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FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE PARTICIPATION OF JBLFMU- MOLO 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CSM STUDENTS IN SKILLS COMPETITION, AY 2010-2011

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## **Abstract**

This survey research was conducted to determine the factors that influence the participation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year CSM students in skills competition. This was conducted during the first semester of academic year 2010- 2011. The respondents of this study were the 216 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year B.S. Cruise Ship Management students. An entire group of 216 respondents were then classified according to curriculum year, gender, and economic status. The factors that affect their participation are namely easy job landing in line with the program, early hands-on experience with future job works, becoming more confident with the skills acquired and having social exposure to win new friends. The results of this study revealed that the third year students participate in skills competition because of employment opportunities, early hands-on experience, skills improvement and having social exposure. The seniors on the other hand, had similar concerns but were more inclined with the practical side of being able to gain free learning experiences. When grouped according to gender, both males

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and females were concerned with the first three factors, however the males prefer to please their parents, while females tend to socialize.

As grouped economically, those that belonged in the low and high income, prefer the practical benefits of the competition, they can scout potential employers, first-hand experience in working and gaining confidence about their skills. This group also wants to please their parents. The average group had the same responses but had a different preference with prizes and incentives. This second group also claims to work best as a team. The third group with a high family income, are fairly concerned with concerns of the other preceding groups but they put a choice primarily on making friends.