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Dear Prof. Sri Wening,

We have pleasure in informing you that the reviewing process was completed. Here are the comments concerning your manuscript:

a) Abstract section: At the end of the sentence "The research population was the students of Fashion Engineering Education Study Program who had passed the Consumer Education course in the odd semester", the year and the country in which the analysis referred to, have to be added.

b) At the end of the Abstract section there are no need authors to recall the three numerical outcomes/remarks of the analysis, since at this early text point readers are not familiarized with the methodology applied. Instead, based on these outcomes, authors are recommended to briefly outline the limitations and the future challenging issues aroused upon a wider socio-educational applicability.

c) A large portion of the text narrative, including the "Introduction", "Methods", and "Discussion" are not fully cited. Please check these text points and properly cite all of them, accordingly.

d) Based on the authors statement that:

"Customer Education consists of five fundamental principles and the five principles are the customers' social responsibilities in performing their consumption for achieving customer protection. The five fundamental principles are: 1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) environmental concern; and 5) solidarity",

authors are recommended to:

firstly, perform a SWOT analysis, under which the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities unveiled, and threads to be confronted upon the feasibility of "Customer Education". These can be given in one or two sentenced-entries at a 2X2 quadrate matrix/Table, per each one of the S, W, O, and T, respectively.

secondly, depict a mind map, conceptual map, graph, or diagram, under which the principal "social", "educational", "cognitive" outcomes to be related/linked to the aforementioned five fundamental principles mentioned. This graphical representation will integrate the overall analysis under a concise and meaningful manner. The following variables/terms are of paramount importance upon the "Customer Education" success as a formal/inseparable course that it is (or should be) taught at schools' or the universities' curriculum:

"self reflection",

"life values",

"financial/economics values-welfare-stability",

"ethical/moral/personal development values"

Therefore, it is anticipated that all these entities can be incorporated into the aforementioned graph/diagram/map, accordingly. Special provision should be taken authors to unveil which is the dynamic adaptation and scalability of their outcomes on teaching the "Customer Education" course towards similar research/academic settings at other countries, too.

e) Sporadic non citing text extracts have to be properly and explicitly cited, based on the source citations from which these were extracted from.

f) Headings and subheadings cannot be sentences that contain verbs. Please reorganize them to shorter and into non-sentencing manner.

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Kyriakopoulos, G.L.

Management by objectives in healthcare organizations then and now: A literature overview of mbo limitations and perspectives in the healthcare sector

(2016) Management Innovations for Healthcare Organizations: Adopt, Abandon or Adapt?, pp. 245-262.

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Grigorios Kyriakopoulos (2012). Half a century of management by objectives (MBO): A review", African Journal of Business Management 6(5), 1772 – 1786. doi: 10.5897/AJBM10.1585. Cited 6 times (σύμφωνα με τη βάση δεδομένων Scholar Google, Μάρτιος 2018).

Grigorios Kyriakopoulos (2011). The role of quality management for effective implementation of customer satisfaction, customer consultation and self-assessment, within service quality schemes: A review. African Journal of Business Management 5(12), 4901 – 4915. doi: 10.5897/AJBM10.1584. Cited 2 times (σύμφωνα με τη βάση δεδομένων Scholar Google, Μάρτιος 2018).

Kalaitzidis, I., Kyriakopoulos, G., Arabatzi, Z., Chalikias, M., Karasavvidis, G., Avramidis, N., Apostolidis, G.

Municipal education centers for sustainable agriculture

(2011) Journal of Food, Agriculture and Environment, 9 (2), pp. 335-340. Cited 4 times.

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ABSTRACT: The present paper aims not only to identify the problems that the model of conventional farming has caused to the environment, and those related to the education of farmers in our country, but also to view these issues as a challenge, that can lead to the establishment of so-called municipal education centers for sustainable agriculture in rural municipalities, by taking advantage of the new local government architecture, according to L.3852/2010. Programmes at the above-mentioned education centers will be applied on the basis of the three dimensions, namely, lifelong learning, systemic thinking and sustainable agriculture, as a learning objective. They constitute essential preconditions for the transition from the model of conventional farming to that of sustainable agriculture.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: Agricultural; Education; Municipal; Sustainable

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Ntanos, S., Kyriakopoulos, G., Chalikias, M., Arabatzis, G., Skordoulis, M., Galatsidas, S., Drosos, D.

A social assessment of the usage of Renewable Energy Sources and its contribution to life quality: The case of an Attica Urban area in Greece

(2018) Sustainability (Switzerland), 10 (5), art. no. 1414, . Cited 9 times.

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ABSTRACT: The aim of this paper is to analyze and evaluate the use of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) and their contribution to citizens' life quality. For this purpose, a survey was conducted using a sample of 400 residents in an urban area of the Attica region in Greece. The methods of Principal Components Analysis and Logit Regression were used on a dataset containing the respondents' views on various aspects of RES. Two statistical models were constructed for the identification of the main variables that are associated with the RES' usage and respondents' opinion on their contribution to life quality. The conclusions that can be drawn show that the respondents are adequately informed about some of the RES' types while most of them use at least one of the examined types of RES. The benefits that RES offer, were the most crucial variable in determining both respondents' perceptions on their usage and on their contribution to life quality. © 2018 by the author.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: Life quality; Logit regression; Renewable energy sources; RES public acceptance

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Ntanos, S., Kyriakopoulos, G., Chalikias, M., Arabatzis, G., Skordoulis, M.

Public perceptions and willingness to pay for renewable energy: A case study from Greece

(2018) Sustainability (Switzerland), 10 (3), art. no. 687, . Cited 14 times.

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Department of Business Administration, School of Business and Economics, Piraeus University of Applied Sciences, Aigaleo, Greece

ABSTRACT: The purpose of this study is to discover the factors shaping public opinion about renewable energy sources and investigate willingness to pay for expansion of renewable energy sources in the electricity mix. Data was collected through a questionnaire applied in Nikaia, an urban municipality of Greece. The respondents have a positive attitude towards renewable energy systems. Most of them have good knowledge of solar and wind energy systems and are using solar water heating, while several respondents own a solar PV system. Environmental protection is seen as the most important reason for investing in a renewable energy system. Willingness to pay for a wider penetration of RES into the electricity mix was estimated to be 26.5 euros per quarterly electricity bill. The statistical analysis revealed the existence of a relationship between RES perceived advantages and willingness to pay for renewable energy. Furthermore, by using a binary logit model, willingness to pay was found to be positively associated with education, energy subsidies, and state support. © 2018 by the authors.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: CVM; Logit regression; Renewable energy sources; Social acceptance; WTP

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Deligiannis, A., Sidiropoulos, G., Chalikias, M., Kyriakopoulos, G.

The impact of mergers and acquisitions on corporate culture and employees: The case of Aegean & Olympic Air

(2018) Academy of Strategic Management Journal, 17 (1), 13 p.

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ABSTRACT: The purpose of this study is to investigate the effect of mergers and acquisitions on employees' culture, particularly by studying the recent merger between Aegean Airlines and Olympic Air. Therefore, this research examined to what extent employees' perceptions on the organizational culture change and whether it changes as a result of employees' motivation, acceptance and knowledge to make the M&A successful. This research gathered data from the employees of these two companies. A questionnaire was distributed and qualitative analysis was conducted in order to examine the above. The sample of the study is consisted of 112 respondents. The collection of necessary data for the implementation of the research objectives was done by using a structured questionnaire with 21 items, which was sent via e-mail to all employees of the two companies. Also, factor and reliability analysis were carried out and other statistical methods used in order to test the hypothesis generated from the literature review. The results showed that the main cause of a merger by employees' opinion is to enhance shareholder value, then the need for dominance and finally the need to achieve synergies. Furthermore, employees consider that merger was necessary, but in moderate degree. Finally, an important finding is that there is no significant resistance to change both for employees in Aegean and Olympic Air Company. However, there is considerable variation in the existing culture that employees appear in Aegean and Olympic Air Company. Finally, a smoother integration of employees is observed into the new corporate culture. Similar research for the merger of Aegean-Olympic Air Company hasn't been studied again, especially from the aspect of corporate culture and its effect on employees. The results generally showed that are prototype and more focus should be given to the gap of the existing culture. © 2018, Allied Academies.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: Acquisitions; Aegean; Corporate culture; Mergers; Olympic air; Resistance to change

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Ktena, C., Sidiropoulos, G., Chalikias, M., Ntanos, S., Kyriakopoulos, G.

The contribution of mentoring on employee's career development with non-dependent work relation: The case of the networking company LR health & beauty systems

(2018) Academy of Strategic Management Journal, 17 (1), 14 p.

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Democritus University of Thrace, Greece;

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ABSTRACT: Especially now-a-days, the issue of career development is a basic concern for the most, if not all, employees, who are trying to develop through their work, in order to reach a higher level of employment and economic power. However, this development isn't an easy process, especially for new employees in the labor market. A new and highly efficient solution is an advisory process, widely known as mentoring. In mentoring, each employee develops a counseling relationship with a mentor, who usually has more experience than the employee and therefore undertakes to guide him in his professional career. This paper investigates career development issues through mentoring in the case of non-dependent work relation for the company LR Health & Beauty Systems. The purpose of this research is to explore whether mentoring contributes to employee's career development who are working on the network company LR Health & Beauty Systems. The research part of this study is based on a questionnaire, which was distributed to company's employees and is related to mentoring issues. It was proved that the most important factor for the successful implementation of a mentoring program is the same people that will implement it. Factor analysis was used to identify possible relations between some variables (relations) as the institution of mentoring, mentor's functions and procedures that were used in employees' career development. Finally it was concluded that mentor's professionalism, integrity and appropriate knowledge are leading to employee' career development. © 2018, Allied Academies.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: Career development; Contract with non-dependent work relation; Counseling; Mentoring

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Ntona, E., Arabatzis, G., Kyriakopoulos, G.L.

Energy saving: Views and attitudes of students in secondary education

(2015) Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews, 46, pp. 1-15. Cited 30 times.

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ABSTRACT: Energy and its usage constitute one of the most important environmental issues nowadays that substantially affect economic and social development and the improvement of the quality of life in all countries. The risk of climate change and environmental degradation is real with the global development process and human intervention being the key components in dictating the nature of environmental problems. Education on energy issues should be the means for helping students cope with present and future energy needs and the adoption of appropriate, attitudes, lifestyle practices and behavior is deemed necessary. The purpose of this paper is to investigate the complex of students views and attitudes about energy and its usage related to the environment. A questionnaire has been used as a research tool most appropriate to these researchs goals. The results expose the need for a radical change in patterns of human behavior towards an environmentally sustainable orientation and the dominant role that environmental education possesses in realizing this direction. © 2015 Published by Elsevier Ltd.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: Attitudes; Energy; Saving; Students; Views

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El Halim, H.A., El Aziz, R.A.

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The influence of educational e-services, advising support, available information, and knowledge acquired on customer satisfaction: The Egyptian private higher education

(2017) Journal of Business and Retail Management Research, 11 (4), pp. 162-176.

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DOI: 10.24052/JBRMR/V11IS04/TIOEESASAIKAOCSTEPHE

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ABSTRACT: Egypt is one of the significant nations in the district, particularly with its high populace. Although, the Egyptian Higher Education (HE) is the largest in the MENA region, and despite the clear investments in ICT, it still faces serious challenges chief amongst these is students' satisfaction. Recognizing that universities compete to attract and satisfy students; the main aim of this paper is to investigate the main factors that affect students' satisfaction in HE in Egypt. The study focuses on factors like Educational E-Services, Advising Support, Available Information, and Knowledge Acquired. 400 Egyptian HE students at private universities were randomly selected and surveyed using a self-administered structured questionnaire on a 5-point Likert scale, where 133 valid questionnaires were returned. Data collected was coded and statistically analysed using SPSS. When data was tested using chi-square and correlations, significant differences were proven, enabling researchers to reject the null hypotheses. When results were brought together, Educational E-Services, Advising Support, Available Information, and Knowledge Acquired were found to have a significant impact on the Egyptian customer satisfaction at HE. However, the Advising Support is the most influential factor among all variables. Therefore, it requires special attention of decision makers and academics; especially in the Egyptian context, where HE is highly effective with such high population. © 2017, Academy of Business and Retail Management Research.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: Customer satisfaction; E-services; Private higher education; Retail

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Nguyen Hau, L., Thuy, P.N.

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Customer participation to co-create value in human transformative services: a study of higher education and health care services

(2016) Service Business, 10 (3), pp. 603-628. Cited 11 times.

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DOI: 10.1007/s11628-015-0285-y

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ABSTRACT: Previous studies on customer participation have mainly focused on its outcome benefits. The current study investigates the effect of various participation behaviors on both process and outcome value in human transformative services. Based on the data surveyed from health care and higher education services in Vietnam, the results show that active and relevant participation behaviors are crucial to co-create value. Information sharing, responsible behavior, and voluntary in-role feedback have different roles in process and outcome value. Voluntary in-role feedback is more important in health care service, while responsible behavior is critical in higher education. Moreover, distinction should be made between passive provision of information and voluntary feedback of customers to the firm. © 2015, Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: Customer participation; Customer value; Transformative service; Vietnam

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Nguyen, A., Rosetti, J.

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Overcoming potential negative consequences of customer orientation in higher education: Closing the ideological gap

(2013) Journal of Marketing for Higher Education, 23 (2), pp. 155-174. Cited 9 times.

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ABSTRACT: Substantial discussion has been going on surrounding the potential negative consequences of a customer orientation in college education. A major concern stems from the ideological gap - the perceived differentiation between what the students want and the educators' view of what is in the best interests of the students. A key aspect of the ideological gap pertains to students' short-term wants (pleasure) versus educators' long-term-oriented interests (learning). Inspired by the societal marketing concept, we examine the possibility of closing this gap by means of a desirable educational model that aligns the interests of students and educators. Empirically, an open-ended survey explores student perceptions of a desirable educational model in the context of the marketing discipline. Then, two quantitative surveys show that students prefer desirable over pleasing and salutary models, and that academic motivation moderates their preference. © 2013 © 2013 Taylor & Francis.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: ethics and social responsibility; marketing for higher education; product design; service gap; societal marketing

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Are Students Customers in Finnish Higher Education?

(2013) Tertiary Education and Management, 19 (2), pp. 176-187. Cited 9 times.

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ABSTRACT: This study examines Finnish higher education students' perceptions of whether students are customers, based on qualitative interview data. The article contributes to the discussion on students as customers by giving attention to students' own voices from a country where tuition fees are not generally collected. The data are presented and analysed using a matrix of preference and perception of seeing students as customers. While the data contained student voices insisting that it is not appropriate to talk about customers because money is not involved, different orientations showing either a preference or perception of students as customers were also described. It is concluded that seeing a student as a customer might be a solution to various higher education challenges which are not all related to tuition fees. © 2013 Copyright European Higher Education Society.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: feedback-students to staff; student experience; tuition fees

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The Art of Existence and the Regimes of IS-enabled Customer Service Rationalization: Arationalisation des service client Study of IT Service Management in the UK Higher Education [L'art de l'existence et les régimes de rationalisation des service client par le biais des SI: Une étude du management dun service informatique dans l'enseignement supérieur britannique]

(2008) ICIS 2008 Proceedings - Twenty Ninth International Conference on Information Systems, .

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ABSTRACT: This paper adopted a critical perspective to examine IS-enabled IT customer services rationalization project in a UK University context. Informed by Foucaultian framework of rationality/power and ethics the paper seeks to demonstrate how individuals deploy their critical moral reflection to enact 'the care of the self' in living with the consequences of IS-enabled services process change. The study draws on two years of field work to argue for the multiplicity of individual's moral judgment under rationalization regimes of truth. Individuals deploy a self reflective rationality to judge the impact of the project on their work and life experience and act accordingly. This paper contributes to IS research by drawing attention to IT service management as an area for academic research as well as to Foucault's notion of 'ethics' which provides a fresh view for understanding the consequences of the development and implementation of IS solutions.

AUTHOR KEYWORDS: Care of the self,; customer; IT service management,; Power/knowledge,; Rationalization,

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ABSTRACT

Formal education plays a big role in the construction and development of students' competence and skill. A survey on the fashion engineering education in Indonesia found that most students had not appropriately applied the competence and skill they learned. Many of them did not say anything despite experiencing loss, were reluctant to ask for exchange or compensation, littered the product's waste, and had no interest in using do-it-yourself (DIY) skills to make their own products. **Therefore this study is aimed to depict the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials, the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials, and the effectiveness of consumer living values on students' character-building.** In this survey-based study, the ex post facto approach was employed in order to evaluate the results of Consumer Education learning through reflective assessment sheet. **The research population was 123 students of Fashion Engineering Education Study Program in higher education institutions in Yogyakarta Province who had passed the Consumer Education course in the odd semester in Indonesia in 2017.** The sample was established through the stratified proportional random sampling technique, while the descriptive statistical analysis was applied to the findings of reflective assessment. The results show the students agree that learning Consumer Education course is imperative for day-to-day life and the consumer education materials are found to be effective in consumers' character-building. **This study has not internalized of the values through advice, exemple, discussion, role playing, and participation in the activities of consumption events around daily life. Further studies need for developing a relevant curriculum, training in designing content, strategies, instruments, and evaluation of learning.**

Keywords: reflective assessment, curriculum achievement, consumer education

1. INTRODUCTION

Education is part of fundamental needs for any individual (Anonym, 2001; Elder, 2015). Through education, it is expected that that the overall movement of an individual will be based on the divine and moral values. In relation to the statement, the development in the international world within the domain of economy, politics and even socio-cultures demands improvement on human resources quality so that the human resources will be readier, be more responsive, and be stronger in dealing with the development. Therefore, the Department of National Education has been pursuing numerous efforts to improve the educational quality so that the human resources quality might be improved as well. The fundamental changes for the educational quality improvement might be pursued through curriculum improvement, learning quality improvement, and evaluation system change (Widodo, 2015).

Changes and developments on the life aspects should be responded by professional and well qualified performance in education. **Therefore, effective curriculum development should be to meet the needs and current demands of the culture, the society, and the expectations of the population being served (Alsubaie, 2016).** The curriculum that has been developed nowadays demands a learning process that encourages the students to be more active and creative. In the same time, the same learning process emphasizes more on the process. As a

result, there should be an evaluation toward the achievement of the curriculum that has been implemented into the learning process.

In relation to such changes and developments, Customer Education Course is a course that belongs to the domain of social science and is related to customer behaviours. Fry, Ketteridge, and Marshall (2009) mention **normally students are encouraged (or required, if it is a mandatory scheme) to keep a record of their learning achieved, both on the course and through their personal experience of work, voluntary activities, or other life experiences. They are also encouraged to reflect on how their learning matches the demands that will be made on them in the future by employers.** In the learning process, Customer Education might be benefitted for developing the students' characteristics in relation to their daily life. The learning materials of the course themselves contain actual problems and life values within the society that have been related to the consumption behaviours and customer society protection. Then, the values of customer society life in the curriculum of Customer Education are classified into three aspects namely the aspect of knowledge and skills in personal finance management, the aspect of wise purchase decision making, and the aspect of society participation. Thereby, the values in the Customer Education Course are the ones that will be able to deliver the society to both the individual and the communal happiness and prosperity.

In order to be successfully implemented, the curriculum of the course should aim at goal achievement as well as expectation fulfilment in the society. To come to this aim, an assessment should be involved. According to **Trespeccs (1993)**, assessment is a process of describing, searching for, and sharing information that has been highly imperative within the decision-making activities for determining an alternative decision. Based on the definition, the term assessment might be applied to any process of collecting reality through a systematic manner for examining the changes on the students' behaviour and the extent to which these changes occur (Lile & Bran, 2014). As a result, assessment nowadays does not belong to the cognitive domain only but also to the affective and the psychomotor domain. When the statement is put into the context of Customer Education Course, the assessment in the course thus becomes not only dealing with the students' cognitive aspects but also with the students' affective and psychomotor aspect. In other words, the Customer Education Course will not only be dealing with the knowledge regarding customers but also with the relevance between the knowledge and the daily life context. Since it is deemed that situation is worth to investigate, in the present study, the students' view on the significance and the usefulness of Customer Education Course in their daily life will be presented.

The success of curriculum implementation should, in fact, aim at the goal achievement, as well as how it suits society expectation. In order to measure the success of the curriculum achievement, an assessment might be involved. Assessment is part of a process of achieving an objective. According to **Trespeccs (1993)**, assessment is the process of describing, searching, and sharing information that is highly imperative to a decision-making process in determining an alternative decision. The term also applies to a process of collecting realities in a systematic manner to examine any change in students' behavior and to what extent it occurs (Bloom 2001). As assessment allows students to evaluate a learning process (Lile and Bran 2014), and in this study, it presents the students' view on the significance of Consumer Education in daily life and how it can be used as a guide in spending money. Moreover, assessment no longer predominantly belongs to the cognitive domain, but affective and psychomotor ones, as well (Calendra and Tamarrow 2015). Consumer Education assessment assesses not only the

students' cognitive competence but also their buying behavior. This suggests that Consumer Education is not only limited to mere knowledge but highly relevant in day-to-day life.

Specifically, as having been explained above, the success of curriculum implementation might be measured through assessment particularly in relation to the students' learning outcomes in the form of their competences and skills. According to Mardapi (2004), assessment has several purposes as follows: 1) to examine students' competence/skill level, 2) to examine students' development and growth, 3) to identify students' learning difficulties, 4) to identify learning outcomes, 5) to identify students' learning achievement, 6) to examine curriculum achievement, 7) to provide support for students, and 8) to motivate teachers to be better educators.

As one may have implied from previous explanations, assessment might also be understood as a process of revisiting previous activities that have been performed. Such process is aimed at revealing the strengths and the weaknesses of a program in order to improve it. The revisit itself might also be comprehended as reflection. Reflection bears similar meaning to standing in front of a big mirror in order to one's self. Such analogy explains why reflexivity is incorporated into the assessment process. Based on the process of assessment and reflection, a new teaching model is issued and the new teaching model is known as reflective teaching. Reflective teaching is a method that involves reflexivity for examining the effectiveness of learning activities that have been performed. The incorporation of reflexivity into teaching process is important in order to develop the students' quality. Pollard (2002) pointed out that reflective teaching bears several characteristics namely: a) reflective teaching implies an active concern with aims and consequences, as well as means and technical efficiency; b) reflective teaching is applied in a cyclical or spiralling process, in which teachers monitor, evaluate and revise their own practice continuously; c) reflective teaching requires competence in methods of evidence-based classroom enquiry to support the progressive development of higher standards of teaching; and d) reflective teaching requires attitudes of open-mindedness, responsibility and wholeheartedness. These characters are closely related from one to another in progressively developing better teaching standards. Then, there are three important things that should be considered in designing the reflective teaching activities namely: a) aim, b) evidence and reflection, and c) extension.

Bannister (1996) defined Costumer Education as the process of gaining the knowledge and skills to manage personal resources and to participate in social, political and economic decisions that affect individual well being and the public good. Consumer Education pays close attention to the awareness building and information transmission for changing individual's behaviors (McGregor, 2005). With regards to the present study, Customer Education is defined as the process of acquiring knowledge and skills for performing personal finance management, for taking actions on factors that influence customer decision-making aspects, and for being a good citizen.

The concept of Customer Education consists of five fundamental principles and the five principles are the customers' social responsibilities in performing their consumption for achieving customer protection. The five fundamental principles are: 1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) environmental concern; and 5) solidarity (Tantri, 1995: 24). Based on the five fundamental principles, it might be concluded that Customer Education has high level of importance for increasing the students' awareness toward customer protection. In turn, the students of Customer Education Course will be able to motivate

themselves for displaying the behaviours that are relevant to their life values and eventually for crystallizing these life values into the part of their characters.

According to Putrohari (2009), competence mastery refers to the mastery of knowledge, understanding, and skills through particular experiences. Knowledge itself is defined as a particular part of information. Then, understanding implies an ability to express the knowledge in numerous forms by seeing the links of particular knowledge to the other matters and to the existing problems. Last but not the least, skills are defined as the knowledge in performing certain things. With regards to the Customer Education Course, the orientation of the competence mastery in the course is: 1) students' cognitive aspect attainment in the form of understanding and motivation; 2) self-reflection; and 3) students' capacity to actively contribute to the development of mindful consumers in the community (Stanszus et al 2017). The mastery of these orientations will reflect how important the application of Customer Education into the daily life context is since Customer Education shapes the students' characters for performing their consumption more wisely.

Looking at the content of the course, a competence-based assessment might be selected in order to assess the students' competence mastery. According to Yamin (2009), the purpose of competence-based assessment is to identify whether the basic competencies have been achieved or not so that the students' level of mastery might be determined. As a result, the critical thinking-based learning process that might be involved in the course will not only be related to the assessment of problem-solving product but also to the assessment of problem-solving process since the basic competence in the critical thinking-based learning process include the ability to identify all kinds of problems that have been related to: 1) the customers' rights, responsibilities, and protection; 2) the understanding toward the background problems; 3) the problem formulation; 4) the discussions on the cause of the problems; 5) the actions that should be taken; 6) the identification on the solutions for the problems; and 7) the provisions of conclusions and recommendations.

School is a secondary educational institution and a part of formal education that plays significant role within the construction and the development of the students' knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values. The interaction between one student and another and also between the students and their environment involve numerous life values. These values are deliberately institutionalized through either formal regulations or written curricula. Furthermore, a school might also be considered as a place where personal values in the form of thoughts, comments, and actions meet one another. These values might emerge spontaneously through the unique personality that each student has in the school. With regards to the statement, David and Frank (1997) proposed that a school might be a strategic place for implementing the character education due to the fact that many children from various backgrounds are present in the school. Moreover, the children spend most of their times in the school and consequently the characters of these children will be largely influenced by the things that they have learned in the school.

In the practice, based on the experience that has been found from the survey and the observation over the Fashion Engineering in Indonesia, most of the students have not appropriately applied the skills and the competencies that they have mastered. Most of the students in the survey and observation reported that they should be dealing with the following issues within the domain: 1) experience of being loss; 2) reluctance for proposing exchange or compensation; 3) waste products; and 4) zero interest in performing do-it-yourself (DIY) skills for crafting their own products. These issues ultimately demand a reflective assessment on the curriculum and materials in relation to the domain, specifically in relation to the curriculum and

materials of the Customer Education Course. The reflective assessment itself should be directed to the life values that play significant role for building the students' characters.

2. METHODS

In conducting the study, the descriptive-evaluative approach was involved within the investigation on the attainment of Customer Education Course learning objectives. In addition, the reflective self-evaluation activities were also involved in order to uncover the perception of the students on the importance of learning the life values through the Customer Education Course, to identify the extent to which these values were manifested in their daily life, and to describe the effectiveness of the life values teaching for building the characters of wise customers. Then, the study consisted of several stages namely: a) identifying the learning materials of Customer Education that were relevant to the students' needs; b) identifying the life values that were relevant to the competencies in the Customer Education; c) designing an instrument that measured how the life values had been practiced in the Customer Education as part of the dimensions within the characters building of the customers; d) gathering the necessary data by involving the respondents to complete the reflective practice questionnaire; and e) analysing, interpreting, and synthesizing the data along with drawing conclusions.

Since the population in the study comprised of several homogenous groups, the study should involve a simple stratified proportional random sampling technique in determining the number of the respondents (Matthew et al., 2013). Due to the application of the simple stratified random sampling technique, there were 123 students from the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department Yogyakarta State University who had been selected as the respondents for the study. The data from these respondents were gathered through the distribution of open-ended questionnaire that had been specifically design for functioning as a reflective assessment.

The field of social occupation and welfare was complex and full of challenges since the decisions that should be made in the domain were by nature already difficult (Toros & Medar, 2015). With regards to the statement, the prerequisite for better decision-making process was the presence of the systematic self-reflection practice (Amble, 2012). The systematic self-reflection practice enabled individuals to examine the decisions that they had made and the knowledge that they had involved within the practice (Heath, 1998). Self-reflection itself was significant part in students' training as the self-reflection enhanced the practice of their personal and professional development (Chaddock et al., 2014). Thus, self-reflection might improve the students' professional growth and competence (Eng & Pai, 2014). In turn, the self-reflection might also improve the quality of the students' social occupation.

With regards to self-reflection, a reflective assessment sheet was assigned as part of research instrument for gathering the students' opinion on the life values that had been contained in the Customer Education Course. In addition, a reflection worksheet was also assigned in order to identify to which extends the students had implemented the contained life values in their daily life. In sum, the two instruments were designed in order to investigate to which extent that the students had implemented the life values that had been taught in the Customer Education Course. The two instruments relied on 4-point Likert scale and the 4-point Likert scale would be elaborated as follows: a) 1 = zero intention to practice the life values; b) 2 = never practice the life values; c) 3 = practice the life values; and d) 4 = habituate the life values. The validity of the instrument was assessed by the experts' judgment within a focus group discussion and the data of the instrument were analysed using the descriptive statistical analysis method.

Among the various approaches and techniques adopted in the strategic analysis and/or planning process, SWOT analysis was used here to explore the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials and the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials. In SWOT analysis two critical environments (internal and external) are carefully analyzed and evaluated (Ololube1, Aiya, and Uriah, 2016). Below table depicts the SWOT analysis on Consumer Education materials.

<p>Strength: Shaping the character of students when dealing with real consumption activity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementing character value for consumption 2. learning with case studies of problems that occur in real consumption activity 3. self reflection in responding real case consumption 	<p>Weakness: Need long time process to implementing life value in consumption activity for shaping consumption character.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continous habituation 2. Character values are formed after students experience it.
<p>Opportunity: able to apply reflective evaluation method in other fields of expertise in measuring character formation of students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. each field of expertise has its own character value 2. character values contained in the field of expertise can be used as the development of instruments to measure character 	<p>Threat: the influence of trends and relations between friends that cannot be predicted to form consumptive behavior</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need to be accepted in relation environment 2. The need for self-existence by following the trend

The findings in the study were based on the reflection that the students had performed. In general, through the study the students shared the customers' life values that they had acquired from the Customer Education Course. Then, the data analysis was based on the percentage of the life values application in the course. The application of the life values in the course might be represented from the four alternatives in the questionnaire. The four alternative themselves are as follows: a) 4 = performing daily activities by applying the life values; b) recognizing the life values and often applying the life values in the daily life; c) recognizing the life values but rarely applying them in the daily life; and (d) 1 = recognizing the life value but never applying them in the daily life. The classification for the customers' life values application would be presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Classification on the Score of Life Values Application

Class	Scores	Category
1	> 199 - 244	Very Good
2	> 153 - 199	Good
3	> 107 - 153	Moderate
4	61 – 107	Poor

3. RESULTS

3.1 The Implementation of Life Values

The importance of Customer Education Course could not be denied as the course delivered a lot of life values that played significant role in the process of building customers' characters. The importance itself became highly relevant since hedonism and drug abuse had been commonly found around the society nowadays. The rise of hedonism and drug abuse in our society itself might be a solid proof of the failure in our education (including the one in the Customer Education Course) for building the students' characters. Such condition indeed heightened the concerns withing the Indonesian education and became the challenge of all parties in the education due to the fact that the demand for achieving better competencies and more life values had been higher than ever.

In order to eradicate the negative impacts within the social development, such as the tight competition within the free market system and the rise of malls and shopping centers that might lead to the consumptive behaviours and also drug abuse, the teaching and learning process in the Customer Education should be directed toward developing the aspects that might be necessary for building the noble characters. For ensuring the effective implementation of these values, there should be a synergic cooperation among all stakeholders in the education (family, school/university, and society). Then, one of the ways for educating the society about the importance of internalizing these values might be teaching the Customer Education Course in the higher education institution, specifically in the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department. The teaching of the course was indeed very important because the course contained many llife values that had been essential for building the characters of a wise customer. Then, in relation to the study, the general overview on the students' reflective assessment with regards to the importance of learning the Customer Education Course.

Table 2
Mind Map of Students' Perception on the Importance of Customer Education
Based on Fundamental Principles

Basic Competencies		Life Values	Fundamental Principles	% of Importance
1.	Defining Customer Education Course	Self-awareness, goal-orientedness	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern;	94.30
2.	Describing the principles of Customer Education Course	Thriftiness, meticulousness, responsi-bility, awareness, responsibility, social care	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern;	97.33
3.	Describing the benefits of taking Customer Education Course	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information, self-thriftiness, awareness, productiveness, criticality	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	94.38

4.	Recognizing customer rights	Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, ownership, demand toward information, fairness, meticulousness, responsibility, self-awareness, responsibility, self-awareness, appreciation of money value, responsibility, self-awareness, fairness, Self-awareness, criticality, fairness, responsibility, social tolerance, social care responsibility, environmental awareness responsibility, care	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern;	96.00
5.	Understanding the obligation to read product label	Sensitivity, social tolerance, care	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) environmental concern; and 5) solidarity	95.20
6.	Understanding and performing customer protection	Responsibility, self-awareness, social tolerance	1) social concern; 2) solidarity	91.00
7.	Initiating individual consumer protection movement	Social tolerance, care	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern	84.50
8.	Initiating communal customer protection movement for the sake of public welfare	Meticulousness, self-awareness, care	1) social concern; 2) solidarity	84.50
9.	Identifying customer problems in sales and purchase agreement along with the solutions to the problems	Criticality, fairness, care	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern;	94.30
10.	Identifying customer problems in compensation claim along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2); social concern; and 3) solidarity	92.70
11.	Identifying customer problems in advertisement claim along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	92.70
12.	Identifying customer problems in product	Meticulousness, criticality, demand	1) critical awareness; 2) activity	96.70

	quality in relation to the packaging along with the solutions to the problems	toward information	involvement;	
13.	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the label along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	1) activity involvement; 2) solidarity	95.00
14.	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the suggested proportion/serving size along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	1) activity involvement; 2) solidarity	92.70
15.	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to product standardization along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	1) activity involvement; 2) solidarity	91.90
16.	Understanding how to file a complaint	Fairness, demand toward information	1) activity involvement; 2) social concern;	91.90
17.	Managing personal finance wisely	Thriftiness, wisdom, appreciation toward money value	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	94.30
18.	Recognizing customer behavior theory (seeking information, assessing, comparing, buying, having post-purchase evaluation) in wise buying decision making	Meticulousness, wisdom, self-awareness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	97.60
19.	Identifying wise food consumption	Thriftiness, meticulousness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	96.70
20.	Identifying wise clothing consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	97.60
21.	Identifying wise beauty product consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	89.40
22.	Identifying wise household furniture and appliances consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement	88.60
23.	Identifying wise	Meticulousness, goal-	1) critical awareness;	94.30

	medicine consumption		orientedness, demand toward information		2) activity involvement; 1) critical awareness;	
24.	Performing clothing-behavior	good consuming	meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity		2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) solidarity	96.70
25.	Performing linen-consuming behavior	good	Meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity		1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) solidarity	89.40
26.	Performing accessories-behavior	good consuming	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness		1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	87.80
27.	Performing cosmetic-behavior	good consuming	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness		1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	90.20
28.	Performing medicine-behavior	good consuming	Meticulousness, self-awareness, environmental awareness		1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) environmental concern;	93.40
29.	Understanding Foundation and its activities	Customer and its	Goal-orientedness, demand toward information		1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	95.10
Mean						95.90

The results of the students' reflection implied that the basic competences within the Customer Education Course have been necessary in relation to their role as a customer. The necessity of mastering these basic competencies through the Customer Education Course has been clearly stated by the mean percentage namely 95.90%.

Based on the results of the students' reflection as well, in relation to moral the values within the Customer Education Course consisted of the positive ethical values and the negative ethical values. These values are closely related to the responsibility within the society. Furthermore, the students believed that these moral values had been able to help shaping their characters into those of a wise customer since characters would help them to shape their behaviours and their behaviours would represent their perspective. In turn, the behaviours that represented their actions would reflect their true attitudes. In general, there were 16 moral values from the Customer Education Course that had been found from the results of the students' reflection.

When the results of the students' reflective analysis had been performed thoroughly, it was found that the Customer Education Course had contained adequate moral values for being a wise customer. Thus, the 16 moral values that had been found would certainly be able to shape the characters of a wise customer by the time the students had internalized these values in depth. It was important for the students to develop these life values within their daily life since these life values might help them to achieve better understanding on the importance of the meaning of the values and to be more familiar with these values in order that they would be able to apply these values whenever they became the customers. In addition, the students also agreed that these life values might help developing an individual's characters in being intelligent in relation to the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor aspects.

3.2 The Effectiveness of Life Values Implementation

The data in the study showed that the implementation of the life values for the wise customers in building the students' characters had fallen into the "Good" category. The indication was the mean value (174.97) which had been in the range of ideal scores with the minimum score 61.00 and the maximum score 244.00. In relation to the data, the findings in the study showed that the students had believed, internalized, and even practiced the life values in their daily life as part of reflection on their character-building efforts. From 123 students who had been involved, 11 students (9.00%) fell into the "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fell into the "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fell into the "Moderate" category; all students had been able to practice the life values that they had attained from the Customer Education Course. In other words, it might be concluded that the life values that had been internalized by the students might be well practice in the students' daily life.

The pursuance of character building efforts through the implementation of the life values that had been attained from the Customer Education Course was properly conducted. The statement was supported by the finding that 13 out of 16 life values had been well internalized by the students in their character-building efforts. There were only 3 values (care, fairness, and environmental awareness) which score had been lower than 70.00%. Furthermore, 87 students (70.73%) were classified into the group of "Frequently Practiced and Habituated" students, while 36 students (29.27%) were classified into the group of "Never and Rarely Practiced" students with regards to the implementation of the life values. These findings confirmed once again that the life values that had been attained in the Customer Education had been implicitly well implemented by the students although without a hundred percent success. As a result, it might be concluded that the life values in the Customer Education Course might be implemented for building the students' characters.

After having observed the aspects of the life values as part of character building dimension, the frequency on the practice of the life values was presented in the following table.

Table 3
Practices of Living Values in Consumer Education Curriculum/Materials

No	Consumer Living Values	Living Values in Practice	
		Frequently Practiced and Habituated	Never and Rarely Practiced and Habituated
1	Self-Awareness	74%	28%
2	Responsibility	91%	9%
3	Thriftiness	77%	23%
4	Wise	78%	22%
5	Goal-orientedness	74%	26%
6	Meticulousness	84%	16%
7	Demand toward information	79%	21%
8	Social Tolerance	97%	3%
9	Sensitivity	77%	23%
10	Criticality	75%	25%
11	Care	47%	53%
12	Fairness	53%	47%
13	Ordinariness	79%	21%

14	Environmental Care	52%	48%
15	Productiveness	74%	26%
16	Financial Management	75%	25%
Average		74%	26%

From the above, it was clearly shown that the mean score for the internalization of the life values in the Customer Education Course had been equal to 74%. Such percentage suggested that the life values in the Customer Education Course had been effectively implemented by the students as part of their character-building dimension. In further implication, such percentage also suggested that the students had believed on the capacity of these life values in helping them to shape the characters of being a wise customer in the context of their daily life. Therefore, it might be concluded that the teaching of these values in the Customer Education Course might be effective for building the students' characters. Despite the belief, due to the fact that the internalization of these life values had only been equal to 74% it might be concluded as well that the students had not been well aware in implementing these life values within the context of their daily life.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 The Implementation of Life Values

Teaching and maintaining moral values into children/individuals are part of the main duties that all parties should perform since these moral values are important building blocks and foundation for the embodiment of civilized and prosperous society (Megawangi, 2004). The statement is in line with the results of the students' evaluation on the life values that they have mastered from the Customer Education Course. The evaluation itself leads to the fact that there 16 moral values that the students have internalized from attending the course. According to the students' opinions, the 16 moral values support them in being a wise customer especially when they are able to internalize them into the parts of their attitudes and behaviours in the daily life since the character and the personality of an individual are shaped by the values that the individual master, internalize, and consistently implement in the course of the daily life. Not to mention, the values that an individual has might be reflected in his or her behaviours.

Within the study, the students have perceived the main life values that might assist them in dealing with the highly influential information. These life values should be understood and be appreciated and should also be internalized and be practiced in the context of their daily life since these life values might be a driving force or a guiding principle in their life. Therefore, the students should seriously understand the life values that the schools and the society have held and the values that they have learned might be a significant advantage the character development within the individual or the society.

Then, the more important thing is that the values in the Customer Education Course that the students have internalized might bring about certain contributions to the students' character development so that the students might be a wise customer. Perry and Morris (2005) described that individuals with better rate of customer education are more inclined to save their income and to set certain budget as part of their future financial planning. In other words, an individual with better rate of customer education will take more effective actions not in the simple financial calculations in relation to the budget but also in his or her consideration on the purchase of more sophisticated product (Lantara & Kartini, 2014). The statement is in line with the opinion by Lusardi and Mitchell (2011), who stated that there is a positive association between financial literacy and personal financial management. Thereby, Customer Education should provide a positive imprint on an individual's customer behaviours in order that the individual will be wise, smart, and financially literate in relation to his or her purchase

decision. In relation to the objective, the life values in the Customer Education Course will certainly be useful within the context of an individual's daily life.

The students also state that the life values in the Customer Education Course have been so important that every individual should abide to these values since every individual around the globe should have master the principles of being a wise customer. Their opinion has been 100% confirmed by the fact that it is very important to learn and to master the life values in the Customer Education Course. Even other studies that have been relevant to the present study also conclude that the education of life values is important to be early performed in both the family and the school environment so that the students will be equipped with the high value awareness; in turn, these values will continuously motivate the children to behave wisely.

Financial courses in the educational programs of many universities might help the students to handle their financial matters better and to improve their financial welfare (Ergun, 2017). Ali et al. (2004) explained that Customer Education programs might help young people with the skills that they have been equipped with in order to make their financial decisions. According to Choudhary and Kamboj (2017), the importance of financial education is globally acknowledged as a key element to the financial welfare of an individual as well as the financial stability of a country. Several findings from previous researchers' supports that Customer Education should be taught in the curriculum of higher education institutions since such course might help students to be a wise customer. Thus, the learning process on the mastery of the life values within the Customer Education Course might be habituated by the students in order to attain high value awareness and to perform wise behaviours in accordance to the humanity values.

Furthermore, Ryan and Lickona (1992) urged that it is no coincidence that the moral power of society is involved in actions that bring about destruction. The characters of a society might be observed from the prevailing characters that the young generation of the society displays. In relation to the statement, it is clear that building a moral society becomes the responsibility of all parties.

Children will turn into honourable individuals if they live in a good environment. In order to ensure that, there should be common efforts toward the goal. Therefore, it might be implied that human beings do not automatically turn into wise individuals with good morality as they enter their adulthood. The growth of the children into such honourable individuals is a result of lifelong efforts that have been pursued both by the individuals and the society (Aristotle, 1987). Providing the assurance toward the achievement of the goal is such a great challenge and consequently there should be awareness from all parties who live around the young people to inform that character education, or values education, is highly important to perform. Fraczek (2013) concluded that cooperation between government and university should enable the transfer of knowledge, norms, and verified solutions from one to another. With regards to the situation, the character education should be performed explicitly in a planned procedure through a focused and comprehensive project so that a society with full of honourable individuals might be created. In addition, Chichowics and Nowak (2017) emphasized that Customer Education should be performed in order to not only limit the possibility of losing awareness but also to expand the awareness so that students will be capable to make more conscious decisions whenever they have such information.

4.2 The Effectiveness of Life Values Implementation

Values Education takes the very first step in the participation for improving the educational quality under the efforts of developing individuals' characters. Despite the idealistic statement, drug abuse has been rampant nowadays and, in the same time, consumptive behaviours have been penetrating the young generation. In relation to such

situation, Values Education has significant role in preventing the performance of inappropriate behaviours. Yoshino et al. (2015) stated that the importance of performing Customer Education comes principally from better decisions with regards to financial allocation. Meanwhile, Agarwalla et al. (2012) in their study concluded that the elevation on the financial knowledge among the students with regards to their financial-handling manner might improve the quality of the schooling education itself. The presence of Customer Education in the curriculum therefore might impact not only the students but also the quality of the higher education quality.

With regards to the urgency of performing Value Education, the students have various reasons about the idea. Several students state that they have been concerned with the current condition of the young generation since, along with the rapid development of science and technology, the influence of fast-moving information might erode the moral values and the characters that the children should internalize. Then, other students state that many children have not understood the customer values nowadays and consequently they are inclined to be consumptive. Based on these statements, the internalization of life values through Value Education might guide the customers in teaching the children to be more critical, thrifty, meticulous, thorough, economical, and responsive to social problems as well as to be caring toward others. Albeedy and Gharleghi (2015) also proposed that students should be educated at one point of their life on how to obtain at a later stage of life and where else to educate them if not in college. By delivering substantial life values in every lecture and every role model within the home, the school, and the society, it might be expected that students will understand and implement the values that they have internalized from the three environments. These findings are supported by the findings from a study by Carr (1993), which concluded that the values of an individual will be influenced, both consciously and unconsciously, by the examples that have been internalized through his or her teacher within the students' teaching-learning process, behaviours, and relationships.

The character-building efforts of the students in the study might be considered good enough since the study seeks to internalize the life values that might have been integrated into the curriculum or the materials of the Customer Education Course. As a result, the provision of role model and the internalization of life values for developing the students' characters should be maintained and even should be improved. The provision and the internalization even have higher level of importance since not all of these values are frequently implemented by the students. For example, there are 3 life values that have earned low scores in the study. Therefore, the continuous provision and internalization on the life values will assist the students in shaping themselves into a wise customer within the context of their daily life.

The internalization of life values among the students has not been given significant attention under the students' character-building efforts. The statement has been confirmed by students' habit in implementing the life values into the context of their daily life. With regards to the situation, 76% instead of 80% of the students indicated they have been increasingly aware to the implementation of the life values that they have mastered. Based on the finding, it might be concluded that the character-building efforts should not only be determined by the conduct of character education through the delivery of positive messages but also by the teaching of life values through reflective and meaningful learning process. The combination of the two methods through a harmonious manner will provide competitive advantage for the efforts of nurturing positive characters. In other words, the students' characters will be well developed if the learning process always involves the students into reflective activities. The statement implies that every learning materials should always be delivered through reflective and meaningful method and the message of each learning material should be interpreted in

depth with regards to the positive values so that the students might help themselves to develop the characters of being wise customer.

Last but not the least, the results of the study also uncover the reasons why the students do not implement the values that they have internalized from the Customer Education Course. According to these students, these life values are complicated and thus trying to implement these values is a waste of time; not to mention, these students have also been burdened by so many assignments. Based on their reasons, it might be concluded that there should be continuous efforts toward helping the students to internalize the life values through various learning methods. Within the learning process, the students should be invited to identify numerous problems within the society and the problems themselves might be related to the loss that customers might experience. Through the discussion over the cause of loss and profit, it is expected that the students might find the appropriate solutions and the customers' rights as well as the obligations that they should perform.

5. CONCLUSION

The findings in the study show that in average 95.90% students regard the curriculum or the learning materials of Customer Education Subject as an important and necessary aspect in their life. Then, the students also consider that there might be 16 life values that serve as the part of the character-building dimension. In terms of life values implementation, the mean score that the students have attained is equal to 174.97 and such mean score belongs to the "Ideal" category with the maximum score 244.00 and the minimum score 61.00. Furthermore, with regards to life values implementation 11 students (9.00%) fall into "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fall into "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fall into "Fair" category.

The learning materials in the Customer Education Course which consists of the 16 life values have not been able to effectively develop the characters of a wise customers. 76% of the students only earned "B" grade (71-75) within the course. The result is still below the standard since the requirement to pass the course is that at least there should be 80% of the total students who attain "B" Grade. Therefore, it might be concluded that the use of life values within the Customer Education Course have not been effective for building the characters of a wise customer.

In order to improve the quality of the character-building efforts through the teaching of the life values in relation to the customer life, several efforts might be suggested. First, there should be improvement on the teachers' or the lecturers' self-awareness so that the teachers or the lecturers will always be willing to continuously internalize the life values through a structured manner without having to be instructed by the leadership of the schools or the university. Second, the Character Education should be integrated into the schools' or the universities' curriculum so that the Character Education does not have to be performed through formal courses. In addition, the character education might be performed by providing deliberate interventions such as reflective activities and specially designed tasks so that the students will be assisted in internalizing the life values outside their class. Third, there should be increasing opportunities for the teachers' or the lecturers' creative development, especially in designing the learning materials, the learning strategies, and the learning scenarios of the value education. By doing so, the value education might be well integrated into the course materials so that an effective and meaningful learning process might be created. Fourth, or the last one, there should be a design for the learning process of the value education by relying on the collaborative learning strategies in order to assist the students in effectively internalizing the life values.

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Abstract

Formal education plays a big role in the construction and development of students' competence and skill. A survey on the fashion engineering education in Indonesia found that most students had not appropriately applied the competence and skill they learned. Many of them did not say anything despite experiencing loss, were reluctant to ask for exchange or compensation, littered the product's waste, and had no interest in using do-it-yourself (DIY) skills to make their own products. Therefore, this study is aimed at depicting the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials, the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials, and the effectiveness of consumer living values on students' character-building. In this survey-based study, the ex post facto approach was used in order to evaluate the results of Consumer Education learning through reflective assessment sheet. The research population was 123 students of Fashion Engineering Education Study Program in higher education institutions in Yogyakarta Province who had passed the Consumer Education course in the odd semester in Indonesia in 2017. The sample was established through the stratified proportional random sampling technique, while the descriptive statistical analysis was applied to the findings of reflective assessment. The results show the students agree that learning Consumer Education course is imperative for day-to-day life and the Consumer Education materials are found to be effective in consumers' character-building. This study has not internalized of the values through advice, example, discussion, role playing, and participation in the activities of consumption events around daily life. Further studies are needed for developing a relevant curriculum, training in designing content, strategies, instruments, and evaluation of learning.

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In the practice, based on the experience that has been found from the survey and the observation over the Fashion Engineering in Indonesia, most of the students have not appropriately applied the skills and the competencies that they have mastered. Most of the students in the survey and observation reported that they should be dealing with the following issues within the domain: 1) experience of being lost; 2) reluctance for proposing exchange or compensation; 3) waste products; and 4) zero interest in performing do-it-yourself (DIY) skills for crafting their own products. These issues ultimately demand a reflective assessment on the curriculum and materials in relation to the domain, specifically in relation to the curriculum and materials of the Customer Education Course. The reflective assessment itself should be directed to the life values that play a significant role for building the students' characters.

1. LITERATURE REVIEW

Education is part of fundamental needs for any individual (Anonym, 2001; Elder, 2015). Through education, it is expected that the overall movement of an individual will be based on the divine and moral values. In relation to the statement, the development in the international world within the domain of economy, politics and even social culture demands improvement on human resources quality so that the human resources will be reader, be more responsive, and be stronger in dealing with the development. Therefore, the Department of National Education has been pursuing numerous efforts to improve the educational quality so that the human resources quality might be improved as well. The fundamental changes for the educational quality improvement might be pursued through curriculum improvement, learning quality improvement, and evaluation system change (Widodo, 2015).

Changes and developments on the life aspects should be responded by professional and well qualified performance in education. Therefore, effective curriculum development should be to meet the needs and current demands of the culture, the society, and the expectations of the population being served (Alsubaie, 2016). The curriculum that has been developed nowadays demands a learning process that encourages the students to be more active and creative. At the same time, the same learning process emphasizes more on the process. As a result, there should be an evaluation toward the achievement of the curriculum that has been implemented into the learning process.

In relation to such changes and developments, Customer Education Course is a course that belongs to the domain of social science and is related to customer behaviors. Fry, Ketteridge, and Marshall (2009) mention that normally students are encouraged (or required, if it is a mandatory scheme) to keep a record of their learning achieved, both on the course and through their personal experience of work, voluntary activities, or other life experiences. They are also encouraged to reflect on how their learning matches the demands that will be made on them in the future by employers. In the learning process, Customer Education might be benefitted for developing the students'

characteristics in relation to their daily life. The learning materials of the course themselves contain actual problems and life values within the society that have been related to the consumption behaviors and customer society protection. Then, the values of customer society life in the curriculum of Customer Education are classified into three aspects, namely the aspect of knowledge and skills in personal finance management, the aspect of wise purchase decision making, and the aspect of society participation. Thereby, the values in the Customer Education Course are the ones that will be able to deliver the society to both the individual and the communal happiness and prosperity.

In order to be successfully implemented, the curriculum of the course should aim at goal achievement, as well as expectation fulfilment in the society. To come to this aim, an assessment should be involved. According to Trespeces (1993), assessment is a process of describing, searching for, and sharing information that has been highly imperative within the decision-making activities for determining an alternative decision. Based on the definition, the term assessment might be applied to any process of collecting reality through a systematic manner for examining the changes on the students' behavior and the extent to which these changes occur (Lile & Bran, 2014). As a result, assessment nowadays does not belong to the cognitive domain only, but also to the affective and the psychomotor domain. When the statement is put into the context of Customer Education Course, the assessment in the course thus becomes not only dealing with the students' cognitive aspects, but also with the students' affective and psychomotor aspect. In other words, the Customer Education Course will be dealing not only with the knowledge regarding customers, but also with the relevance between the knowledge and the daily life context. Since it is deemed that situation is worth to investigate, in the present study, the students' view on the significance and the usefulness of Customer Education Course in their daily life will be presented.

The success of curriculum implementation should, in fact, aim at the goal achievement, as well as how it suits society expectation. In order to measure the success of the curriculum achievement, an assessment might be involved. Assessment is part

of a process of achieving an objective. According to Trespeces (1993), assessment is the process of describing, searching, and sharing information, which is highly imperative to a decision-making process in determining an alternative decision. The term also applies to a process of collecting realities in a systematic manner to examine any change in students' behavior and to what extent it occurs (Bloom, 2001). As assessment allows students to evaluate a learning process (Lile & Bran, 2014), and in this study, it presents the students' view on the significance of Consumer Education in daily life and how it can be used as a guide in spending money. Moreover, assessment no longer predominantly belongs to the cognitive domain, but affective and psychomotor ones as well (Calendra & Tamarrow, 2015). (no References!!!) Consumer Education assessment evaluates not only the students' cognitive competence, but also their buying behavior. This suggests that Consumer Education is not only limited to mere knowledge, but also is highly relevant in day-to-day life.

Specifically, as has been explained above, the success of curriculum implementation might be measured through assessment, particularly in relation to the students' learning outcomes in the form of their competences and skills. According to Mardapi (2004), (no References!!!) assessment has several purposes as follows: 1) to examine students' competence/skill level, 2) to examine students' development and growth, 3) to identify students' learning difficulties, 4) to identify learning outcomes, 5) to identify students' learning achievement, 6) to examine curriculum achievement, 7) to provide support for students, and 8) to motivate teachers to be better educators.

As one may have implied from previous explanations, assessment might also be understood as a process of revisiting previous activities that have been performed. Such process is aimed at revealing the strengths and the weaknesses of a program in order to improve it. The revisit itself might also be understood as reflection. Reflection bears similar meaning to standing in front of a big mirror in order to one's self. Such analogy explains why reflexivity is incorporated into the assessment process. Based on the process of assessment and reflection, a new teaching model is issued and the new teaching model is known as reflective teach-

ing. Reflective teaching is a method that involves reflexivity for examining the effectiveness of learning activities that have been performed. The incorporation of reflexivity into teaching process is important in order to develop the students' quality. Pollard (2002) pointed out that reflective teaching bears several characteristics, namely: a) reflective teaching implies an active concern with aims and consequences, as well as means and technical efficiency; b) reflective teaching is applied in a cyclical or spiralling process, in which teachers monitor, evaluate and revise their own practice continuously; c) reflective teaching requires competence in methods of evidence-based classroom enquiry to support the progressive development of higher standards of teaching; and d) reflective teaching requires attitudes of open-mindedness, responsibility and wholeheartedness. These characters are closely related from one to another in progressively developing better teaching standards. Then, there are three important things that should be considered in designing the reflective teaching activities, namely: a) aim, b) evidence and reflection, and c) extension.

Bannister (1996) (no References!!!) defined Customer Education as the process of gaining the knowledge and skills to manage personal resources and to participate in social, political and economic decisions that affect individual well being and the public good. Consumer Education pays close attention to the awareness building and information transmission for changing individual's behaviors (McGregor, 2005). With regards to the present study, Customer Education is defined as the process of acquiring knowledge and skills for performing personal finance management, for taking actions on factors that influence customer decision-making aspects, and for being a good citizen.

The concept of Customer Education consists of five fundamental principles and the five principles are the customers' social responsibilities in performing their consumption for achieving customer protection. The five fundamental principles are: 1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) environmental concern; and 5) solidarity (Tantri, 1995, p. 24). Based on the five fundamental principles, it might be concluded that Customer Education has high level of impor-

tance for increasing the students' awareness toward customer protection. In turn, the students of Customer Education Course will be able to motivate themselves for displaying the behaviours that are relevant to their life values and eventually for crystallizing these life values into the part of their characters.

According to **Putrohari (2009), (no References!!!)** competence mastery refers to the mastery of knowledge, understanding, and skills through particular experiences. Knowledge itself is defined as a particular part of information. Then, understanding implies an ability to express the knowledge in numerous forms by seeing the links of particular knowledge to the other matters and to the existing problems. Last but not least, skills are defined as the knowledge in performing certain things. With regards to the Customer Education Course, the orientation of the competence mastery in the course is: 1) students' cognitive aspect attainment in the form of understanding and motivation; 2) self-reflection; and 3) students' capacity to actively contribute to the development of mindful consumers in the community (Stanzus et al., 2017). The mastery of these orientations will reflect how important the application of Customer Education into the daily life context is, since Customer Education shapes the students' characters for performing their consumption more wisely.

Looking at the content of the course, a competence-based assessment might be selected in order to assess the students' competence mastery. According to **Yamin (2009), (no References!!!)** the purpose of competence-based assessment is to identify whether the basic competencies have been achieved or not so that the students' level of mastery might be determined. As a result, the critical thinking-based learning process that might be involved in the course will not only be related to the assessment of problem-solving product, but also to the assessment of problem-solving process, since the basic competence in the critical thinking-based learning process includes the ability to identify all kinds of problems that have been related to: 1) the customers' rights, responsibilities, and protection; 2) the understanding toward the background problems; 3) the problem formulation; 4) the discussions on the cause of the problems; 5)

the actions that should be taken; 6) the identification on the solutions for the problems; and 7) the provisions of conclusions and recommendations.

School is a secondary educational institution and a part of formal education that plays a significant role within the construction and the development of the students' knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values. The interaction between one student and another and also between the students and their environment involve numerous life values. These values are deliberately institutionalized through either formal regulations or written curricula. Furthermore, a school might also be considered as a place where personal values in the form of thoughts, comments, and actions meet one another. These values might emerge spontaneously through the unique personality that each student has in the school. With regards to the statement, **David and Frank (1997) (no References!!!)** proposed that a school might be a strategic place for implementing the character education due to the fact that many children from various backgrounds are present in the school. Moreover, the children spend most of their times in the school and consequently the characters of these children will be largely influenced by the things that they have learned in the school.

2. METHODS

In conducting the study, the descriptive-evaluative approach was involved within the investigation on the attainment of Customer Education Course learning objectives. In addition, the reflective self-evaluation activities were also involved in order to uncover the perception of the students on the importance of learning the life values through the Customer Education Course, to identify the extent to which these values were manifested in their daily life, and to describe the effectiveness of the life values teaching for building the characters of wise customers. Then, the study consisted of several stages, namely: a) identifying the learning materials of Customer Education that were relevant to the students' needs; b) identifying the life values that were relevant to the competencies in the Customer Education; c) designing an instrument that measured how the life values had been practiced in the Customer Education as part of

the dimensions within the characters building of the customers; d) gathering the necessary data by involving the respondents to complete the reflective practice questionnaire; and e) analyzing, interpreting, and synthesizing the data along with drawing conclusions.

Since the population in the study comprised of several homogenous groups, the study should involve a simple stratified proportional random sampling technique in determining the number of the respondents (Matthew et al., 2013). Due to the application of the simple stratified random sampling technique, there were 123 students from the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department of Yogyakarta State University who had been selected as the respondents for the study. The data from these respondents were gathered through the distribution of open-ended questionnaire that had been specifically design for functioning as a reflective assessment.

The field of social occupation and welfare was complex and full of challenges, since the decisions that should be made in the domain were by nature already difficult (Toros & Medar, 2015). With regards to the statement, the prerequisite for better decision-making process was the presence of the systematic self-reflection practice (Amble, 2012). The systematic self-reflection practice enabled individuals to examine the decisions that they had made and the knowledge that they had involved within the practice (Heath, 1998). Self-reflection itself was significant part in students' training as the self-reflection enhanced the practice of their personal and professional development (Chaddock et al., 2014). (no References!!!) Thus, self-reflection might improve the students' professional growth and competence (Eng & Pai, 2014). In turn, the self-reflection might also improve the quality of the students' social occupation.

With regards to self-reflection, a reflective assessment sheet was assigned as part of research instrument for gathering the students' opinion on the life values that had been contained in the Customer Education Course. In addition, a reflection worksheet was also assigned in order to identify to which extent the students had implemented the contained life values in their daily life. In sum, the two instruments were designed in or-

der to investigate to which extent the students had implemented the life values that had been taught in the Customer Education Course. The two instruments relied on 4-point Likert scale and the 4-point Likert scale would be elaborated as follows: a) 1 = zero intention to practice the life values; b) 2 = never practice the life values; c) 3 = practice the life values; and d) 4 = habituate the life values. The validity of the instrument was assessed by the experts' judgment within a focus group discussion and the data of the instrument were analyzed using the descriptive statistical analysis method.

Among the various approaches and techniques adopted in the strategic analysis and/or planning process, SWOT analysis was used here to explore the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials and the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials. In SWOT analysis, two critical environments (internal and external) are carefully analyzed and evaluated (Ololube1, Aiya, Uriah, & Ololube, 2016).

Table 1. Depicts the SWOT analysis on Consumer Education materials.

<p>Strength: Shaping the character of students when dealing with real consumption activity. Implementing character value for consumption.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning with case studies of problems that occur in real consumption activity. 2. Self reflection in responding real case consumption. 	<p>Weakness: Need long time process to implementing life value in consumption activity for shaping consumption character.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continous habituation. 2. Character values are formed after students experience it.
<p>Opportunity: able to apply reflective evaluation method in other fields of expertise in measuring character formation of students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each field of expertise has its own character value. 2. Character values contained in the field of expertise can be used as the development of instruments to measure character. 	<p>Threat: the influence of trends and relations between friends that cannot be predicted to form consumptive behavior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need to be accepted in relation environment. 2. The need for self-existence by following the trend.

The findings in the study were based on the reflection that the students had performed. In general, through the study the students shared the customers' life values that they had acquired from the Customer Education Course. Then, the data analysis was based on the percentage of the life values application in the course. The application of the life values in the course might be represented from

the four alternatives in the questionnaire. The four alternative themselves are as follows: a) performing daily activities by applying the life values; b) recognizing the life values and often applying the life values in the daily life; c) recognizing the life values, but rarely applying them in the daily life; and (d) recognizing the life value, but never applying them in the daily life. The classification for the customers' life values application would be presented in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Classification on the score of life values application

Class	Scores	Category
1	> 199-244	Very good
2	> 153-199	Good
3	> 107-153	Moderate
4	61-107	Poor

3. RESULTS

3.1. The implementation of life values

The importance of Customer Education Course could not be denied, as the course delivered a lot of life values that played a significant role in the process of building customers' characters. The importance itself became highly relevant, since hedonism and drug abuse had been common-

ly found around the society nowadays. The rise of hedonism and drug abuse in our society itself might be a solid proof of the failure in our education (including the one in the Customer Education Course) for building the students' characters. Such condition indeed heightened the concerns within the Indonesian education and became the challenge of all parties in the education due to the fact that the demand for achieving better competencies and more life values had been higher than ever.

In order to eradicate the negative impacts within the social development, such as the tight competition within the free market system and the rise of malls and shopping centers that might lead to the consumptive behaviors and also drug abuse, the teaching and learning process in the Customer Education should be directed toward developing the aspects that might be necessary for building the noble characters. For ensuring the effective implementation of these values, there should be a synergic cooperation among all stakeholders in the education (family, school/university, and society). Then, one of the ways for educating the society about the importance of internalizing these values might be teaching the Customer Education Course in the higher education institution, specifically in the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department. The teaching of the course was indeed very important, because the course con-

Table 3. Mind map of students' perception on the importance of Customer Education based on fundamental principles

No.	Basic competencies	Life values	Fundamental principles	% of importance
1	Defining Customer Education Course	Self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	94.30
2	Describing the principles of Customer Education Course	Thriftiness, meticulousness, responsibility, awareness, social care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	97.33
3	Describing the benefits of taking Customer Education Course	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information, thriftiness, self-awareness, productiveness, criticality	Critical awareness, activity involvement	94.38
4	Recognizing customer rights	Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, ownership, criticality, demand toward information, fairness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	96.00
5	Understanding the obligation to read product label	Meticulousness, responsibility, self-awareness, responsibility, self-awareness, appreciation of money value, responsibility, self-awareness, fairness, self-awareness, criticality, fairness, responsibility, social tolerance, social care responsibility, environmental awareness responsibility, care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, environmental concern, and solidarity	95.20
6	Understanding and performing customer protection	Sensitivity, social tolerance, care	Social concern, solidarity	91.00

Table 3 (cont.). Mind map of students' perception on the importance of Customer Education based on fundamental principles

No.	Basic competencies	Life values	Fundamental principles	% of importance
7	Initiating individual consumer protection movement	Responsibility, self-awareness, social tolerance	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	84.50
8	Initiating communal customer protection movement for the sake of public welfare	Social tolerance, care	Social concern, solidarity	84.50
9	Identifying customer problems in sales and purchase agreement along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, self-awareness, care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	94.30
10	Identifying customer problems in compensation claim along with the solutions to the problems	Criticality, fairness, care	Critical awareness, social concern, and solidarity	92.70
11	Identifying customer problems in advertisement claim along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	92.70
12	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the packaging along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	96.70
13	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the label along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	95.00
14	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the suggested proportion/ serving size along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	92.70
15	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to product standardization along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	91.90
16	Understanding how to file a complaint	Fairness, demand toward information	Activity involvement, social concern	91.90
17	Managing personal finance wisely	Thriftiness, wisdom, appreciation toward money value	Critical awareness, activity involvement	94.30
18	Recognizing customer behavior theory (seeking information, assessing, comparing, buying, having post-purchase evaluation) in wise buying decision making	Meticulousness, wisdom, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	97.60
19	Identifying wise food consumption	Thriftiness, meticulousness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement,	96.70
20	Identifying wise clothing consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	97.60
21	Identifying wise beauty product consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness; activity involvement;	89.40
22	Identifying wise household furniture and appliances consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	88.60
23	Identifying wise medicine consumption	Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, demand toward information	critical awareness, activity involvement	94.30
24	Performing good clothing-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, solidarity	96.70
25	Performing good linen-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity	critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, solidarity	89.40
26	Performing good accessories-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement	87.80
27	Performing good cosmetic-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement	90.20
28	Performing good medicine-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, environmental awareness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, environmental concern	93.40
29	Understanding Customer Education and its activities	Goal-orientedness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	95.10
	Mean			95.90

tained many life values that had been essential for building the characters of a wise customer. Then, in relation to the study, the general overview on the students' reflective assessment with regards to the importance of learning the Customer Education Course.

The results of the students' reflection implied that the basic competences within the Customer Education Course have been necessary in relation to their role as a customer. The necessity of mastering these basic competencies through the Customer Education Course has been clearly stated by the mean percentage, namely 95.90%.

Based on the results of the students' reflection as well, in relation to moral, the values within the Customer Education Course consisted of the positive ethical values and the negative ethical values. These values are closely related to the responsibility within the society. Furthermore, the students believed that these moral values had been able to help shaping their characters into those of a wise customer, since characters would help them to shape their behaviors and their behaviors would represent their perspective. In turn, the behaviors that represented their actions would reflect their true attitudes. In general, there were 16 moral values from the Customer Education Course that had been found from the results of the students' reflection.

When the results of the students' reflective analysis had been performed thoroughly, it was found that the Customer Education Course had contained adequate moral values for being a wise customer. Thus, the 16 moral values that had been found would certainly be able to shape the characters of a wise customer by the time the students had internalized these values in depth. It was important for the students to develop these life values within their daily life, since these life values might help them to achieve better understanding on the importance of the meaning of the values and to be more familiar with these values in order that they would be able to apply these values whenever they became the customers. In addition, the students also agreed that these life values might help developing an individual's characters in being intelligent in relation to the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor aspects.

3.2. The effectiveness of life values implementation

The data in the study showed that the implementation of the life values for the wise customers in building the students' characters had fallen into the "Good" category. The indication was the mean value 174.97, which had been in the range of ideal scores with the minimum score 61.00 and the maximum score 244.00. In relation to the data, the findings in the study showed that the students had believed, internalized, and even practiced the life values in their daily life as part of reflection on their character-building efforts. From 123 students who had been involved, 11 students (9.00%) fell into the "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fell into the "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fell into the "Moderate" category; all students had been able to practice the life values that they had attained from the Customer Education Course. In other words, it might be concluded that the life values that had been internalized by the students might be well practiced in the students' daily life.

The pursuance of character-building efforts through the implementation of the life values that had been attained from the Customer Education Course was properly conducted. The statement was supported by the finding that 13 out of 16 life values had been well internalized by the students in their character-building efforts. There were only 3 values (care, fairness, and environmental awareness) whose score had been lower than 70.00%. Furthermore, 87 students (70.73%) were classified into the group of "Frequently Practiced and Habituated" students, while 36 students (29.27%) were classified into the group of "Never and Rarely Practiced" students with regards to the implementation of the life values. These findings confirmed once again that the life values that had been attained in the Customer Education had been implicitly well implemented by the students, although without a hundred percent success. As a result, it might be concluded that the life values in the Customer Education Course might be implemented for building the students' characters.

After having observed the aspects of the life values as part of character-building dimension, the frequency on the practice of the life values was presented in [Table 4](#).

Table 4. Practices of life values in Consumer Education curriculum/materials

No.	Consumer life values	Life values in practice	
		Frequently practiced and habituated, %	Never and rarely practiced and habituated, %
1	Self-awareness	74	28
2	Responsibility	91	9
3	Thriftiness	77	23
4	Wise	78	22
5	Goal-orientedness	74	26
6	Meticulousness	84	16
7	Demand toward information	79	21
8	Social tolerance	97	3
9	Sensitivity	77	23
10	Criticality	75	25
11	Care	47	53
12	Fairness	53	47
13	Ordinariness	79	21
14	Environmental care	52	48
15	Productiveness	74	26
16	Financial Management	75	25
Average		74	26

From the above, it was clearly shown that the mean score for the internalization of the life values in the Customer Education Course had been equal to 74%. Such percentage suggested that the life values in the Customer Education Course had been effectively implemented by the students as part of their character-building dimension. In further implication, such percentage also suggested that the students had believed on the capacity of these life values in helping them to shape the characters of being a wise customer in the context of their daily life. Therefore, it might be concluded that the teaching of these values in the Customer Education Course might be effective for building the students' characters. Despite the belief, due to the fact that the internalization of these life values had only been equal to 74%, it might be concluded as well that the students had not been well aware in implementing these life values within the context of their daily life.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1. The implementation of life values

Teaching and maintaining moral values into children/individuals are part of the main duties that all parties should perform, since these moral values are important building blocks and foundation for the embodiment of civilized and prosperous society (Megawangi, 2004). The statement is in line with the results of the students' evaluation on the life values that they have mastered from the Customer Education Course. The evaluation itself leads to the fact that there were 16 moral values that the students have internalized from attending the course. According to the students' opinions, the 16 moral values support them in being a wise customer, especially when they are able to internalize them into the parts of their attitudes and behaviors in the daily life, since the character and the personality of an individual are shaped by the values that the individuals master, internalize, and consistently implement in the course of the daily life. Not to mention, the values that an individual has might be reflected in his or her behaviors.

Within the study, the students have perceived the main life values that might assist them in dealing with the highly influential information. These life values should be understood and be appreciated and should also be internalized and be practiced in the context of their daily life, since these life values might be a driving force or a guiding principle in their life. Therefore, the students should seriously understand the life values that the schools and the society have held and the values that they have learned might be a significant advantage the character development within the individual or the society.

Then, the more important thing is that the values in the Customer Education Course that the students have internalized might bring about certain contributions to the students' character development so that the students might be wise customers. Perry and Morris (2005) described that individuals with better rate of customer education are more inclined to save their income and to set certain budget as part of their

future financial planning. In other words, an individual with better rate of customer education will take more effective actions not only in the simple financial calculations in relation to the budget, but also in his or her consideration on the purchase of more sophisticated product (Lantara & Kartini, 2014). The statement is in line with the opinion by Lusardi and Mitchell (2011) who stated that there is a positive association between financial literacy and personal financial management. Thereby, Customer Education should provide a positive imprint on an individual's customer behaviors in order that the individual will be wise, smart, and financially literate in relation to his or her purchase decision. In relation to the objective, the life values in the Customer Education Course will certainly be useful within the context of an individual's daily life.

The students also state that the life values in the Customer Education Course have been so important that every individual should abide to these values, since every individual around the globe should have master the principles of being a wise customer. Their opinion has been 100% confirmed by the fact that it is very important to learn and to master the life values in the Customer Education Course. Even other studies that have been relevant to the present study also conclude that the education of life values is important to be early performed in both the family and the school environment so that the students will be equipped with the high value awareness; in turn, these values will continuously motivate the children to behave wisely.

Financial courses in the educational programs of many universities might help the students to handle their financial matters better and to improve their financial welfare (Ergün, 2017). Ali et al. (2004) explained that Customer Education programs might help young people with the skills that they have been equipped with in order to make their financial decisions. According to Choudhary and Kamboj (2017), the importance of financial education is globally acknowledged as a key element to the financial welfare of an individual, as well as the financial stability of a country. Several findings from previous researchers' supports that Customer Education

should be taught in the curriculum of higher education institutions, since such course might help students to be a wise customer. Thus, the learning process on the mastery of the life values within the Customer Education Course might be habituated by the students in order to attain high value awareness and to perform wise behaviors in accordance to the humanity values.

Furthermore, Ryan and Lickona (1992) (no References!!!) urged that it is no coincidence that the moral power of society is involved in actions that bring about destruction. The characters of a society might be observed from the prevailing characters that the young generation of the society displays. In relation to the statement, it is clear that building a moral society becomes the responsibility of all parties.

Children will turn into honorable individuals if they live in a good environment. In order to ensure that, there should be common efforts toward the goal. Therefore, it might be implied that human beings do not automatically turn into wise individuals with good morality as they enter their adulthood. The growth of the children into such honorable individuals is a result of lifelong efforts that have been pursued both by the individuals and the society (Aristotle, 1987). (no References!!!) Providing the assurance toward the achievement of the goal is such a great challenge and consequently there should be awareness from all parties who live around the young people to inform that character education, or values education, is highly important to perform. Fraczek (2013) concluded that cooperation between government and university should enable the transfer of knowledge, norms, and verified solutions from one to another. With regards to the situation, the Customer Education should be performed explicitly in a planned procedure through a focused and comprehensive project so that a society with full of honorable individuals might be created. In addition, Chichowicz and Nowak (2017) emphasized that Customer Education should be performed in order to not only limit the possibility of losing awareness, but also to expand the awareness so that students will be capable to make more conscious decisions whenever they have such information.

4.2. The effectiveness of life values implementation

Customer Education takes the very first step in the participation for improving the educational quality under the efforts of developing individuals' characters. Despite the idealistic statement, drug abuse has been rampant nowadays and, at the same time, consumptive behaviors have been penetrating the young generation. In relation to such situation, Customer Education has a significant role in preventing the performance of inappropriate behaviors. Yoshino et al. (2015) stated that the importance of performing Customer Education comes principally from better decisions with regards to financial allocation. Meanwhile, Agarwalla et al. (2012) in their study concluded that the elevation on the financial knowledge among the students with regards to their financial-handling manner might improve the quality of the schooling education itself. The presence of Customer Education in the curriculum therefore might impact not only the students, but also the quality of the higher education quality.

With regards to the urgency of performing Customer Education, the students have various reasons about the idea. Several students state that they have been concerned with the current condition of the young generation since, along with the rapid development of science and technology, the influence of fast-moving information might erode the moral values and the characters that the children should internalize. Then, other students state that many children have not understood the customer values nowadays and consequently they are inclined to be consumptive. Based on these statements, the internalization of life values through Customer Education might guide the customers in teaching the children to be more critical, thrifty, meticulous, thorough, economical, and responsive to social problems, as well as to be caring toward others. Albeedy and Gharlegghi (2015) (no References!!!) also proposed that students should be educated at one point of their life on how to obtain at a later stage of life and where else to educate them if not in college. By delivering substantial life values in every lecture and every role model within the home, the school,

and the society, it might be expected that students will understand and implement the values that they have internalized from the three environments. These findings are supported by the findings from a study by Carr (1993), (no References!!!) which concluded that the values of an individual will be influenced, both consciously and unconsciously, by the examples that have been internalized through his or her teacher within the students' teaching-learning process, behaviors, and relationships.

The character-building efforts of the students in the study might be considered good enough, since the study seeks to internalize the life values that might have been integrated into the curriculum or the materials of the Customer Education Course. As a result, the provision of role model and the internalization of life values for developing the students' characters should be maintained and even should be improved. The provision and the internalization even have higher level of importance, since not all of these values are frequently implemented by the students. For example, there are 3 life values that have earned low scores in the study. Therefore, the continuous provision and internalization on the life values will assist the students in shaping themselves into wise customers within the context of their daily life.

The internalization of life values among the students has not been given significant attention under the students' character-building efforts. The statement has been confirmed by students' habit in implementing the life values into the context of their daily life. With regards to the situation, 76% instead of 80% of the students indicated they have been increasingly aware to the implementation of the life values that they have mastered. Based on the finding, it might be concluded that the character-building efforts should not only be determined by the conduct of character education through the delivery of positive messages, but also by the teaching of life values through reflective and meaningful learning process. The combination of the two methods through a harmonious manner will provide competitive advantage for the efforts of nurturing positive characters. In other words, the students' characters will be well developed if the learning process always involves the stu-

dents into reflective activities. The statement implies that every learning materials should always be delivered through reflective and meaningful method and the message of each learning material should be interpreted in depth with regards to the positive values so that the students might help themselves to develop the characters of being wise customers.

Last but not least, the results of the study also uncover the reasons why the students do not implement the values that they have internalized from the Customer Education Course. According to these students, these life values are complicated and thus trying to implement these

values is a waste of time; not to mention, these students have also been burdened by so many assignments. Based on their reasons, it might be concluded that there should be continuous efforts toward helping the students to internalize the life values through various learning methods. Within the learning process, the students should be invited to identify numerous problems within the society and the problems themselves might be related to the loss that customers might experience. Through the discussion over the cause of loss and profit, it is expected that the students might find the appropriate solutions and the customers' rights, as well as the obligations that they should perform.

CONCLUSION

The findings in the study show that on average 95.90% students regard the curriculum or the learning materials of Customer Education Course as an important and necessary aspect in their life. Then, the students also consider that there might be 16 life values that serve as the part of the character-building dimension. In terms of life values implementation, the mean score that the students have attained is equal to 174.97 and such mean score belongs to the "Ideal" category with the maximum score 244.00 and the minimum score 61.00. Furthermore, with regards to life values implementation 11 students (9.00%) fall into "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fall into "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fall into "Fair" category.

The learning materials in the Customer Education Course, which consists of 16 life values, have not been able to effectively develop the characters of a wise customers. 76% of the students only earned "B" grade (71-75) within the course. The result is still below the standard, since the requirement to pass the course is that at least there should be 80% of the total students who attain "B" Grade. Therefore, it might be concluded that the use of life values within the Customer Education Course have not been effective for building the characters of a wise customer.

In order to improve the quality of the character-building efforts through the teaching of the life values in relation to the customer life, several efforts might be suggested. First, there should be improvement on the teachers' or the lecturers' self-awareness so that the teachers or the lecturers will always be willing to continuously internalize the life values through a structured manner without having to be instructed by the leadership of the schools or the university. Second, the Customer Education should be integrated into the schools' or the universities' curriculum so that the Customer Education does not have to be performed through formal courses. In addition, the Customer Education might be performed by providing deliberate interventions such as reflective activities and specially designed tasks so that the students will be assisted in internalizing the life values outside their class. Third, there should be increasing opportunities for the teachers' or the lecturers' creative development, especially in designing the learning materials, the learning strategies, and the learning scenarios of the value education. By doing so, the value education might be well integrated into the course materials so that an effective and meaningful learning process might be created. Fourth, or the last one, there should be a design for the learning process of the value education by relying on the collaborative learning strategies in order to assist the students in effectively internalizing the life values.

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THE REFLECTIVE ASSESSMENT ON THE ACQUISITION OF LIFE VALUE IN CUSTOMER EDUCATION AS A CHARACTER-BUILDING DIMENSION

Abstract

Formal education plays a big role in the construction and development of students' competence and skill. A survey on the fashion engineering education in Indonesia found that most students had not appropriately applied the competence and skill they learned. Many of them did not say anything despite experiencing loss, were reluctant to ask for exchange or compensation, littered the product's waste, and had no interest in using do-it-yourself (DIY) skills to make their own products. Therefore, this study is aimed at depicting the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials, the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials, and the effectiveness of consumer living values on students' character-building. In this survey-based study, the ex post facto approach was used in order to evaluate the results of Consumer Education learning through reflective assessment sheet. The research population was 123 students of Fashion Engineering Education Study Program in higher education institutions in Yogyakarta Province who had passed the Consumer Education course in the odd semester in Indonesia in 2017. The sample was established through the stratified proportional random sampling technique, while the descriptive statistical analysis was applied to the findings of reflective assessment. The results show the students agree that learning Consumer Education course is imperative for day-to-day life and the Consumer Education materials are found to be effective in consumers' character-building. This study has not internalized of the values through advice, example, discussion, role playing, and participation in the activities of consumption events around daily life. Further studies are needed for developing a relevant curriculum, training in designing content, strategies, instruments, and evaluation of learning.

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reflective assessment, curriculum achievement, Consumer Education

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INTRODUCTION

In the practice, based on the experience that has been found from the survey and the observation over the Fashion Engineering in Indonesia, most of the students have not appropriately applied the skills and the competencies that they have mastered. Most of the students in the survey and observation reported that they should be dealing with the following issues within the domain: 1) experience of being lost; 2) reluctance for proposing exchange or compensation; 3) waste products; and 4) zero interest in performing do-it-yourself (DIY) skills for crafting their own products. These issues ultimately demand a reflective assessment on the curriculum and materials in relation to the domain, specifically in relation to the curriculum and materials of the Customer Education Course. The reflective assessment itself should be directed to the life values that play a significant role for building the students' characters.

1. LITERATURE REVIEW

Education is part of fundamental needs for any individual (Anonym, 2001; Elder, 2015). Through education, it is expected that the overall movement of an individual will be based on the divine and moral values. In relation to the statement, the development in the international world within the domain of economy, politics and even social culture demands improvement on human resources quality so that the human resources will be reader, be more responsive, and be stronger in dealing with the development. Therefore, the Department of National Education has been pursuing numerous efforts to improve the educational quality so that the human resources quality might be improved as well. The fundamental changes for the educational quality improvement might be pursued through curriculum improvement, learning quality improvement, and evaluation system change (Widodo, 2015).

Changes and developments on the life aspects should be responded by professional and well qualified performance in education. Therefore, effective curriculum development should be to meet the needs and current demands of the culture, the society, and the expectations of the population being served (Alsubaie, 2016). The curriculum that has been developed nowadays demands a learning process that encourages the students to be more active and creative. At the same time, the same learning process emphasizes more on the process. As a result, there should be an evaluation toward the achievement of the curriculum that has been implemented into the learning process.

In relation to such changes and developments, Customer Education Course is a course that belongs to the domain of social science and is related to customer behaviors. Fry, Ketteridge, and Marshall (2009) mention that normally students are encouraged (or required, if it is a mandatory scheme) to keep a record of their learning achieved, both on the course and through their personal experience of work, voluntary activities, or other life experiences. They are also encouraged to reflect on how their learning matches the demands that will be made on them in the future by employers. In the learning process, Customer Education might be benefitted for developing the students'

characteristics in relation to their daily life. The learning materials of the course themselves contain actual problems and life values within the society that have been related to the consumption behaviors and customer society protection. Then, the values of customer society life in the curriculum of Customer Education are classified into three aspects, namely the aspect of knowledge and skills in personal finance management, the aspect of wise purchase decision making, and the aspect of society participation. Thereby, the values in the Customer Education Course are the ones that will be able to deliver the society to both the individual and the communal happiness and prosperity.

In order to be successfully implemented, the curriculum of the course should aim at goal achievement, as well as expectation fulfilment in the society. To come to this aim, an assessment should be involved. According to Trespeces (1993), assessment is a process of describing, searching for, and sharing information that has been highly imperative within the decision-making activities for determining an alternative decision. Based on the definition, the term assessment might be applied to any process of collecting reality through a systematic manner for examining the changes on the students' behavior and the extent to which these changes occur (Lile & Bran, 2014). As a result, assessment nowadays does not belong to the cognitive domain only, but also to the affective and the psychomotor domain. When the statement is put into the context of Customer Education Course, the assessment in the course thus becomes not only dealing with the students' cognitive aspects, but also with the students' affective and psychomotor aspect. In other words, the Customer Education Course will be dealing not only with the knowledge regarding customers, but also with the relevance between the knowledge and the daily life context. Since it is deemed that situation is worth to investigate, in the present study, the students' view on the significance and the usefulness of Customer Education Course in their daily life will be presented.

The success of curriculum implementation should, in fact, aim at the goal achievement, as well as how it suits society expectation. In order to measure the success of the curriculum achievement, an assessment might be involved. Assessment is part

of a process of achieving an objective. According to Trespeces (1993), assessment is the process of describing, searching, and sharing information, which is highly imperative to a decision-making process in determining an alternative decision. The term also applies to a process of collecting realities in a systematic manner to examine any change in students' behavior and to what extent it occurs (Bloom, 2001). As assessment allows students to evaluate a learning process (Lile & Bran, 2014), and in this study, it presents the students' view on the significance of Consumer Education in daily life and how it can be used as a guide in spending money. Moreover, assessment no longer predominantly belongs to the cognitive domain, but affective and psychomotor ones as well (Calendra & Tamarrow, 2015). (no References!!!) Consumer Education assessment evaluates not only the students' cognitive competence, but also their buying behavior. This suggests that Consumer Education is not only limited to mere knowledge, but also is highly relevant in day-to-day life.

Specifically, as has been explained above, the success of curriculum implementation might be measured through assessment, particularly in relation to the students' learning outcomes in the form of their competences and skills. According to Mardapi (2004), (no References!!!) assessment has several purposes as follows: 1) to examine students' competence/skill level, 2) to examine students' development and growth, 3) to identify students' learning difficulties, 4) to identify learning outcomes, 5) to identify students' learning achievement, 6) to examine curriculum achievement, 7) to provide support for students, and 8) to motivate teachers to be better educators.

As one may have implied from previous explanations, assessment might also be understood as a process of revisiting previous activities that have been performed. Such process is aimed at revealing the strengths and the weaknesses of a program in order to improve it. The revisit itself might also be understood as reflection. Reflection bears similar meaning to standing in front of a big mirror in order to one's self. Such analogy explains why reflexivity is incorporated into the assessment process. Based on the process of assessment and reflection, a new teaching model is issued and the new teaching model is known as reflective teach-

ing. Reflective teaching is a method that involves reflexivity for examining the effectiveness of learning activities that have been performed. The incorporation of reflexivity into teaching process is important in order to develop the students' quality. Pollard (2002) pointed out that reflective teaching bears several characteristics, namely: a) reflective teaching implies an active concern with aims and consequences, as well as means and technical efficiency; b) reflective teaching is applied in a cyclical or spiralling process, in which teachers monitor, evaluate and revise their own practice continuously; c) reflective teaching requires competence in methods of evidence-based classroom enquiry to support the progressive development of higher standards of teaching; and d) reflective teaching requires attitudes of open-mindedness, responsibility and wholeheartedness. These characters are closely related from one to another in progressively developing better teaching standards. Then, there are three important things that should be considered in designing the reflective teaching activities, namely: a) aim, b) evidence and reflection, and c) extension.

Bannister (1996) (no References!!!) defined Customer Education as the process of gaining the knowledge and skills to manage personal resources and to participate in social, political and economic decisions that affect individual well being and the public good. Consumer Education pays close attention to the awareness building and information transmission for changing individual's behaviors (McGregor, 2005). With regards to the present study, Customer Education is defined as the process of acquiring knowledge and skills for performing personal finance management, for taking actions on factors that influence customer decision-making aspects, and for being a good citizen.

The concept of Customer Education consists of five fundamental principles and the five principles are the customers' social responsibilities in performing their consumption for achieving customer protection. The five fundamental principles are: 1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) environmental concern; and 5) solidarity (Tantri, 1995, p. 24). Based on the five fundamental principles, it might be concluded that Customer Education has high level of impor-

tance for increasing the students' awareness toward customer protection. In turn, the students of Customer Education Course will be able to motivate themselves for displaying the behaviours that are relevant to their life values and eventually for crystallizing these life values into the part of their characters.

According to **Putrohari (2009), (no References!!!)** competence mastery refers to the mastery of knowledge, understanding, and skills through particular experiences. Knowledge itself is defined as a particular part of information. Then, understanding implies an ability to express the knowledge in numerous forms by seeing the links of particular knowledge to the other matters and to the existing problems. Last but not least, skills are defined as the knowledge in performing certain things. With regards to the Customer Education Course, the orientation of the competence mastery in the course is: 1) students' cognitive aspect attainment in the form of understanding and motivation; 2) self-reflection; and 3) students' capacity to actively contribute to the development of mindful consumers in the community (Stanzus et al., 2017). The mastery of these orientations will reflect how important the application of Customer Education into the daily life context is, since Customer Education shapes the students' characters for performing their consumption more wisely.

Looking at the content of the course, a competence-based assessment might be selected in order to assess the students' competence mastery. According to **Yamin (2009), (no References!!!)** the purpose of competence-based assessment is to identify whether the basic competencies have been achieved or not so that the students' level of mastery might be determined. As a result, the critical thinking-based learning process that might be involved in the course will not only be related to the assessment of problem-solving product, but also to the assessment of problem-solving process, since the basic competence in the critical thinking-based learning process includes the ability to identify all kinds of problems that have been related to: 1) the customers' rights, responsibilities, and protection; 2) the understanding toward the background problems; 3) the problem formulation; 4) the discussions on the cause of the problems; 5)

the actions that should be taken; 6) the identification on the solutions for the problems; and 7) the provisions of conclusions and recommendations.

School is a secondary educational institution and a part of formal education that plays a significant role within the construction and the development of the students' knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values. The interaction between one student and another and also between the students and their environment involve numerous life values. These values are deliberately institutionalized through either formal regulations or written curricula. Furthermore, a school might also be considered as a place where personal values in the form of thoughts, comments, and actions meet one another. These values might emerge spontaneously through the unique personality that each student has in the school. With regards to the statement, **David and Frank (1997) (no References!!!)** proposed that a school might be a strategic place for implementing the character education due to the fact that many children from various backgrounds are present in the school. Moreover, the children spend most of their times in the school and consequently the characters of these children will be largely influenced by the things that they have learned in the school.

2. METHODS

In conducting the study, the descriptive-evaluative approach was involved within the investigation on the attainment of Customer Education Course learning objectives. In addition, the reflective self-evaluation activities were also involved in order to uncover the perception of the students on the importance of learning the life values through the Customer Education Course, to identify the extent to which these values were manifested in their daily life, and to describe the effectiveness of the life values teaching for building the characters of wise customers. Then, the study consisted of several stages, namely: a) identifying the learning materials of Customer Education that were relevant to the students' needs; b) identifying the life values that were relevant to the competencies in the Customer Education; c) designing an instrument that measured how the life values had been practiced in the Customer Education as part of

the dimensions within the characters building of the customers; d) gathering the necessary data by involving the respondents to complete the reflective practice questionnaire; and e) analyzing, interpreting, and synthesizing the data along with drawing conclusions.

Since the population in the study comprised of several homogenous groups, the study should involve a simple stratified proportional random sampling technique in determining the number of the respondents (Matthew et al., 2013). Due to the application of the simple stratified random sampling technique, there were 123 students from the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department of Yogyakarta State University who had been selected as the respondents for the study. The data from these respondents were gathered through the distribution of open-ended questionnaire that had been specifically design for functioning as a reflective assessment.

The field of social occupation and welfare was complex and full of challenges, since the decisions that should be made in the domain were by nature already difficult (Toros & Medar, 2015). With regards to the statement, the prerequisite for better decision-making process was the presence of the systematic self-reflection practice (Amble, 2012). The systematic self-reflection practice enabled individuals to examine the decisions that they had made and the knowledge that they had involved within the practice (Heath, 1998). Self-reflection itself was significant part in students' training as the self-reflection enhanced the practice of their personal and professional development (Chaddock et al., 2014). (no References!!!) Thus, self-reflection might improve the students' professional growth and competence (Eng & Pai, 2014). In turn, the self-reflection might also improve the quality of the students' social occupation.

With regards to self-reflection, a reflective assessment sheet was assigned as part of research instrument for gathering the students' opinion on the life values that had been contained in the Customer Education Course. In addition, a reflection worksheet was also assigned in order to identify to which extent the students had implemented the contained life values in their daily life. In sum, the two instruments were designed in or-

der to investigate to which extent the students had implemented the life values that had been taught in the Customer Education Course. The two instruments relied on 4-point Likert scale and the 4-point Likert scale would be elaborated as follows: a) 1 = zero intention to practice the life values; b) 2 = never practice the life values; c) 3 = practice the life values; and d) 4 = habituate the life values. The validity of the instrument was assessed by the experts' judgment within a focus group discussion and the data of the instrument were analyzed using the descriptive statistical analysis method.

Among the various approaches and techniques adopted in the strategic analysis and/or planning process, SWOT analysis was used here to explore the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials and the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials. In SWOT analysis, two critical environments (internal and external) are carefully analyzed and evaluated (Ololube1, Aiya, Uriah, & Ololube, 2016).

Table 1. Depicts the SWOT analysis on Consumer Education materials.

<p>Strength: Shaping the character of students when dealing with real consumption activity. Implementing character value for consumption.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning with case studies of problems that occur in real consumption activity. 2. Self reflection in responding real case consumption. 	<p>Weakness: Need long time process to implementing life value in consumption activity for shaping consumption character.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continous habituation. 2. Character values are formed after students experience it.
<p>Opportunity: able to apply reflective evaluation method in other fields of expertise in measuring character formation of students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each field of expertise has its own character value. 2. Character values contained in the field of expertise can be used as the development of instruments to measure character. 	<p>Threat: the influence of trends and relations between friends that cannot be predicted to form consumptive behavior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need to be accepted in relation environment. 2. The need for self-existence by following the trend.

The findings in the study were based on the reflection that the students had performed. In general, through the study the students shared the customers' life values that they had acquired from the Customer Education Course. Then, the data analysis was based on the percentage of the life values application in the course. The application of the life values in the course might be represented from

the four alternatives in the questionnaire. The four alternative themselves are as follows: a) performing daily activities by applying the life values; b) recognizing the life values and often applying the life values in the daily life; c) recognizing the life values, but rarely applying them in the daily life; and (d) recognizing the life value, but never applying them in the daily life. The classification for the customers' life values application would be presented in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Classification on the score of life values application

Class	Scores	Category
1	> 199-244	Very good
2	> 153-199	Good
3	> 107-153	Moderate
4	61-107	Poor

3. RESULTS

3.1. The implementation of life values

The importance of Customer Education Course could not be denied, as the course delivered a lot of life values that played a significant role in the process of building customers' characters. The importance itself became highly relevant, since hedonism and drug abuse had been common-

ly found around the society nowadays. The rise of hedonism and drug abuse in our society itself might be a solid proof of the failure in our education (including the one in the Customer Education Course) for building the students' characters. Such condition indeed heightened the concerns within the Indonesian education and became the challenge of all parties in the education due to the fact that the demand for achieving better competencies and more life values had been higher than ever.

In order to eradicate the negative impacts within the social development, such as the tight competition within the free market system and the rise of malls and shopping centers that might lead to the consumptive behaviors and also drug abuse, the teaching and learning process in the Customer Education should be directed toward developing the aspects that might be necessary for building the noble characters. For ensuring the effective implementation of these values, there should be a synergic cooperation among all stakeholders in the education (family, school/university, and society). Then, one of the ways for educating the society about the importance of internalizing these values might be teaching the Customer Education Course in the higher education institution, specifically in the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department. The teaching of the course was indeed very important, because the course con-

Table 3. Mind map of students' perception on the importance of Customer Education based on fundamental principles

No.	Basic competencies	Life values	Fundamental principles	% of importance
1	Defining Customer Education Course	Self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	94.30
2	Describing the principles of Customer Education Course	Thriftiness, meticulousness, responsibility, awareness, social care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	97.33
3	Describing the benefits of taking Customer Education Course	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information, thriftiness, self-awareness, productiveness, criticality	Critical awareness, activity involvement	94.38
4	Recognizing customer rights	Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, ownership, criticality, demand toward information, fairness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	96.00
5	Understanding the obligation to read product label	Meticulousness, responsibility, self-awareness, responsibility, self-awareness, appreciation of money value, responsibility, self-awareness, fairness, self-awareness, criticality, fairness, responsibility, social tolerance, social care responsibility, environmental awareness responsibility, care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, environmental concern, and solidarity	95.20
6	Understanding and performing customer protection	Sensitivity, social tolerance, care	Social concern, solidarity	91.00

Table 3 (cont.). Mind map of students' perception on the importance of Customer Education based on fundamental principles

No.	Basic competencies	Life values	Fundamental principles	% of importance
7	Initiating individual consumer protection movement	Responsibility, self-awareness, social tolerance	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	84.50
8	Initiating communal customer protection movement for the sake of public welfare	Social tolerance, care	Social concern, solidarity	84.50
9	Identifying customer problems in sales and purchase agreement along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, self-awareness, care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	94.30
10	Identifying customer problems in compensation claim along with the solutions to the problems	Criticality, fairness, care	Critical awareness, social concern, and solidarity	92.70
11	Identifying customer problems in advertisement claim along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	92.70
12	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the packaging along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	96.70
13	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the label along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	95.00
14	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the suggested proportion/ serving size along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	92.70
15	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to product standardization along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	91.90
16	Understanding how to file a complaint	Fairness, demand toward information	Activity involvement, social concern	91.90
17	Managing personal finance wisely	Thriftiness, wisdom, appreciation toward money value	Critical awareness, activity involvement	94.30
18	Recognizing customer behavior theory (seeking information, assessing, comparing, buying, having post-purchase evaluation) in wise buying decision making	Meticulousness, wisdom, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	97.60
19	Identifying wise food consumption	Thriftiness, meticulousness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement,	96.70
20	Identifying wise clothing consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	97.60
21	Identifying wise beauty product consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness; activity involvement;	89.40
22	Identifying wise household furniture and appliances consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	88.60
23	Identifying wise medicine consumption	Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, demand toward information	critical awareness, activity involvement	94.30
24	Performing good clothing-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, solidarity	96.70
25	Performing good linen-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity	critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, solidarity	89.40
26	Performing good accessories-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement	87.80
27	Performing good cosmetic-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement	90.20
28	Performing good medicine-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, environmental awareness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, environmental concern	93.40
29	Understanding Customer Education and its activities	Goal-orientedness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	95.10
	Mean			95.90

tained many life values that had been essential for building the characters of a wise customer. Then, in relation to the study, the general overview on the students' reflective assessment with regards to the importance of learning the Customer Education Course.

The results of the students' reflection implied that the basic competences within the Customer Education Course have been necessary in relation to their role as a customer. The necessity of mastering these basic competencies through the Customer Education Course has been clearly stated by the mean percentage, namely 95.90%.

Based on the results of the students' reflection as well, in relation to moral, the values within the Customer Education Course consisted of the positive ethical values and the negative ethical values. These values are closely related to the responsibility within the society. Furthermore, the students believed that these moral values had been able to help shaping their characters into those of a wise customer, since characters would help them to shape their behaviors and their behaviors would represent their perspective. In turn, the behaviors that represented their actions would reflect their true attitudes. In general, there were 16 moral values from the Customer Education Course that had been found from the results of the students' reflection.

When the results of the students' reflective analysis had been performed thoroughly, it was found that the Customer Education Course had contained adequate moral values for being a wise customer. Thus, the 16 moral values that had been found would certainly be able to shape the characters of a wise customer by the time the students had internalized these values in depth. It was important for the students to develop these life values within their daily life, since these life values might help them to achieve better understanding on the importance of the meaning of the values and to be more familiar with these values in order that they would be able to apply these values whenever they became the customers. In addition, the students also agreed that these life values might help developing an individual's characters in being intelligent in relation to the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor aspects.

3.2. The effectiveness of life values implementation

The data in the study showed that the implementation of the life values for the wise customers in building the students' characters had fallen into the "Good" category. The indication was the mean value 174.97, which had been in the range of ideal scores with the minimum score 61.00 and the maximum score 244.00. In relation to the data, the findings in the study showed that the students had believed, internalized, and even practiced the life values in their daily life as part of reflection on their character-building efforts. From 123 students who had been involved, 11 students (9.00%) fell into the "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fell into the "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fell into the "Moderate" category; all students had been able to practice the life values that they had attained from the Customer Education Course. In other words, it might be concluded that the life values that had been internalized by the students might be well practiced in the students' daily life.

The pursuance of character-building efforts through the implementation of the life values that had been attained from the Customer Education Course was properly conducted. The statement was supported by the finding that 13 out of 16 life values had been well internalized by the students in their character-building efforts. There were only 3 values (care, fairness, and environmental awareness) whose score had been lower than 70.00%. Furthermore, 87 students (70.73%) were classified into the group of "Frequently Practiced and Habituated" students, while 36 students (29.27%) were classified into the group of "Never and Rarely Practiced" students with regards to the implementation of the life values. These findings confirmed once again that the life values that had been attained in the Customer Education had been implicitly well implemented by the students, although without a hundred percent success. As a result, it might be concluded that the life values in the Customer Education Course might be implemented for building the students' characters.

After having observed the aspects of the life values as part of character-building dimension, the frequency on the practice of the life values was presented in [Table 4](#).

Table 4. Practices of life values in Consumer Education curriculum/materials

No.	Consumer life values	Life values in practice	
		Frequently practiced and habituated, %	Never and rarely practiced and habituated, %
1	Self-awareness	74	28
2	Responsibility	91	9
3	Thriftiness	77	23
4	Wise	78	22
5	Goal-orientedness	74	26
6	Meticulousness	84	16
7	Demand toward information	79	21
8	Social tolerance	97	3
9	Sensitivity	77	23
10	Criticality	75	25
11	Care	47	53
12	Fairness	53	47
13	Ordinariness	79	21
14	Environmental care	52	48
15	Productiveness	74	26
16	Financial Management	75	25
Average		74	26

From the above, it was clearly shown that the mean score for the internalization of the life values in the Customer Education Course had been equal to 74%. Such percentage suggested that the life values in the Customer Education Course had been effectively implemented by the students as part of their character-building dimension. In further implication, such percentage also suggested that the students had believed on the capacity of these life values in helping them to shape the characters of being a wise customer in the context of their daily life. Therefore, it might be concluded that the teaching of these values in the Customer Education Course might be effective for building the students' characters. Despite the belief, due to the fact that the internalization of these life values had only been equal to 74%, it might be concluded as well that the students had not been well aware in implementing these life values within the context of their daily life.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1. The implementation of life values

Teaching and maintaining moral values into children/individuals are part of the main duties that all parties should perform, since these moral values are important building blocks and foundation for the embodiment of civilized and prosperous society (Megawangi, 2004). The statement is in line with the results of the students' evaluation on the life values that they have mastered from the Customer Education Course. The evaluation itself leads to the fact that there were 16 moral values that the students have internalized from attending the course. According to the students' opinions, the 16 moral values support them in being a wise customer, especially when they are able to internalize them into the parts of their attitudes and behaviors in the daily life, since the character and the personality of an individual are shaped by the values that the individuals master, internalize, and consistently implement in the course of the daily life. Not to mention, the values that an individual has might be reflected in his or her behaviors.

Within the study, the students have perceived the main life values that might assist them in dealing with the highly influential information. These life values should be understood and be appreciated and should also be internalized and be practiced in the context of their daily life, since these life values might be a driving force or a guiding principle in their life. Therefore, the students should seriously understand the life values that the schools and the society have held and the values that they have learned might be a significant advantage the character development within the individual or the society.

Then, the more important thing is that the values in the Customer Education Course that the students have internalized might bring about certain contributions to the students' character development so that the students might be wise customers. Perry and Morris (2005) described that individuals with better rate of customer education are more inclined to save their income and to set certain budget as part of their

future financial planning. In other words, an individual with better rate of customer education will take more effective actions not only in the simple financial calculations in relation to the budget, but also in his or her consideration on the purchase of more sophisticated product (Lantara & Kartini, 2014). The statement is in line with the opinion by Lusardi and Mitchell (2011) who stated that there is a positive association between financial literacy and personal financial management. Thereby, Customer Education should provide a positive imprint on an individual's customer behaviors in order that the individual will be wise, smart, and financially literate in relation to his or her purchase decision. In relation to the objective, the life values in the Customer Education Course will certainly be useful within the context of an individual's daily life.

The students also state that the life values in the Customer Education Course have been so important that every individual should abide to these values, since every individual around the globe should have master the principles of being a wise customer. Their opinion has been 100% confirmed by the fact that it is very important to learn and to master the life values in the Customer Education Course. Even other studies that have been relevant to the present study also conclude that the education of life values is important to be early performed in both the family and the school environment so that the students will be equipped with the high value awareness; in turn, these values will continuously motivate the children to behave wisely.

Financial courses in the educational programs of many universities might help the students to handle their financial matters better and to improve their financial welfare (Ergün, 2017). Ali et al. (2004) explained that Customer Education programs might help young people with the skills that they have been equipped with in order to make their financial decisions. According to Choudhary and Kamboj (2017), the importance of financial education is globally acknowledged as a key element to the financial welfare of an individual, as well as the financial stability of a country. Several findings from previous researchers' supports that Customer Education

should be taught in the curriculum of higher education institutions, since such course might help students to be a wise customer. Thus, the learning process on the mastery of the life values within the Customer Education Course might be habituated by the students in order to attain high value awareness and to perform wise behaviors in accordance to the humanity values.

Furthermore, Ryan and Lickona (1992) (no References!!!) urged that it is no coincidence that the moral power of society is involved in actions that bring about destruction. The characters of a society might be observed from the prevailing characters that the young generation of the society displays. In relation to the statement, it is clear that building a moral society becomes the responsibility of all parties.

Children will turn into honorable individuals if they live in a good environment. In order to ensure that, there should be common efforts toward the goal. Therefore, it might be implied that human beings do not automatically turn into wise individuals with good morality as they enter their adulthood. The growth of the children into such honorable individuals is a result of lifelong efforts that have been pursued both by the individuals and the society (Aristotle, 1987). (no References!!!) Providing the assurance toward the achievement of the goal is such a great challenge and consequently there should be awareness from all parties who live around the young people to inform that character education, or values education, is highly important to perform. Fraczek (2013) concluded that cooperation between government and university should enable the transfer of knowledge, norms, and verified solutions from one to another. With regards to the situation, the Customer Education should be performed explicitly in a planned procedure through a focused and comprehensive project so that a society with full of honorable individuals might be created. In addition, Chichowicz and Nowak (2017) emphasized that Customer Education should be performed in order to not only limit the possibility of losing awareness, but also to expand the awareness so that students will be capable to make more conscious decisions whenever they have such information.

4.2. The effectiveness of life values implementation

Customer Education takes the very first step in the participation for improving the educational quality under the efforts of developing individuals' characters. Despite the idealistic statement, drug abuse has been rampant nowadays and, at the same time, consumptive behaviors have been penetrating the young generation. In relation to such situation, Customer Education has a significant role in preventing the performance of inappropriate behaviors. Yoshino et al. (2015) stated that the importance of performing Customer Education comes principally from better decisions with regards to financial allocation. Meanwhile, Agarwalla et al. (2012) in their study concluded that the elevation on the financial knowledge among the students with regards to their financial-handling manner might improve the quality of the schooling education itself. The presence of Customer Education in the curriculum therefore might impact not only the students, but also the quality of the higher education quality.

With regards to the urgency of performing Customer Education, the students have various reasons about the idea. Several students state that they have been concerned with the current condition of the young generation since, along with the rapid development of science and technology, the influence of fast-moving information might erode the moral values and the characters that the children should internalize. Then, other students state that many children have not understood the customer values nowadays and consequently they are inclined to be consumptive. Based on these statements, the internalization of life values through Customer Education might guide the customers in teaching the children to be more critical, thrifty, meticulous, thorough, economical, and responsive to social problems, as well as to be caring toward others. Albeedy and Gharlegghi (2015) (no References!!!) also proposed that students should be educated at one point of their life on how to obtain at a later stage of life and where else to educate them if not in college. By delivering substantial life values in every lecture and every role model within the home, the school,

and the society, it might be expected that students will understand and implement the values that they have internalized from the three environments. These findings are supported by the findings from a study by Carr (1993), (no References!!!) which concluded that the values of an individual will be influenced, both consciously and unconsciously, by the examples that have been internalized through his or her teacher within the students' teaching-learning process, behaviors, and relationships.

The character-building efforts of the students in the study might be considered good enough, since the study seeks to internalize the life values that might have been integrated into the curriculum or the materials of the Customer Education Course. As a result, the provision of role model and the internalization of life values for developing the students' characters should be maintained and even should be improved. The provision and the internalization even have higher level of importance, since not all of these values are frequently implemented by the students. For example, there are 3 life values that have earned low scores in the study. Therefore, the continuous provision and internalization on the life values will assist the students in shaping themselves into wise customers within the context of their daily life.

The internalization of life values among the students has not been given significant attention under the students' character-building efforts. The statement has been confirmed by students' habit in implementing the life values into the context of their daily life. With regards to the situation, 76% instead of 80% of the students indicated they have been increasingly aware to the implementation of the life values that they have mastered. Based on the finding, it might be concluded that the character-building efforts should not only be determined by the conduct of character education through the delivery of positive messages, but also by the teaching of life values through reflective and meaningful learning process. The combination of the two methods through a harmonious manner will provide competitive advantage for the efforts of nurturing positive characters. In other words, the students' characters will be well developed if the learning process always involves the stu-

dents into reflective activities. The statement implies that every learning materials should always be delivered through reflective and meaningful method and the message of each learning material should be interpreted in depth with regards to the positive values so that the students might help themselves to develop the characters of being wise customers.

Last but not least, the results of the study also uncover the reasons why the students do not implement the values that they have internalized from the Customer Education Course. According to these students, these life values are complicated and thus trying to implement these

values is a waste of time; not to mention, these students have also been burdened by so many assignments. Based on their reasons, it might be concluded that there should be continuous efforts toward helping the students to internalize the life values through various learning methods. Within the learning process, the students should be invited to identify numerous problems within the society and the problems themselves might be related to the loss that customers might experience. Through the discussion over the cause of loss and profit, it is expected that the students might find the appropriate solutions and the customers' rights, as well as the obligations that they should perform.

CONCLUSION

The findings in the study show that on average 95.90% students regard the curriculum or the learning materials of Customer Education Course as an important and necessary aspect in their life. Then, the students also consider that there might be 16 life values that serve as the part of the character-building dimension. In terms of life values implementation, the mean score that the students have attained is equal to 174.97 and such mean score belongs to the "Ideal" category with the maximum score 244.00 and the minimum score 61.00. Furthermore, with regards to life values implementation 11 students (9.00%) fall into "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fall into "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fall into "Fair" category.

The learning materials in the Customer Education Course, which consists of 16 life values, have not been able to effectively develop the characters of a wise customers. 76% of the students only earned "B" grade (71-75) within the course. The result is still below the standard, since the requirement to pass the course is that at least there should be 80% of the total students who attain "B" Grade. Therefore, it might be concluded that the use of life values within the Customer Education Course have not been effective for building the characters of a wise customer.

In order to improve the quality of the character-building efforts through the teaching of the life values in relation to the customer life, several efforts might be suggested. First, there should be improvement on the teachers' or the lecturers' self-awareness so that the teachers or the lecturers will always be willing to continuously internalize the life values through a structured manner without having to be instructed by the leadership of the schools or the university. Second, the Customer Education should be integrated into the schools' or the universities' curriculum so that the Customer Education does not have to be performed through formal courses. In addition, the Customer Education might be performed by providing deliberate interventions such as reflective activities and specially designed tasks so that the students will be assisted in internalizing the life values outside their class. Third, there should be increasing opportunities for the teachers' or the lecturers' creative development, especially in designing the learning materials, the learning strategies, and the learning scenarios of the value education. By doing so, the value education might be well integrated into the course materials so that an effective and meaningful learning process might be created. Fourth, or the last one, there should be a design for the learning process of the value education by relying on the collaborative learning strategies in order to assist the students in effectively internalizing the life values.

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THE REFLECTIVE ASSESSMENT ON THE ACQUISITION OF LIFE VALUE IN CUSTOMER EDUCATION AS A CHARACTER-BUILDING DIMENSION

Abstract

Formal education plays a big role in the construction and development of students' competence and skill. A survey on the fashion engineering education in Indonesia found that most students had not appropriately applied the competence and skill they learned. Many of them did not say anything despite experiencing loss, were reluctant to ask for exchange or compensation, littered the product's waste, and had no interest in using do-it-yourself (DIY) skills to make their own products. Therefore, this study is aimed at depicting the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials, the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials, and the effectiveness of consumer living values on students' character-building. In this survey-based study, the ex post facto approach was used in order to evaluate the results of Consumer Education learning through reflective assessment sheet. The research population was 123 students of Fashion Engineering Education Study Program in higher education institutions in Yogyakarta Province who had passed the Consumer Education course in the odd semester in Indonesia in 2017. The sample was established through the stratified proportional random sampling technique, while the descriptive statistical analysis was applied to the findings of reflective assessment. The results show the students agree that learning Consumer Education course is imperative for day-to-day life and the Consumer Education materials are found to be effective in consumers' character-building. This study has not internalized of the values through advice, example, discussion, role playing, and participation in the activities of consumption events around daily life. Further studies are needed for developing a relevant curriculum, training in designing content, strategies, instruments, and evaluation of learning.

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INTRODUCTION

In the practice, based on the experience that has been found from the survey and the observation over the Fashion Engineering in Indonesia, most of the students have not appropriately applied the skills and the competencies that they have mastered. Most of the students in the survey and observation reported that they should be dealing with the following issues within the domain: 1) experience of being lost; 2) reluctance for proposing exchange or compensation; 3) waste products; and 4) zero interest in performing do-it-yourself (DIY) skills for crafting their own products. These issues ultimately demand a reflective assessment on the curriculum and materials in relation to the domain, specifically in relation to the curriculum and materials of the Customer Education Course. The reflective assessment itself should be directed to the life values that play a significant role for building the students' characters.

1. LITERATURE REVIEW

Education is part of fundamental needs for any individual (Anonym, 2001; Elder, 2015). Through education, it is expected that the overall movement of an individual will be based on the divine and moral values. In relation to the statement, the development in the international world within the domain of economy, politics and even social culture demands improvement on human resources quality so that the human resources will be reader, be more responsive, and be stronger in dealing with the development. Therefore, the Department of National Education has been pursuing numerous efforts to improve the educational quality so that the human resources quality might be improved as well. The fundamental changes for the educational quality improvement might be pursued through curriculum improvement, learning quality improvement, and evaluation system change (Widodo, 2015).

Changes and developments on the life aspects should be responded by professional and well qualified performance in education. Therefore, effective curriculum development should be to meet the needs and current demands of the culture, the society, and the expectations of the population being served (Alsubaie, 2016). The curriculum that has been developed nowadays demands a learning process that encourages the students to be more active and creative. At the same time, the same learning process emphasizes more on the process. As a result, there should be an evaluation toward the achievement of the curriculum that has been implemented into the learning process.

In relation to such changes and developments, Customer Education Course is a course that belongs to the domain of social science and is related to customer behaviors. Fry, Ketteridge, and Marshall (2009) mention that normally students are encouraged (or required, if it is a mandatory scheme) to keep a record of their learning achieved, both on the course and through their personal experience of work, voluntary activities, or other life experiences. They are also encouraged to reflect on how their learning matches the demands that will be made on them in the future by employers. In the learning process, Customer Education might be benefitted for developing the students'

characteristics in relation to their daily life. The learning materials of the course themselves contain actual problems and life values within the society that have been related to the consumption behaviors and customer society protection. Then, the values of customer society life in the curriculum of Customer Education are classified into three aspects, namely the aspect of knowledge and skills in personal finance management, the aspect of wise purchase decision making, and the aspect of society participation. Thereby, the values in the Customer Education Course are the ones that will be able to deliver the society to both the individual and the communal happiness and prosperity.

In order to be successfully implemented, the curriculum of the course should aim at goal achievement, as well as expectation fulfilment in the society. To come to this aim, an assessment should be involved. According to Trespeces (1993), assessment is a process of describing, searching for, and sharing information that has been highly imperative within the decision-making activities for determining an alternative decision. Based on the definition, the term assessment might be applied to any process of collecting reality through a systematic manner for examining the changes on the students' behavior and the extent to which these changes occur (Lile & Bran, 2014). As a result, assessment nowadays does not belong to the cognitive domain only, but also to the affective and the psychomotor domain. When the statement is put into the context of Customer Education Course, the assessment in the course thus becomes not only dealing with the students' cognitive aspects, but also with the students' affective and psychomotor aspect. In other words, the Customer Education Course will be dealing not only with the knowledge regarding customers, but also with the relevance between the knowledge and the daily life context. Since it is deemed that situation is worth to investigate, in the present study, the students' view on the significance and the usefulness of Customer Education Course in their daily life will be presented.

The success of curriculum implementation should, in fact, aim at the goal achievement, as well as how it suits society expectation. In order to measure the success of the curriculum achievement, an assessment might be involved. Assessment is part

of a process of achieving an objective. According to Trespeces (1993), assessment is the process of describing, searching, and sharing information, which is highly imperative to a decision-making process in determining an alternative decision. The term also applies to a process of collecting realities in a systematic manner to examine any change in students' behavior and to what extent it occurs (Bloom, 2001). As assessment allows students to evaluate a learning process (Lile & Bran, 2014), and in this study, it presents the students' view on the significance of Consumer Education in daily life and how it can be used as a guide in spending money. Moreover, assessment no longer predominantly belongs to the cognitive domain, but affective and psychomotor ones as well (Calendra & Tamarrow, 2015). (no References!!!) Consumer Education assessment evaluates not only the students' cognitive competence, but also their buying behavior. This suggests that Consumer Education is not only limited to mere knowledge, but also is highly relevant in day-to-day life.

Specifically, as has been explained above, the success of curriculum implementation might be measured through assessment, particularly in relation to the students' learning outcomes in the form of their competences and skills. According to Mardapi (2004), (no References!!!) assessment has several purposes as follows: 1) to examine students' competence/skill level, 2) to examine students' development and growth, 3) to identify students' learning difficulties, 4) to identify learning outcomes, 5) to identify students' learning achievement, 6) to examine curriculum achievement, 7) to provide support for students, and 8) to motivate teachers to be better educators.

As one may have implied from previous explanations, assessment might also be understood as a process of revisiting previous activities that have been performed. Such process is aimed at revealing the strengths and the weaknesses of a program in order to improve it. The revisit itself might also be understood as reflection. Reflection bears similar meaning to standing in front of a big mirror in order to one's self. Such analogy explains why reflexivity is incorporated into the assessment process. Based on the process of assessment and reflection, a new teaching model is issued and the new teaching model is known as reflective teach-

ing. Reflective teaching is a method that involves reflexivity for examining the effectiveness of learning activities that have been performed. The incorporation of reflexivity into teaching process is important in order to develop the students' quality. Pollard (2002) pointed out that reflective teaching bears several characteristics, namely: a) reflective teaching implies an active concern with aims and consequences, as well as means and technical efficiency; b) reflective teaching is applied in a cyclical or spiralling process, in which teachers monitor, evaluate and revise their own practice continuously; c) reflective teaching requires competence in methods of evidence-based classroom enquiry to support the progressive development of higher standards of teaching; and d) reflective teaching requires attitudes of open-mindedness, responsibility and wholeheartedness. These characters are closely related from one to another in progressively developing better teaching standards. Then, there are three important things that should be considered in designing the reflective teaching activities, namely: a) aim, b) evidence and reflection, and c) extension.

Bannister (1996) (no References!!!) defined Customer Education as the process of gaining the knowledge and skills to manage personal resources and to participate in social, political and economic decisions that affect individual well being and the public good. Consumer Education pays close attention to the awareness building and information transmission for changing individual's behaviors (McGregor, 2005). With regards to the present study, Customer Education is defined as the process of acquiring knowledge and skills for performing personal finance management, for taking actions on factors that influence customer decision-making aspects, and for being a good citizen.

The concept of Customer Education consists of five fundamental principles and the five principles are the customers' social responsibilities in performing their consumption for achieving customer protection. The five fundamental principles are: 1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) environmental concern; and 5) solidarity (Tantri, 1995, p. 24). Based on the five fundamental principles, it might be concluded that Customer Education has high level of impor-

tance for increasing the students' awareness toward customer protection. In turn, the students of Customer Education Course will be able to motivate themselves for displaying the behaviours that are relevant to their life values and eventually for crystallizing these life values into the part of their characters.

According to **Putrohari (2009), (no References!!!)** competence mastery refers to the mastery of knowledge, understanding, and skills through particular experiences. Knowledge itself is defined as a particular part of information. Then, understanding implies an ability to express the knowledge in numerous forms by seeing the links of particular knowledge to the other matters and to the existing problems. Last but not least, skills are defined as the knowledge in performing certain things. With regards to the Customer Education Course, the orientation of the competence mastery in the course is: 1) students' cognitive aspect attainment in the form of understanding and motivation; 2) self-reflection; and 3) students' capacity to actively contribute to the development of mindful consumers in the community (Stanzus et al., 2017). The mastery of these orientations will reflect how important the application of Customer Education into the daily life context is, since Customer Education shapes the students' characters for performing their consumption more wisely.

Looking at the content of the course, a competence-based assessment might be selected in order to assess the students' competence mastery. According to **Yamin (2009), (no References!!!)** the purpose of competence-based assessment is to identify whether the basic competencies have been achieved or not so that the students' level of mastery might be determined. As a result, the critical thinking-based learning process that might be involved in the course will not only be related to the assessment of problem-solving product, but also to the assessment of problem-solving process, since the basic competence in the critical thinking-based learning process includes the ability to identify all kinds of problems that have been related to: 1) the customers' rights, responsibilities, and protection; 2) the understanding toward the background problems; 3) the problem formulation; 4) the discussions on the cause of the problems; 5)

the actions that should be taken; 6) the identification on the solutions for the problems; and 7) the provisions of conclusions and recommendations.

School is a secondary educational institution and a part of formal education that plays a significant role within the construction and the development of the students' knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values. The interaction between one student and another and also between the students and their environment involve numerous life values. These values are deliberately institutionalized through either formal regulations or written curricula. Furthermore, a school might also be considered as a place where personal values in the form of thoughts, comments, and actions meet one another. These values might emerge spontaneously through the unique personality that each student has in the school. With regards to the statement, **David and Frank (1997) (no References!!!)** proposed that a school might be a strategic place for implementing the character education due to the fact that many children from various backgrounds are present in the school. Moreover, the children spend most of their times in the school and consequently the characters of these children will be largely influenced by the things that they have learned in the school.

2. METHODS

In conducting the study, the descriptive-evaluative approach was involved within the investigation on the attainment of Customer Education Course learning objectives. In addition, the reflective self-evaluation activities were also involved in order to uncover the perception of the students on the importance of learning the life values through the Customer Education Course, to identify the extent to which these values were manifested in their daily life, and to describe the effectiveness of the life values teaching for building the characters of wise customers. Then, the study consisted of several stages, namely: a) identifying the learning materials of Customer Education that were relevant to the students' needs; b) identifying the life values that were relevant to the competencies in the Customer Education; c) designing an instrument that measured how the life values had been practiced in the Customer Education as part of

the dimensions within the characters building of the customers; d) gathering the necessary data by involving the respondents to complete the reflective practice questionnaire; and e) analyzing, interpreting, and synthesizing the data along with drawing conclusions.

Since the population in the study comprised of several homogenous groups, the study should involve a simple stratified proportional random sampling technique in determining the number of the respondents (Matthew et al., 2013). Due to the application of the simple stratified random sampling technique, there were 123 students from the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department of Yogyakarta State University who had been selected as the respondents for the study. The data from these respondents were gathered through the distribution of open-ended questionnaire that had been specifically design for functioning as a reflective assessment.

The field of social occupation and welfare was complex and full of challenges, since the decisions that should be made in the domain were by nature already difficult (Toros & Medar, 2015). With regards to the statement, the prerequisite for better decision-making process was the presence of the systematic self-reflection practice (Amble, 2012). The systematic self-reflection practice enabled individuals to examine the decisions that they had made and the knowledge that they had involved within the practice (Heath, 1998). Self-reflection itself was significant part in students' training as the self-reflection enhanced the practice of their personal and professional development (Chaddock et al., 2014). (no References!!!) Thus, self-reflection might improve the students' professional growth and competence (Eng & Pai, 2014). In turn, the self-reflection might also improve the quality of the students' social occupation.

With regards to self-reflection, a reflective assessment sheet was assigned as part of research instrument for gathering the students' opinion on the life values that had been contained in the Customer Education Course. In addition, a reflection worksheet was also assigned in order to identify to which extent the students had implemented the contained life values in their daily life. In sum, the two instruments were designed in or-

der to investigate to which extent the students had implemented the life values that had been taught in the Customer Education Course. The two instruments relied on 4-point Likert scale and the 4-point Likert scale would be elaborated as follows: a) 1 = zero intention to practice the life values; b) 2 = never practice the life values; c) 3 = practice the life values; and d) 4 = habituate the life values. The validity of the instrument was assessed by the experts' judgment within a focus group discussion and the data of the instrument were analyzed using the descriptive statistical analysis method.

Among the various approaches and techniques adopted in the strategic analysis and/or planning process, SWOT analysis was used here to explore the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials and the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials. In SWOT analysis, two critical environments (internal and external) are carefully analyzed and evaluated (Ololube1, Aiya, Uriah, & Ololube, 2016).

Table 1. Depicts the SWOT analysis on Consumer Education materials.

<p>Strength: Shaping the character of students when dealing with real consumption activity. Implementing character value for consumption.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning with case studies of problems that occur in real consumption activity. 2. Self reflection in responding real case consumption. 	<p>Weakness: Need long time process to implementing life value in consumption activity for shaping consumption character.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continous habituation. 2. Character values are formed after students experience it.
<p>Opportunity: able to apply reflective evaluation method in other fields of expertise in measuring character formation of students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each field of expertise has its own character value. 2. Character values contained in the field of expertise can be used as the development of instruments to measure character. 	<p>Threat: the influence of trends and relations between friends that cannot be predicted to form consumptive behavior.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need to be accepted in relation environment. 2. The need for self-existence by following the trend.

The findings in the study were based on the reflection that the students had performed. In general, through the study the students shared the customers' life values that they had acquired from the Customer Education Course. Then, the data analysis was based on the percentage of the life values application in the course. The application of the life values in the course might be represented from

the four alternatives in the questionnaire. The four alternative themselves are as follows: a) performing daily activities by applying the life values; b) recognizing the life values and often applying the life values in the daily life; c) recognizing the life values, but rarely applying them in the daily life; and (d) recognizing the life value, but never applying them in the daily life. The classification for the customers' life values application would be presented in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Classification on the score of life values application

Class	Scores	Category
1	> 199-244	Very good
2	> 153-199	Good
3	> 107-153	Moderate
4	61-107	Poor

3. RESULTS

3.1. The implementation of life values

The importance of Customer Education Course could not be denied, as the course delivered a lot of life values that played a significant role in the process of building customers' characters. The importance itself became highly relevant, since hedonism and drug abuse had been common-

ly found around the society nowadays. The rise of hedonism and drug abuse in our society itself might be a solid proof of the failure in our education (including the one in the Customer Education Course) for building the students' characters. Such condition indeed heightened the concerns within the Indonesian education and became the challenge of all parties in the education due to the fact that the demand for achieving better competencies and more life values had been higher than ever.

In order to eradicate the negative impacts within the social development, such as the tight competition within the free market system and the rise of malls and shopping centers that might lead to the consumptive behaviors and also drug abuse, the teaching and learning process in the Customer Education should be directed toward developing the aspects that might be necessary for building the noble characters. For ensuring the effective implementation of these values, there should be a synergic cooperation among all stakeholders in the education (family, school/university, and society). Then, one of the ways for educating the society about the importance of internalizing these values might be teaching the Customer Education Course in the higher education institution, specifically in the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department. The teaching of the course was indeed very important, because the course con-

Table 3. Mind map of students' perception on the importance of Customer Education based on fundamental principles

No.	Basic competencies	Life values	Fundamental principles	% of importance
1	Defining Customer Education Course	Self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	94.30
2	Describing the principles of Customer Education Course	Thriftiness, meticulousness, responsibility, awareness, social care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	97.33
3	Describing the benefits of taking Customer Education Course	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information, thriftiness, self-awareness, productiveness, criticality	Critical awareness, activity involvement	94.38
4	Recognizing customer rights	Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, ownership, criticality, demand toward information, fairness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	96.00
5	Understanding the obligation to read product label	Meticulousness, responsibility, self-awareness, responsibility, self-awareness, appreciation of money value, responsibility, self-awareness, fairness, self-awareness, criticality, fairness, responsibility, social tolerance, social care responsibility, environmental awareness responsibility, care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, environmental concern, and solidarity	95.20
6	Understanding and performing customer protection	Sensitivity, social tolerance, care	Social concern, solidarity	91.00

Table 3 (cont.). Mind map of students' perception on the importance of Customer Education based on fundamental principles

No.	Basic competencies	Life values	Fundamental principles	% of importance
7	Initiating individual consumer protection movement	Responsibility, self-awareness, social tolerance	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	84.50
8	Initiating communal customer protection movement for the sake of public welfare	Social tolerance, care	Social concern, solidarity	84.50
9	Identifying customer problems in sales and purchase agreement along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, self-awareness, care	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern	94.30
10	Identifying customer problems in compensation claim along with the solutions to the problems	Criticality, fairness, care	Critical awareness, social concern, and solidarity	92.70
11	Identifying customer problems in advertisement claim along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	92.70
12	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the packaging along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	96.70
13	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the label along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	95.00
14	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the suggested proportion/ serving size along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	92.70
15	Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to product standardization along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	Activity involvement, solidarity	91.90
16	Understanding how to file a complaint	Fairness, demand toward information	Activity involvement, social concern	91.90
17	Managing personal finance wisely	Thriftiness, wisdom, appreciation toward money value	Critical awareness, activity involvement	94.30
18	Recognizing customer behavior theory (seeking information, assessing, comparing, buying, having post-purchase evaluation) in wise buying decision making	Meticulousness, wisdom, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	97.60
19	Identifying wise food consumption	Thriftiness, meticulousness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement,	96.70
20	Identifying wise clothing consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	97.60
21	Identifying wise beauty product consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	Critical awareness; activity involvement;	89.40
22	Identifying wise household furniture and appliances consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	88.60
23	Identifying wise medicine consumption	Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, demand toward information	critical awareness, activity involvement	94.30
24	Performing good clothing-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity	Critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, solidarity	96.70
25	Performing good linen-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity	critical awareness, activity involvement, social concern, solidarity	89.40
26	Performing good accessories-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement	87.80
27	Performing good cosmetic-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness	Critical awareness, activity involvement	90.20
28	Performing good medicine-consuming behavior	Meticulousness, self-awareness, environmental awareness	Critical awareness, activity involvement, environmental concern	93.40
29	Understanding Customer Education and its activities	Goal-orientedness, demand toward information	Critical awareness, activity involvement	95.10
	Mean			95.90

tained many life values that had been essential for building the characters of a wise customer. Then, in relation to the study, the general overview on the students' reflective assessment with regards to the importance of learning the Customer Education Course.

The results of the students' reflection implied that the basic competences within the Customer Education Course have been necessary in relation to their role as a customer. The necessity of mastering these basic competencies through the Customer Education Course has been clearly stated by the mean percentage, namely 95.90%.

Based on the results of the students' reflection as well, in relation to moral, the values within the Customer Education Course consisted of the positive ethical values and the negative ethical values. These values are closely related to the responsibility within the society. Furthermore, the students believed that these moral values had been able to help shaping their characters into those of a wise customer, since characters would help them to shape their behaviors and their behaviors would represent their perspective. In turn, the behaviors that represented their actions would reflect their true attitudes. In general, there were 16 moral values from the Customer Education Course that had been found from the results of the students' reflection.

When the results of the students' reflective analysis had been performed thoroughly, it was found that the Customer Education Course had contained adequate moral values for being a wise customer. Thus, the 16 moral values that had been found would certainly be able to shape the characters of a wise customer by the time the students had internalized these values in depth. It was important for the students to develop these life values within their daily life, since these life values might help them to achieve better understanding on the importance of the meaning of the values and to be more familiar with these values in order that they would be able to apply these values whenever they became the customers. In addition, the students also agreed that these life values might help developing an individual's characters in being intelligent in relation to the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor aspects.

3.2. The effectiveness of life values implementation

The data in the study showed that the implementation of the life values for the wise customers in building the students' characters had fallen into the "Good" category. The indication was the mean value 174.97, which had been in the range of ideal scores with the minimum score 61.00 and the maximum score 244.00. In relation to the data, the findings in the study showed that the students had believed, internalized, and even practiced the life values in their daily life as part of reflection on their character-building efforts. From 123 students who had been involved, 11 students (9.00%) fell into the "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fell into the "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fell into the "Moderate" category; all students had been able to practice the life values that they had attained from the Customer Education Course. In other words, it might be concluded that the life values that had been internalized by the students might be well practiced in the students' daily life.

The pursuance of character-building efforts through the implementation of the life values that had been attained from the Customer Education Course was properly conducted. The statement was supported by the finding that 13 out of 16 life values had been well internalized by the students in their character-building efforts. There were only 3 values (care, fairness, and environmental awareness) whose score had been lower than 70.00%. Furthermore, 87 students (70.73%) were classified into the group of "Frequently Practiced and Habituated" students, while 36 students (29.27%) were classified into the group of "Never and Rarely Practiced" students with regards to the implementation of the life values. These findings confirmed once again that the life values that had been attained in the Customer Education had been implicitly well implemented by the students, although without a hundred percent success. As a result, it might be concluded that the life values in the Customer Education Course might be implemented for building the students' characters.

After having observed the aspects of the life values as part of character-building dimension, the frequency on the practice of the life values was presented in [Table 4](#).

Table 4. Practices of life values in Consumer Education curriculum/materials

No.	Consumer life values	Life values in practice	
		Frequently practiced and habituated, %	Never and rarely practiced and habituated, %
1	Self-awareness	74	28
2	Responsibility	91	9
3	Thriftiness	77	23
4	Wise	78	22
5	Goal-orientedness	74	26
6	Meticulousness	84	16
7	Demand toward information	79	21
8	Social tolerance	97	3
9	Sensitivity	77	23
10	Criticality	75	25
11	Care	47	53
12	Fairness	53	47
13	Ordinariness	79	21
14	Environmental care	52	48
15	Productiveness	74	26
16	Financial Management	75	25
Average		74	26

From the above, it was clearly shown that the mean score for the internalization of the life values in the Customer Education Course had been equal to 74%. Such percentage suggested that the life values in the Customer Education Course had been effectively implemented by the students as part of their character-building dimension. In further implication, such percentage also suggested that the students had believed on the capacity of these life values in helping them to shape the characters of being a wise customer in the context of their daily life. Therefore, it might be concluded that the teaching of these values in the Customer Education Course might be effective for building the students' characters. Despite the belief, due to the fact that the internalization of these life values had only been equal to 74%, it might be concluded as well that the students had not been well aware in implementing these life values within the context of their daily life.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1. The implementation of life values

Teaching and maintaining moral values into children/individuals are part of the main duties that all parties should perform, since these moral values are important building blocks and foundation for the embodiment of civilized and prosperous society (Megawangi, 2004). The statement is in line with the results of the students' evaluation on the life values that they have mastered from the Customer Education Course. The evaluation itself leads to the fact that there were 16 moral values that the students have internalized from attending the course. According to the students' opinions, the 16 moral values support them in being a wise customer, especially when they are able to internalize them into the parts of their attitudes and behaviors in the daily life, since the character and the personality of an individual are shaped by the values that the individuals master, internalize, and consistently implement in the course of the daily life. Not to mention, the values that an individual has might be reflected in his or her behaviors.

Within the study, the students have perceived the main life values that might assist them in dealing with the highly influential information. These life values should be understood and be appreciated and should also be internalized and be practiced in the context of their daily life, since these life values might be a driving force or a guiding principle in their life. Therefore, the students should seriously understand the life values that the schools and the society have held and the values that they have learned might be a significant advantage the character development within the individual or the society.

Then, the more important thing is that the values in the Customer Education Course that the students have internalized might bring about certain contributions to the students' character development so that the students might be wise customers. Perry and Morris (2005) described that individuals with better rate of customer education are more inclined to save their income and to set certain budget as part of their

future financial planning. In other words, an individual with better rate of customer education will take more effective actions not only in the simple financial calculations in relation to the budget, but also in his or her consideration on the purchase of more sophisticated product (Lantara & Kartini, 2014). The statement is in line with the opinion by Lusardi and Mitchell (2011) who stated that there is a positive association between financial literacy and personal financial management. Thereby, Customer Education should provide a positive imprint on an individual's customer behaviors in order that the individual will be wise, smart, and financially literate in relation to his or her purchase decision. In relation to the objective, the life values in the Customer Education Course will certainly be useful within the context of an individual's daily life.

The students also state that the life values in the Customer Education Course have been so important that every individual should abide to these values, since every individual around the globe should have master the principles of being a wise customer. Their opinion has been 100% confirmed by the fact that it is very important to learn and to master the life values in the Customer Education Course. Even other studies that have been relevant to the present study also conclude that the education of life values is important to be early performed in both the family and the school environment so that the students will be equipped with the high value awareness; in turn, these values will continuously motivate the children to behave wisely.

Financial courses in the educational programs of many universities might help the students to handle their financial matters better and to improve their financial welfare (Ergün, 2017). Ali et al. (2004) explained that Customer Education programs might help young people with the skills that they have been equipped with in order to make their financial decisions. According to Choudhary and Kamboj (2017), the importance of financial education is globally acknowledged as a key element to the financial welfare of an individual, as well as the financial stability of a country. Several findings from previous researchers' supports that Customer Education

should be taught in the curriculum of higher education institutions, since such course might help students to be a wise customer. Thus, the learning process on the mastery of the life values within the Customer Education Course might be habituated by the students in order to attain high value awareness and to perform wise behaviors in accordance to the humanity values.

Furthermore, Ryan and Lickona (1992) (no References!!!) urged that it is no coincidence that the moral power of society is involved in actions that bring about destruction. The characters of a society might be observed from the prevailing characters that the young generation of the society displays. In relation to the statement, it is clear that building a moral society becomes the responsibility of all parties.

Children will turn into honorable individuals if they live in a good environment. In order to ensure that, there should be common efforts toward the goal. Therefore, it might be implied that human beings do not automatically turn into wise individuals with good morality as they enter their adulthood. The growth of the children into such honorable individuals is a result of lifelong efforts that have been pursued both by the individuals and the society (Aristotle, 1987). (no References!!!) Providing the assurance toward the achievement of the goal is such a great challenge and consequently there should be awareness from all parties who live around the young people to inform that character education, or values education, is highly important to perform. Fraczek (2013) concluded that cooperation between government and university should enable the transfer of knowledge, norms, and verified solutions from one to another. With regards to the situation, the Customer Education should be performed explicitly in a planned procedure through a focused and comprehensive project so that a society with full of honorable individuals might be created. In addition, Chichowicz and Nowak (2017) emphasized that Customer Education should be performed in order to not only limit the possibility of losing awareness, but also to expand the awareness so that students will be capable to make more conscious decisions whenever they have such information.

4.2. The effectiveness of life values implementation

Customer Education takes the very first step in the participation for improving the educational quality under the efforts of developing individuals' characters. Despite the idealistic statement, drug abuse has been rampant nowadays and, at the same time, consumptive behaviors have been penetrating the young generation. In relation to such situation, Customer Education has a significant role in preventing the performance of inappropriate behaviors. Yoshino et al. (2015) stated that the importance of performing Customer Education comes principally from better decisions with regards to financial allocation. Meanwhile, Agarwalla et al. (2012) in their study concluded that the elevation on the financial knowledge among the students with regards to their financial-handling manner might improve the quality of the schooling education itself. The presence of Customer Education in the curriculum therefore might impact not only the students, but also the quality of the higher education quality.

With regards to the urgency of performing Customer Education, the students have various reasons about the idea. Several students state that they have been concerned with the current condition of the young generation since, along with the rapid development of science and technology, the influence of fast-moving information might erode the moral values and the characters that the children should internalize. Then, other students state that many children have not understood the customer values nowadays and consequently they are inclined to be consumptive. Based on these statements, the internalization of life values through Customer Education might guide the customers in teaching the children to be more critical, thrifty, meticulous, thorough, economical, and responsive to social problems, as well as to be caring toward others. Albeedy and Gharlegghi (2015) (no References!!!) also proposed that students should be educated at one point of their life on how to obtain at a later stage of life and where else to educate them if not in college. By delivering substantial life values in every lecture and every role model within the home, the school,

and the society, it might be expected that students will understand and implement the values that they have internalized from the three environments. These findings are supported by the findings from a study by Carr (1993), (no References!!!) which concluded that the values of an individual will be influenced, both consciously and unconsciously, by the examples that have been internalized through his or her teacher within the students' teaching-learning process, behaviors, and relationships.

The character-building efforts of the students in the study might be considered good enough, since the study seeks to internalize the life values that might have been integrated into the curriculum or the materials of the Customer Education Course. As a result, the provision of role model and the internalization of life values for developing the students' characters should be maintained and even should be improved. The provision and the internalization even have higher level of importance, since not all of these values are frequently implemented by the students. For example, there are 3 life values that have earned low scores in the study. Therefore, the continuous provision and internalization on the life values will assist the students in shaping themselves into wise customers within the context of their daily life.

The internalization of life values among the students has not been given significant attention under the students' character-building efforts. The statement has been confirmed by students' habit in implementing the life values into the context of their daily life. With regards to the situation, 76% instead of 80% of the students indicated they have been increasingly aware to the implementation of the life values that they have mastered. Based on the finding, it might be concluded that the character-building efforts should not only be determined by the conduct of character education through the delivery of positive messages, but also by the teaching of life values through reflective and meaningful learning process. The combination of the two methods through a harmonious manner will provide competitive advantage for the efforts of nurturing positive characters. In other words, the students' characters will be well developed if the learning process always involves the stu-

dents into reflective activities. The statement implies that every learning materials should always be delivered through reflective and meaningful method and the message of each learning material should be interpreted in depth with regards to the positive values so that the students might help themselves to develop the characters of being wise customers.

Last but not least, the results of the study also uncover the reasons why the students do not implement the values that they have internalized from the Customer Education Course. According to these students, these life values are complicated and thus trying to implement these

values is a waste of time; not to mention, these students have also been burdened by so many assignments. Based on their reasons, it might be concluded that there should be continuous efforts toward helping the students to internalize the life values through various learning methods. Within the learning process, the students should be invited to identify numerous problems within the society and the problems themselves might be related to the loss that customers might experience. Through the discussion over the cause of loss and profit, it is expected that the students might find the appropriate solutions and the customers' rights, as well as the obligations that they should perform.

CONCLUSION

The findings in the study show that on average 95.90% students regard the curriculum or the learning materials of Customer Education Course as an important and necessary aspect in their life. Then, the students also consider that there might be 16 life values that serve as the part of the character-building dimension. In terms of life values implementation, the mean score that the students have attained is equal to 174.97 and such mean score belongs to the "Ideal" category with the maximum score 244.00 and the minimum score 61.00. Furthermore, with regards to life values implementation 11 students (9.00%) fall into "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fall into "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fall into "Fair" category.

The learning materials in the Customer Education Course, which consists of 16 life values, have not been able to effectively develop the characters of a wise customers. 76% of the students only earned "B" grade (71-75) within the course. The result is still below the standard, since the requirement to pass the course is that at least there should be 80% of the total students who attain "B" Grade. Therefore, it might be concluded that the use of life values within the Customer Education Course have not been effective for building the characters of a wise customer.

In order to improve the quality of the character-building efforts through the teaching of the life values in relation to the customer life, several efforts might be suggested. First, there should be improvement on the teachers' or the lecturers' self-awareness so that the teachers or the lecturers will always be willing to continuously internalize the life values through a structured manner without having to be instructed by the leadership of the schools or the university. Second, the Customer Education should be integrated into the schools' or the universities' curriculum so that the Customer Education does not have to be performed through formal courses. In addition, the Customer Education might be performed by providing deliberate interventions such as reflective activities and specially designed tasks so that the students will be assisted in internalizing the life values outside their class. Third, there should be increasing opportunities for the teachers' or the lecturers' creative development, especially in designing the learning materials, the learning strategies, and the learning scenarios of the value education. By doing so, the value education might be well integrated into the course materials so that an effective and meaningful learning process might be created. Fourth, or the last one, there should be a design for the learning process of the value education by relying on the collaborative learning strategies in order to assist the students in effectively internalizing the life values.

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ABSTRACT

Formal education plays a big role in the construction and development of students' competence and skill. A survey on the fashion engineering education in Indonesia found that most students had not appropriately applied the competence and skill they learned. Many of them did not say anything despite experiencing loss, were reluctant to ask for exchange or compensation, littered the product's waste, and had no interest in using do-it-yourself (DIY) skills to make their own products. Therefore this study is aimed to depict the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials, the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials, and the effectiveness of consumer living values on students' character-building. In this survey-based study, the ex post facto approach was employed in order to evaluate the results of Consumer Education learning through reflective assessment sheet. The research population was 123 students of Fashion Engineering Education Study Program in higher education institutions in Yogyakarta Province who had passed the Consumer Education course in the odd semester in Indonesia in 2017. The sample was established through the stratified proportional random sampling technique, while the descriptive statistical analysis was applied to the findings of reflective assessment. The results show the students agree that learning Consumer Education course is imperative for day-to-day life and the consumer education materials are found to be effective in consumers' character-building. This study has not internalized of the values through advice, exemple, discussion, role playing, and participation in the activities of consumption events around daily life. Further studies need for developing a relevant curriculum, training in designing content, strategies, instruments, and evaluation of learning.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Education is part of fundamental needs for any individual (Anonym, 2001; Elder, 2015). Through education, it is expected that that the overall movement of an individual will be based on the divine and moral values. In relation to the statement, the development in the international world within the domain of economy, politics and even socio-cultures demands improvement on human resources quality so that the human resources will be readier, be more responsive, and be stronger in dealing with the development. Therefore, the Department of National Education has been pursuing numerous efforts to improve the educational quality so that the human resources quality might be improved as well. Cheng (2001) mentions, different types of improvement efforts for internal quality assurance in education may comprises of school management improvement, classroom environment improvement, teaching improvement, learning improvement, curriculum improvement, evaluation improvement, and teacher education and quality improvement. All these efforts focus on improvement of the quality of certain components with aims to achieve planned education goals.

Changes and developments on the life aspects should be responded by professional and well qualified performance in education. Therefore, effective curriculum development should be to meet the needs and current demands of the culture, the society, and the expectations

of the population being served (Alsubaie, 2016). The curriculum that has been developed nowadays demands a learning process that encourages the students to be more active and creative. In the same time, the same learning process emphasizes more on the process. As a result, there should be an evaluation toward the achievement of the curriculum that has been implemented into the learning process.

In relation to such changes and developments, Customer Education Course is a course that belongs to the domain of social science and is related to customer behaviours. Fry, Ketteridge, and Marshall (2009) mention normally students are encouraged (or required, if it is a mandatory scheme) to keep a record of their learning achieved, both on the course and through their personal experience of work, voluntary activities, or other life experiences. They are also encouraged to reflect on how their learning matches the demands that will be made on them in the future by employers. In the learning process, Customer Education might be benefitted for developing the students' characteristics in relation to their daily life. The learning materials of the course themselves contain actual problems and life values within the society that have been related to the consumption behaviours and customer society protection. Then, the values of customer society life in the curriculum of Customer Education are classified into three aspects namely the aspect of knowledge and skills in personal finance management, the aspect of wise purchase decision making, and the aspect of society participation. Thereby, the values in the Customer Education Course are the ones that will be able to deliver the society to both the individual and the communal happiness and prosperity.

In order to be successfully implemented, the curriculum of the course should aim at goal achievement as well as expectation fulfilment in the society. To come to this aim, an assessment should be involved. According to Trespeces (1993), assessment is a process of describing, searching for, and sharing information that has been highly imperative within the decision-making activities for determining an alternative decision. Based on the definition, the term assessment might be applied to any process of collecting reality through a systematic manner for examining the changes on the students' behaviour and the extent to which these changes occur (Lile & Bran, 2014). As a result, assessment nowadays does not belong to the cognitive domain only but also to the affective and the psychomotor domain. When the statement is put into the context of Customer Education Course, the assessment in the course thus becomes not only dealing with the students' cognitive aspects but also with the students' affective and psychomotor aspect. In other words, the Customer Education Course will not only be dealing with the knowledge regarding customers but also with the relevance between the knowledge and the daily life context. Since it is deemed that situation is worth to investigate, in the present study, the students' view on the significance and the usefulness of Customer Education Course in their daily life will be presented.

The success of curriculum implementation should, in fact, aim at the goal achievement, as well as how it suits society expectation. In order to measure the success of the curriculum achievement, an assessment might be involved. Assessment is part of a process of achieving an objective. According to Trespeces (1993), assessment is the process of describing, searching, and sharing information that is highly imperative to a decision-making process in determining an alternative decision. The term also applies to a process of collecting realities in a systematic manner to examine any change in students' behavior and to what extent it occurs (Bloom 2001). As assessment allows students to evaluate a learning process (Lile and Bran 2014), and in this study, it presents the students' view on the significance of Consumer Education in daily life and how it can be used as a guide in spending money. Moreover, assessment no longer

predominantly belongs to the cognitive domain, but affective and psychomotor ones, as well (Calendra and Tamarrow 2015). Consumer Education assessment assesses not only the students' cognitive competence but also their buying behavior. This suggests that Consumer Education is not only limited to mere knowledge but highly relevant in day-to-day life.

Specifically, as having been explained above, the success of curriculum implementation might be measured through assessment particularly in relation to the students' learning outcomes in the form of their competences and skills. According to Mardapi (2004), assessment has several purposes as follows: 1) to examine students' competence/skill level, 2) to examine students' development and growth, 3) to identify students' learning difficulties, 4) to identify learning outcomes, 5) to identify students' learning achievement, 6) to examine curriculum achievement, 7) to provide support for students, and 8) to motivate teachers to be better educators.

As one may have implied from previous explanations, assessment might also be understood as a process of revisiting previous activities that have been performed. Such process is aimed at revealing the strengths and the weaknesses of a program in order to improve it. The revisit itself might also be comprehended as reflection. Reflection bears similar meaning to standing in front of a big mirror in order to one's self. Such analogy explains why reflexivity is incorporated into the assessment process. Based on the process of assessment and reflection, a new teaching model is issued and the new teaching model is known as reflective teaching. Reflective teaching is a method that involves reflexivity for examining the effectiveness of learning activities that have been performed. The incorporation of reflexivity into teaching process is important in order to develop the students' quality. Pollard (2002) pointed out that reflective teaching bears several characteristics namely: a) reflective teaching implies an active concern with aims and consequences, as well as means and technical efficiency; b) reflective teaching is applied in a cyclical or spiralling process, in which teachers monitor, evaluate and revise their own practice continuously; c) reflective teaching requires competence in methods of evidence-based classroom enquiry to support the progressive development of higher standards of teaching; and d) reflective teaching requires attitudes of open-mindedness, responsibility and wholeheartedness. These characters are closely related from one to another in progressively developing better teaching standards. Then, there are three important things that should be considered in designing the reflective teaching activities namely: a) aim, b) evidence and reflection, and c) extension.

Bannister (1996) defined Costumer Education as the process of gaining the knowledge and skills to manage personal resources and to participate in social, political and economic decisions that affect individual well being and the public good. Consumer Education pays close attention to the awareness building and information transmission for changing individual's behaviors (McGregor, 2005). With regards to the present study, Customer Education is defined as the process of acquiring knowledge and skills for performing personal finance management, for taking actions on factors that influence customer decision-making aspects, and for being a good citizen.

The concept of Customer Education consists of five fundamental principles and the five principles are the customers' social responsibilities in performing their consumption for achieving customer protection. The five fundamental principles are: 1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) environmental concern; and 5) solidarity (Tantri, 1995: 24). Based on the five fundamental principles, it might be concluded that Customer Education has high level of importance for increasing the students' awareness toward customer

protection. In turn, the students of Customer Education Course will be able to motivate themselves for displaying the behaviours that are relevant to their life values and eventually for crystallizing these life values into the part of their characters.

According to Putrohari (2009), competence mastery refers to the mastery of knowledge, understanding, and skills through particular experiences. Knowledge itself is defined as a particular part of information. Then, understanding implies an ability to express the knowledge in numerous forms by seeing the links of particular knowledge to the other matters and to the existing problems. Last but not the least, skills are defined as the knowledge in performing certain things. With regards to the Customer Education Course, the orientation of the competence mastery in the course is: 1) students' cognitive aspect attainment in the form of understanding and motivation; 2) self-reflection; and 3) students' capacity to actively contribute to the development of mindful consumers in the community (Stanszus et al 2017). The mastery of these orientations will reflect how important the application of Customer Education into the daily life context is since Customer Education shapes the students' characters for performing their consumption more wisely.

Looking at the content of the course, a competence-based assessment might be selected in order to assess the students' competence mastery. According to Yamin (2009), the purpose of competence-based assessment is to identify whether the basic competencies have been achieved or not so that the students' level of mastery might be determined. As a result, the critical thinking-based learning process that might be involved in the course will not only be related to the assessment of problem-solving product but also to the assessment of problem-solving process since the basic competence in the critical thinking-based learning process include the ability to identify all kinds of problems that have been related to: 1) the customers' rights, responsibilities, and protection; 2) the understanding toward the background problems; 3) the problem formulation; 4) the discussions on the cause of the problems; 5) the actions that should be taken; 6) the identification on the solutions for the problems; and 7) the provisions of conclusions and recommendations.

School is a secondary educational institution and a part of formal education that plays significant role within the construction and the development of the students' knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values. The interaction between one student and another and also between the students and their environment involve numerous life values. These values are deliberately institutionalized through either formal regulations or written curricula. Furthermore, a school might also be considered as a place where personal values in the form of thoughts, comments, and actions meet one another. These values might emerge spontaneously through the unique personality that each student has in the school. With regards to the statement, David and Frank (1997) proposed that a school might be a strategic place for implementing the character education due to the fact that many children from various backgrounds are present in the school. Moreover, the children spend most of their times in the school and consequently the characters of these children will be largely influenced by the things that they have learned in the school.

In the practice, based on the experience that has been found from the survey and the observation over the Fashion Engineering in Indonesia, most of the students have not appropriately applied the skills and the competencies that they have mastered. Most of the students in the survey and observation reported that they should be dealing with the following issues within the domain: 1) experience of being loss; 2) reluctance for proposing exchange or compensation; 3) waste products; and 4) zero interest in performing do-it-yourself (DIY) skills for crafting their own products. These issues ultimately demand a reflective assessment on the

curriculum and materials in relation to the domain, specifically in relation to the curriculum and materials of the Customer Education Course. The reflective assessment itself should be directed to the life values that play significant role for building the students' characters.

2. METHODS

In conducting the study, the descriptive-evaluative approach was involved within the investigation on the attainment of Customer Education Course learning objectives. In addition, the reflective self-evaluation activities were also involved in order to uncover the perception of the students on the importance of learning the life values through the Customer Education Course, to identify the extent to which these values were manifested in their daily life, and to describe the effectiveness of the life values teaching for building the characters of wise customers. Then, the study consisted of several stages namely: a) identifying the learning materials of Customer Education that were relevant to the students' needs; b) identifying the life values that were relevant to the competencies in the Customer Education; c) designing an instrument that measured how the life values had been practiced in the Customer Education as part of the dimensions within the characters building of the customers; d) gathering the necessary data by involving the respondents to complete the reflective practice questionnaire; and e) analysing, interpreting, and synthesizing the data along with drawing conclusions.

Since the population in the study comprised of several homogenous groups, the study should involve a simple stratified proportional random sampling technique in determining the number of the respondents (Matthew et al., 2013). Due to the application of the simple stratified random sampling technique, there were 123 students from the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department Yogyakarta State University who had been selected as the respondents for the study. The data from these respondents were gathered through the distribution of open-ended questionnaire that had been specifically design for functioning as a reflective assessment.

The field of social occupation and welfare was complex and full of challenges since the decisions that should be made in the domain were by nature already difficult (Toros & Medar, 2015). With regards to the statement, the prerequisite for better decision-making process was the presence of the systematic self-reflection practice (Amble, 2012). The systematic self-reflection practice enabled individuals to examine the decisions that they had made and the knowledge that they had involved within the practice (Heath, 1998). Self-reflection itself was significant part in students' training as the self-reflection enhanced the practice of their personal and professional development (Chaddock et al., 2014). Thus, self-reflection might improve the students' professional growth and competence (Eng & Pai, 2014). In turn, the self-reflection might also improve the quality of the students' social occupation.

With regards to self-reflection, a reflective assessment sheet was assigned as part of research instrument for gathering the students' opinion on the life values that had been contained in the Customer Education Course. In addition, a reflection worksheet was also assigned in order to identify to which extends the students had implemented the contained life values in their daily life. In sum, the two instruments were designed in order to investigate to which extent that the students had implemented the life values that had been taught in the Customer Education Course. The two instruments relied on 4-point Likert scale and the 4-point Likert scale would be elaborated as follows: a) 1 = zero intention to practice the life values; b) 2 = never practice the life values; c) 3 = practice the life values; and d) 4 = habituate the life values. The validity of the instrument was assessed by the experts' judgment within a focus

group discussion and the data of the instrument were analysed using the descriptive statistical analysis method.

Among the various approaches and techniques adopted in the strategic analysis and/or planning process, SWOT analysis was used here to explore the importance of learning the Consumer Education materials and the application of living values in the Consumer Education materials. In SWOT analysis two critical environments (internal and external) are carefully analyzed and evaluated (Ololube1, Aiya, and Uriah, 2016). Below table depicts the SWOT analysis on Consumer Education materials.

<p>Strength: Shaping the character of students when dealing with real consumption activity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementing character value for consumption 2. learning with case studies of problems that occur in real consumption activity 3. self reflection in responding real case consumption 	<p>Weakness: Need long time process to implementing life value in consumption activity for shaping consumption character.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continous habituation 2. Character values are formed after students experience it.
<p>Opportunity: able to apply reflective evaluation method in other fields of expertise in measuring character formation of students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. each field of expertise has its own character value 2. character values contained in the field of expertise can be used as the development of instruments to measure character 	<p>Threat: the influence of trends and relations between friends that cannot be predicted to form consumptive behavior</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need to be accepted in relation environment 2. The need for self-existence by following the trend

The findings in the study were based on the reflection that the students had performed. In general, through the study the students shared the customers' life values that they had acquired from the Customer Education Course. Then, the data analysis was based on the percentage of the life values application in the course. The application of the life values in the course might be represented from the four alternatives in the questionnaire. The four alternative themselves are as follows: a) 4 = performing daily activities by applying the life values; b) recognizing the life values and often applying the life values in the daily life; c) recognizing the life values but rarely applying them in the daily life; and (d) 1 = recognizing the life value but never applying them in the daily life. The classification for the customers' life values application would be presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1
Classification on the Score of Life Values Application

Class	Scores	Category
1	> 199 - 244	Very Good
2	> 153 - 199	Good
3	> 107 - 153	Moderate
4	61 – 107	Poor

3. RESULTS

3.1 The Implementation of Life Values

The importance of Customer Education Course could not be denied as the course delivered a lot of life values that played significant role in the process of building customers' characters. The importance itself became highly relevant since hedonism and drug abuse had been commonly found around the society nowadays. The rise of hedonism and drug abuse in our society itself might be a solid proof of the failure in our education (including the one in the Customer Education Course) for building the students' characters. Such condition indeed heightened the concerns withing the Indonesian education and became the challenge of all parties in the education due to the fact that the demand for achieving better competencies and more life values had been higher than ever.

In order to eradicate the negative impacts within the social development, such as the tight competition within the free market system and the rise of malls and shopping centers that might lead to the consumptive behaviours and also drug abuse, the teaching and learning process in the Customer Education should be directed toward developing the aspects that might be necessary for building the noble characters. For ensuring the effective implementation of these values, there should be a synergic cooperation among all stakeholders in the education (family, school/university, and society). Then, one of the ways for educating the society about the importance of internalizing these values might be teaching the Customer Education Course in the higher education institution, specifically in the Fashion Design and Hospitality Department. The teaching of the course was indeed very important because the course contained many llife values that had been essential for building the characters of a wise customer. Then, in relation to the study, the general overview on the students' reflective assessment with regards to the importance of learning the Customer Education Course.

Table 2
Mind Map of Students' Perception on the Importance of Customer Education
Based on Fundamental Principles

Basic Competencies	Life Values	Fundamental Principles	% of Importance
1. Defining Customer Education Course	Self-awareness, goal-orientedness	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern;	94.30
2. Describing the principles of Customer Education Course	Thriftiness, meticulousness, responsibility, awareness, responsibility, care	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern;	97.33
3. Describing the benefits of taking Customer Education Course	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information, self-thriftiness, awareness,	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	94.38

4.	Recognizing rights	customer	productiveness, criticality Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, ownership, demand information, fairness, meticulousness, responsibility, self-awareness, responsibility, self-awareness, appreciation of money value, responsibility, self-awareness, fairness, Self-awareness, criticality, fairness, responsibility, social tolerance, social care responsibility, environmental awareness responsibility, care	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern;	96.00
5.	Understanding obligation to read product label	the read		1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) environmental concern; and 5) solidarity	95.20
6.	Understanding and performing protection	customer	Sensitivity, social tolerance, care	1) social concern; 2) solidarity	91.00
7.	Initiating consumer movement	individual protection	Responsibility, self-awareness, social tolerance	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern	84.50
8.	Initiating customer movement for the sake of public welfare	communal protection	Social tolerance, care	1) social concern; 2) solidarity	84.50
9.	Identifying problems in sales and purchase along with the solutions to the problems	customer sales and agreement	Meticulousness, self-awareness, care	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern;	94.30
10.	Identifying problems in compensation claim along with the solutions to the problems	customer claim	Criticality, fairness, care	1) critical awareness; 2); social concern; and 3) solidarity	92.70
11.	Identifying problems in advertisement along with the solutions to the problems	customer claim	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	92.70

12. Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the packaging along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, criticality, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	96.70
13. Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the label along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	1) activity involvement; 2) solidarity	95.00
14. Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to the suggested proportion/serving size along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	1) activity involvement; 2) solidarity	92.70
15. Identifying customer problems in product quality in relation to product standardization along with the solutions to the problems	Meticulousness, sensitivity, demand toward information	1) activity involvement; 2) solidarity	91.90
16. Understanding how to file a complaint	Fairness, demand toward information	1) activity involvement; 2) social concern;	91.90
17. Managing personal finance wisely	Thriftiness, wisdom, appreciation toward money value	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	94.30
18. Recognizing customer behavior theory (seeking information, assessing, comparing, buying, having post-purchase evaluation) in wise buying decision making	Meticulousness, wisdom, self-awareness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	97.60
19. Identifying wise food consumption	Thriftiness, meticulousness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	96.70
20. Identifying wise clothing consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	97.60
21. Identifying wise beauty product consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	89.40
22. Identifying wise household furniture and appliances consumption	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness, demand	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement	88.60

23. Identifying medicine consumption	wise	toward information Meticulousness, goal-orientedness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	94.30
24. Performing clothing-behavior	good consuming	meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) solidarity	96.70
25. Performing good linen-consuming behavior	good	Meticulousness, self-awareness, sensitivity	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) social concern; 4) solidarity	89.40
26. Performing accessories-behavior	good consuming	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	87.80
27. Performing cosmetic-behavior	good consuming	Meticulousness, self-awareness, goal-orientedness	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	90.20
28. Performing medicine-behavior	good consuming	Meticulousness, self-awareness, environmental awareness	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement; 3) environmental concern;	93.40
29. Understanding Foundation and its activities	Customer and its	Goal-orientedness, demand toward information	1) critical awareness; 2) activity involvement;	95.10
Mean				95.90

The results of the students' reflection implied that the basic competences within the Customer Education Course have been necessary in relation to their role as a customer. The necessity of mastering these basic competencies through the Customer Education Course has been clearly stated by the mean percentage namely 95.90%.

Based on the results of the students' reflection as well, in relation to moral the values within the Customer Education Course consisted of the positive ethical values and the negative ethical values. These values are closely related to the responsibility within the society. Furthermore, the students believed that these moral values had been able to help shaping their characters into those of a wise customer since characters would help them to shape their behaviours and their behaviours would represent their perspective. In turn, the behaviours that represented their actions would reflect their true attitudes. In general, there were 16 moral values from the Customer Education Course that had been found from the results of the students' reflection.

When the results of the students' reflective analysis had been performed thoroughly, it was found that the Customer Education Course had contained adequate moral values for being a wise customer. Thus, the 16 moral values that had been found would certainly be able to shape the characters of a wise customer by the time the students had internalized these values in depth. It was important for the students to develop these life values within their daily life since these life values might help them to achieve better understanding on the importance of the meaning of the values and to be more familiar with these values in order that they would be able to apply these values whenever they became the customers. In addition, the students also

agreed that these life values might help developing an individual's characters in being intelligent in relation to the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor aspects.

3.2 The Effectiveness of Life Values Implementation

The data in the study showed that the implementation of the life values for the wise customers in building the students' characters had fallen into the "Good" category. The indication was the mean value (174.97) which had been in the range of ideal scores with the minimum score 61.00 and the maximum score 244.00. In relation to the data, the findings in the study showed that the students had believed, internalized, and even practiced the life values in their daily life as part of reflection on their character-building efforts. From 123 students who had been involved, 11 students (9.00%) fell into the "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fell into the "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fell into the "Moderate" category; all students had been able to practice the life values that they had attained from the Customer Education Course. In other words, it might be concluded that the life values that had been internalized by the students might be well practice in the students' daily life.

The pursuance of character building efforts through the implementation of the life values that had been attained from the Customer Education Course was properly conducted. The statement was supported by the finding that 13 out of 16 life values had been well internalized by the students in their character-building efforts. There were only 3 values (care, fairness, and environmental awareness) which score had been lower than 70.00%. Furthermore, 87 students (70.73%) were classified into the group of "Frequently Practiced and Habituated" students, while 36 students (29.27%) were classified into the group of "Never and Rarely Practiced" students with regards to the implementation of the life values. These findings confirmed once again that the life values that had been attained in the Customer Education had been implicitly well implemented by the students although without a hundred percent success. As a result, it might be concluded that the life values in the Customer Education Course might be implemented for building the students' characters.

After having observed the aspects of the life values as part of character building dimension, the frequency on the practice of the life values was presented in the following table.

Table 3
Practices of Living Values in Consumer Education Curriculum/Materials

No	Consumer Living Values	Living Values in Practice	
		Frequently Practiced and Habituated	Never and Rarely Practiced and Habituated
1	Self-Awareness	74%	28%
2	Responsibility	91%	9%
3	Thriftiness	77%	23%
4	Wise	78%	22%
5	Goal-orientedness	74%	26%
6	Meticulousness	84%	16%
7	Demand toward information	79%	21%
8	Social Tolerance	97%	3%
9	Sensitivity	77%	23%
10	Criticality	75%	25%
11	Care	47%	53%

12	Fairness	53%	47%
13	Ordinariness	79%	21%
14	Environmental Care	52%	48%
15	Productiveness	74%	26%
16	Financial Management	75%	25%
Average		74%	26%

From the above, it was clearly shown that the mean score for the internalization of the life values in the Customer Education Course had been equal to 74%. Such percentage suggested that the life values in the Customer Education Course had been effectively implemented by the students as part of their character-building dimension. In further implication, such percentage also suggested that the students had believed on the capacity of these life values in helping them to shape the characters of being a wise customer in the context of their daily life. Therefore, it might be concluded that the teaching of these values in the Customer Education Course might be effective for building the students' characters. Despite the belief, due to the fact that the internalization of these life values had only been equal to 74% it might be concluded as well that the students had not been well aware in implementing these life values within the context of their daily life.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 The Implementation of Life Values

Teaching and maintaining moral values into children/individuals are part of the main duties that all parties should perform since these moral values are important building blocks and foundation for the embodiment of civilized and prosperous society (Megawangi, 2004). The statement is in line with the results of the students' evaluation on the life values that they have mastered from the Customer Education Course. The evaluation itself leads to the fact that there 16 moral values that the students have internalized from attending the course. According to the students' opinions, the 16 moral values support them in being a wise customer especially when they are able to internalize them into the parts of their attitudes and behaviours in the daily life since the character and the personality of an individual are shaped by the values that the individual master, internalize, and consistently implement in the course of the daily life. Not to mention, the values that an individual has might be reflected in his or her behaviours.

Within the study, the students have perceived the main life values that might assist them in dealing with the highly influential information. These life values should be understood and be appreciated and should also be internalized and be practiced in the context of their daily life since these life values might be a driving force or a guiding principle in their life. Therefore, the students should seriously understand the life values that the schools and the society have held and the values that they have learned might be a significant advantage the character development within the individual or the society.

Then, the more important thing is that the values in the Customer Education Course that the students have internalized might bring about certain contributions to the students' character development so that the students might be a wise customer. Perry and Morris (2005) described that individuals with better rate of customer education are more inclined to save their income and to set certain budget as part of their future financial planning. In other words, an individual with better rate of customer education will take more effective actions not in the simple financial calculations in relation to the budget but also in his or her consideration on the purchase of more sophisticated product (Lantara & Kartini, 2014). The statement is in line with the opinion by Lusardi and Mitchell (2011), who stated that there is a positive association between financial literacy and personal financial management. Thereby, Customer Education

should provide a positive imprint on an individual's customer behaviours in order that the individual will be wise, smart, and financially literate in relation to his or her purchase decision. In relation to the objective, the life values in the Customer Education Course will certainly be useful within the context of an individual's daily life.

The students also state that the life values in the Customer Education Course have been so important that every individual should abide to these values since every individual around the globe should have master the principles of being a wise customer. Their opinion has been 100% confirmed by the fact that it is very important to learn and to master the life values in the Customer Education Course. Even other studies that have been relevant to the present study also conclude that the education of life values is important to be early performed in both the family and the school environment so that the students will be equipped with the high value awareness; in turn, these values will continuously motivate the children to behave wisely.

Financial courses in the educational programs of many universities might help the students to handle their financial matters better and to improve their financial welfare (Ergun, 2017). Ali et al. (2004) explained that Customer Education programs might help young people with the skills that they have been equipped with in order to make their financial decisions. According to Choudhary and Kamboj (2017), the importance of financial education is globally acknowledged as a key element to the financial welfare of an individual as well as the financial stability of a country. Several findings from previous researchers' supports that Customer Education should be taught in the curriculum of higher education institutions since such course might help students to be a wise customer. Thus, the learning process on the mastery of the life values within the Customer Education Course might be habituated by the students in order to attain high value awareness and to perform wise behaviours in accordance to the humanity values.

Furthermore, Ryan and Lickona (1992) urged that it is no coincidence that the moral power of society is involved in actions that bring about destruction. The characters of a society might be observed from the prevailing characters that the young generation of the society displays. In relation to the statement, it is clear that building a moral society becomes the responsibility of all parties.

Children will turn into honourable individuals if they live in a good environment. In order to ensure that, there should be common efforts toward the goal. Therefore, it might be implied that human beings do not automatically turn into wise individuals with good morality as they enter their adulthood. The growth of the children into such honourable individuals is a result of lifelong efforts that have been pursued both by the individuals and the society (Aristotle, 1987). Providing the assurance toward the achievement of the goal is such a great challenge and consequently there should be awareness from all parties who live around the young people to inform that character education, or values education, is highly important to perform. Fraczek (2013) concluded that cooperation between government and university should enable the transfer of knowledge, norms, and verified solutions from one to another. With regards to the situation, the character education should be performed explicitly in a planned procedure through a focused and comprehensive project so that a society with full of honourable individuals might be created. In addition, Chichowics and Nowak (2017) emphasized that Customer Education should be performed in order to not only limit the possibility of losing awareness but also to expand the awareness so that students will be capable to make more conscious decisions whenever they have such information.

4.2 The Effectiveness of Life Values Implementation

Values Education takes the very first step in the participation for improving the educational quality under the efforts of developing individuals' characters. Despite the

idealistic statement, drug abuse has been rampant nowadays and, in the same time, consumptive behaviours have been penetrating the young generation. In relation to such situation, Values Education has significant role in preventing the performance of inappropriate behaviours. Yoshino et al. (2015) stated that the importance of performing Customer Education comes principally from better decisions with regards to financial allocation. Meanwhile, Agarwalla et al. (2012) in their study concluded that the elevation on the financial knowledge among the students with regards to their financial-handling manner might improve the quality of the schooling education itself. The presence of Customer Education in the curriculum therefore might impact not only the students but also the quality of the higher education quality.

With regards to the urgency of performing Value Education, the students have various reasons about the idea. Several students state that they have been concerned with the current condition of the young generation since, along with the rapid development of science and technology, the influence of fast-moving information might erode the moral values and the characters that the children should internalize. Then, other students state that many children have not understood the customer values nowadays and consequently they are inclined to be consumptive. Based on these statements, the internalization of life values through Value Education might guide the customers in teaching the children to be more critical, thrifty, meticulous, thorough, economical, and responsive to social problems as well as to be caring toward others. Albeerdy and Gharleghi (2015) also proposed that students should be educated at one point of their life on how to obtain at a later stage of life and where else to educate them if not in college. By delivering substantial life values in every lecture and every role model within the home, the school, and the society, it might be expected that students will understand and implement the values that they have internalized from the three environments. These findings are supported by the findings from a study by Carr (1993), which concluded that the values of an individual will be influenced, both consciously and unconsciously, by the examples that have been internalized through his or her teacher within the students' teaching-learning process, behaviours, and relationships.

The character-building efforts of the students in the study might be considered good enough since the study seeks to internalize the life values that might have been integrated into the curriculum or the materials of the Customer Education Course. As a result, the provision of role model and the internalization of life values for developing the students' characters should be maintained and even should be improved. The provision and the internalization even have higher level of importance since not all of these values are frequently implemented by the students. For example, there are 3 life values that have earned low scores in the study. Therefore, the continuous provision and internalization on the life values will assist the students in shaping themselves into a wise customer within the context of their daily life.

The internalization of life values among the students has not been given significant attention under the students' character-building efforts. The statement has been confirmed by students' habit in implementing the life values into the context of their daily life. With regards to the situation, 76% instead of 80% of the students indicated they have been increasingly aware to the implementation of the life values that they have mastered. Based on the finding, it might be concluded that the character-building efforts should not only be determined by the conduct of character education through the delivery of positive messages but also by the teaching of life values through reflective and meaningful learning process. The combination of the two methods through a harmonious manner will provide competitive advantage for the efforts of nurturing positive characters. In other words, the students' characters will be well developed if the learning process always involves the students into reflective activities. The statement implies that every learning materials should always be delivered through reflective

and meaningful method and the message of each learning material should be interpreted in depth with regards to the positive values so that the students might help themselves to develop the characters of being wise customer.

Last but not the least, the results of the study also uncover the reasons why the students do not implement the values that they have internalized from the Customer Education Course. According to these students, these life values are complicated and thus trying to implement these values is a waste of time; not to mention, these students have also been burdened by so many assignments. Based on their reasons, it might be concluded that there should be continuous efforts toward helping the students to internalize the life values through various learning methods. Within the learning process, the students should be invited to identify numerous problems within the society and the problems themselves might be related to the loss that customers might experience. Through the discussion over the cause of loss and profit, it is expected that the students might find the appropriate solutions and the customers' rights as well as the obligations that they should perform.

5. CONCLUSION

The findings in the study show that in average 95.90% students regard the curriculum or the learning materials of Customer Education Subject as an important and necessary aspect in their life. Then, the students also consider that there might be 16 life values that serve as the part of the character-building dimension. In terms of life values implementation, the mean score that the students have attained is equal to 174.97 and such mean score belongs to the "Ideal" category with the maximum score 244.00 and the minimum score 61.00. Furthermore, with regards to life values implementation 11 students (9.00%) fall into "Very Good" category, 106 students (86.00%) fall into "Good" category, and 6 students (5.00%) fall into "Fair" category.

The learning materials in the Customer Education Course which consists of the 16 life values have not been able to effectively develop the characters of a wise customers. 76% of the students only earned "B" grade (71-75) within the course. The result is still below the standard since the requirement to pass the course is that at least there should be 80% of the total students who attain "B" Grade. Therefore, it might be concluded that the use of life values within the Customer Education Course have not been effective for building the characters of a wise customer.

In order to improve the quality of the character-building efforts through the teaching of the life values in relation to the customer life, several efforts might be suggested. First, there should be improvement on the teachers' or the lecturers' self-awareness so that the teachers or the lecturers will always be willing to continuously internalize the life values through a structured manner without having to be instructed by the leadership of the schools or the university. Second, the Character Education should be integrated into the schools' or the universities' curriculum so that the Character Education does not have to be performed through formal courses. In addition, the character education might be performed by providing deliberate interventions such as reflective activities and specially designed tasks so that the students will be assisted in internalizing the life values outside their class. Third, there should be increasing opportunities for the teachers' or the lecturers' creative development, especially in designing the learning materials, the learning strategies, and the learning scenarios of the value education. By doing so, the value education might be well integrated into the course materials so that an effective and meaningful learning process might be created. Fourth, or the last one, there should be a design for the learning process of the value education by relying on the collaborative learning strategies in order to assist the students in effectively internalizing the life values.

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