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Abstract

Littering is one of the common problems that are observed in John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University- Molo Inc. The researchers have observed that litters abound everywhere in the campus, in smaller but sometimes in greater amounts. This study determined the maritime students' habit of littering that could serve as a platform for the next generation of litter prevention activities among students of John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University-Molo Inc. This answers the following questions: 1) What types of litter are usually left on the grounds of JBLFMU-Molo? 2) What are the maritime students' littering behaviors? 3) What measures or steps do maritime students' suggest to keep JBLFMU-Molo clean and beautiful? The study can provide an idea among the students to suggest ways on proper way of disposing their litter. This involved the maritime students, specifically the second year. Their inputs were used as bases in the conduct of this study. The study is conducted this second semester, school year 2012-2013. This is a descriptive type of study. The study made use of the questionnaire modified from a standardized questionnaire of the study, *Keeping America Beautiful*. The researchers considered alternative ways of solving the problem of littering and advanced the possible reasons of the students on littering and raised ideas on how to resolve the problem. The research instrument used in conducting this study is a survey questionnaire to all bonafide students of JBLFMU-Molo. The researchers only took a random sample among the different departments in the university. The content of the survey questionnaire is on the littering behavior of the students and a question on how they can help and maintain the cleanliness of the campus. The researchers did the whole day of gathering the litter on the school grounds. After which, they analyzed the types of litter. Data that were generated from the questionnaire were subjected to the descriptive analysis only. No inferential statistics was utilized in this study. Results showed that 1) based on the survey done by the researchers, it was found out that the most common litter found on the school ground are plastic containers (1st), dead leaves (2nd), and scratch papers (3). Other things were also left on the ground like sacks left by workers. 2) The maritime students' littering behavior showed that they had at least dropped something on the ground. Although, it can also be seen that the kind of litter the



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maritime students throw or drop reflects the kind of behavior they possess towards littering. 3) When students were asked about the measures they can suggest on how to keep JBLFMU-Molo clean, their suggestions were: to make sure that every corner has garbage containers (63% of the total responses), to educate fellow students not to litter (22%), and to encourage student leaders to monitor littering (15%). Thus, the following are the conclusions: 1) Litters are inevitable; they just exist consciously or unconsciously. 2) Littering is a perennial problem but can be avoided through proper education. 3) Measures to prevent littering and other related activities can be ways to maintain cleanliness and beauty in the campus. The following are recommended: 1) Student leaders have all the responsibilities of educating their school mates about the hazards that littering may pose. They have to be aware of the littering behavior of students so that they can advance measures of how such habit can be prevented. 2) The student-services must be apprized about the results of this study. They can be the most viable channel where littering can be recognized and avoided. 3) Parallel studies have to be conducted to promote the idea that littering can be detrimental to the environment and thus be avoided by the students at all times.

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