buying branded shirts. Most of the consumers themselves were the final deciders and actual purchasers of the shirt. Quality and durability was the most considered perceived factor that affects the behavior of the consumers in buying shirts.

The mean price of branded shirt that consumer usually purchased was P499.50. Most of the consumers were not brand loyal when it comes to shirts. Majority of the consumers bought casual shirts and usually prefer it plain. Female bought ladies top

usually blouse while male bought men's top like t-shirt. Majority of the consumers usually purchased the brand Jag from the department stores.

Results also showed that most consumers were satisfied after buying branded shirt and increase the probability of purchasing the same brand.

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INTRODUCTION

Shirt is one form of men's clothing which is used everyday and is considered essential. Abraham Maslow, as cited by Kotler (1997) suggests that each individual is motivated by series of needs, which ranged from those that are most fundamental to all human beings, to those that are highly specific to each individual. People are motivated to satisfy their needs sequentially, only attempting to satisfy social needs, like when their physiological and safety needs have been met. In subsistence economies, a high proportion of the population will be striving to meet the lower needs for food, water, shelter, and warmth – universal needs that are easy to identify and anticipate.

Shirts come in different styles, designs, color and brand that consumers can choose from. Most consumers rely on brand names to distinguish among the wide