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ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted from November 2015 to January 2016 to determine the expectations and preparations of human resource managers in view of ASEAN Integration. Specifically, the study aimed to: identify the socio-demographic profile of human resource manager, the expected threats and opportunities of the HR managers and the preparations they did on the ASEAN integration with regards to people management. The effect of the expected threat and opportunities on the preparation of HR Managers; and the relationship between them were also determined.

One hundred human resource managers from companies in five different estates in selected areas in Cavite were the participants of the study. Data were gathered through personal interviews and email exchanges. The analysis and the presentation of data were done through the use of descriptive and quantitative tools such as frequency counts, percentage, mean, standard deviation and correlation analysis.

Human resource managers expected very positive opportunities and high threats regarding ASEAN Integration they are well prepared for the ASEAN Integration. They believe that the challenges presented by ASEAN Integration were fairly important for the human resource department. Human resource managers perceived their preparations in ensuring workforce preparedness and readiness for the ASEAN Integration as significant,

but there were roles they had to focus on to be prepared for the economic integration which indicates that they were not fully equipped in the event of ASEAN Integration.

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INTRODUCTION

In manufacturing company, every factor in its processing systems may have positive or negative effects to its productivity and every manufacturing company has human resource (HR) manager who are responsible for one or more aspects of employee hiring, training, treatment, and job satisfaction. This position manages all employees of the department and is responsible for the performance management and hiring of the employees.

Human beings are the most important resource in an organization. A firm's success depends on the capabilities of its members. Most problems, challenges, opportunities and frustrations in an organization are people-related. Human resources are the life blood of an organization. Despite the application of technology in modern business management, human resources are still relevant and most adaptive resources of the organization. The strategic values of HR stem from the fact that apart from other resources employed in the course of production (land, capital, technology etc.) which are