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ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted from November 2016 to April 2017 in selected areas in Cavite, namely: Dasmariñas City, Gen. Trias City, Trece Martires City, Tagaytay City, Imus City and Bacoor City.

The study intended to identify the level of awareness and utilization of 5S system as a quality assurance measure among food cart franchising business in selected areas in Cavite.

The study used descriptive and correlational designs. The descriptive method was applied in presenting the information regarding the business profile of the participants while correlation was used in determining the significant difference of awareness and utilization level on 5S system based on business profile and the significant relationship of awareness and utilization.

The following statistical procedures such as mean, frequency count and percentage, Friedman two-way Anova, Mann Whitney U-test, Kruskal Wallis, One-way Anova and Spearman's rank were used to analyze the data. Likert Scale was used to measure the level of awareness and utilization of the participants.

Result shows that majority of the participants were female and young adults with less than ten months of experience in the service. Food cart franchising businesses were mainly found in malls and were mostly selling snacks.

The study also revealed that the participants are slightly aware of the 5S concept while highly utilizing relative practices of the system. Sex has a significant difference on the level of awareness while the rest among the demographic profiles had no significant difference on the level of awareness and utilization. Level of awareness on 5S system varies with sex. Female has higher level of awareness on 5S system compared to male. There is no significant relationship between the level of awareness and the utilization level of 5S system.

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INTRODUCTION

Food cart franchising business is an industry that is notably growing for reasons that it requires small capital, easy to set up, movable and less risky in terms of business failure (Arboleda, 2010). Food cart is a mobile kitchen that can be found in malls, streets, schools and many other places. It is extremely well known especially in the Philippines since Filipinos love to eat street food for "merienda". Aside from the fact that food cart businesses are extensive, it is also becoming a strategy for large food service businesses to put up food cart branches for the purpose of reaching wider markets. Hence, food cart franchising business became a trend.

Since this kind of enterprise is extensively being patronized, it is greatly appealed that franchisors and franchisees be reminded of the responsibility to assure that the food to be prepared or eaten will not cause harm to consumers according to its intended use. This is being stated by the Food Safety Act of 2013 (RA No. 10611) which is "An act to strengthen