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ABSTRACT

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The hospitality industry is a business industry that needs trained people who are experts in the area. Trained people mean those who have learned the basic knowledge, skill, and attitude of the industry from any hospitality academic institution. However, sometimes the lessons delivered differ from the practical application. One simple sample of the distinction is different kind of Standard Operating System or Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in different hotels.

This thesis is aimed of acknowledging the differences of SOP that appear in the academic institution, SGU, and in the working/practical situation. It relates to the second purpose of the research, which is to decide whether the curriculum prepared by SGU is sufficient for the needs of the industry. At the same time, it also analyzes the role of knowledge, skills, and attitude both in academic and practical/working performance.

SGU as academic institution had prepared the students with basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes before they enter the practical situation. The lessons that are prepared by SGU are partly useful for the internship, yet partly are found to be only a requirement of the curriculum of management study. From all these things, the students considered attitude as the most important competency within the academic situation, while skill is the most important competency within the practical situation.

The role of knowledge somehow remains on the middle position between skills and attitude.

DEDICATION

I dedicate this thesis to my university, Swiss German University, to inform and remind the committee of the importance of Room Division curriculum for Hotel & Tourism Management.

I also dedicate this thesis to educators, especially lectures of Hotel & Tourism Management, so that they will improve their motivation on educating their students with new ideas of learning methods.

Last but not least, I want to dedicate this thesis to my family and friends for being supportive to me through the writing and research process.



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