The Tourist Satisfaction on Logo Design of Huay Kon Border Market, Chaleomphrakiat District, Nan Province.

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Abstract — The aims of this research were twofold: 1) to logo design of Huay Kon Border Market, Chaleomphrakiat District, Nan Province and 2) to study the level of tourist satisfaction towards logo designs of Huay Kon Border Market, Chaleomphrakiat District, Nan Province. Tourist satisfaction was measured using four criteria: a unique product identity, ease of remembrance, product utility, and beauty/impressiveness. The researcher utilized a probability sampling method via simple random sampling. The sample consisted of 30 tourists in the Huay Kon Border Market. Statistics utilized for data analysis were percentage, mean, and standard deviation. The results suggest that tourists had high levels of satisfaction towards all four criteria of the logo design that was designed to target them. This study proposes that specifically logo designed of Huay Kon Border Market could also be implemented with other real media already available on the market.

Keywords — Huay Kon Border Market, Logo, Satisfaction

I. INTRODUCTION

To start up a business nowadays, no matter whether to serve commercial purposes or the small or big government sector purposes, it was essential to have a distinctive logo in order to communicate personal identity and branding, establish trust and build organizational identity, as well as be recalled in the consumers' minds over the long term. Due to these reasons, easier and more effective public communication was emerged. Logo, playing a significant role in sending out messages to the target audience, was like the image of the business or the goods.

Logo was originated by an artistic thinking process integrated with a well-designed communication process by focusing on the uniqueness of the object and presenting it to the publics to create better awareness. A good logo was able to communicate itself the target market functionally, and get remembered without using striking colors. It, additionally, was able to communicate well regardless of its size and could be used with variety of media including billboards for advertising and public relations, packaging, business cards, document, and printed material as well as websites, etc. Logo was therefore a crucial part in doing businesses and activities as it helped to send messages out to the target market efficiently. Logo played an important role in every department as it conveyed identity of brands and/or organization to consumers in spite of intense materialistic competitiveness in today world.

Huay Kon Border Market, Chaleomphrakiat District, Nan Province and the vicinity areas. Local income distribution happened here since the local brought their products from their farms to sell at this market directly to tourists. On top of fruits which were popular at this market, assorted vegetables were well liked for purchasing. This was being said that this market was a center of souvenirs and OTOP products in Nan Province as well as a rest area for tourists heading back for Bangkok to drop by for enjoyable shopping.

Nonetheless, there was no logo to represent Huay Kon Border Market yet. The logo could be used as a brand representative to convey messages to the publics in various forms like labels, packaging, name cards, document, print media, and website. This would bring about huge benefits to merchants in the market.

As things go, the researcher was into designing and developing a logo for the market in order to add value, establish its identity and trust, along with get tourists remember this market after their visit over a long period of time.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A logo design was an artistic process starting from setting a format, definition, appearance, and image by paying particular attention to the unique selling point to present and explain its definition including who, what, how and when to the publics to perceive easily. A designer had to utilize his capability and knowledge in doing analysis on the core messages to be transmitted as they were entitled to give definition about the object to the target group.


Color psychology lead a person to pay attention to the main content. In comparison to shape, color was more virtual to images and more effective to critical points in the pictures.

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Hence, fitting good color tone was extremely important. [1] Red was the most striking and the most powerful among the warm colors. It gave confidence, motivation, enthusiasm, excitement, and strength. It was usually coupled with intriguing objects or boards [2]. Orange stood in for agility, merry, warmth, chill-out atmosphere [3]. Yellow created inspiration, happiness, warmth, eagerness, and excitement. [4] Green indicated peace, freshness, youth, and it was used to represent balance, harmony, security, perseverance, and fertility. [5] Blue illustrated trust, honesty, and determination. It also appeared for calmness and spirit. Dark blue was suitable for business/organizational design aimed to show high-end technology, to give a feeling of future. Additionally, blue used for social media symbolized wisdom and warmth. [6] Purple signified respectability and dignity. It was connected to creativity. Dark purple acted as magnificence and wealth. Light purple meant spring season and romance. [7] Black expressed power, charm, stylishness, and mystery. [8] Gray embodied peace and justice. The designed work in gray color was perceived as conservative but lack of energy. [9] White stood for clarification, cleanliness, open mind, and simplicity. [10] Brown was typically part of the surface often used as a background color. In addition, it represented peace, elegance, and purity while giving a feeling of conservatism and faith.

III. METHODOLOGY

This research was an experimental research. It was conducted based on a one-shot case study design which aimed to test with one experimental group. The researcher executed the study as well as collected data in order as pointed out below.

A. Period 1: Study initial information used to design the logo.

A field study to collect data from the merchants in the Huay Kon Border Market and consumers was conducted so as to use the obtained data to design a logo for the market. There were 2 types of data collection as follows:

[1] Primary data: this included background and history of the market. In order to such information, the interview on the village headman, the merchants in the market as well as those local living nearby was carried out. Behavioral observations on buyers and sellers were performed together with the use of questionnaire to capture basic information for a logo design.

[2] Secondary data: the data were collected from essential and relating document.

B. Period 2: Design a logo.

The following techniques were employed:

[1] Locate a logo symbolized the expected benefits.

[2] Use a pencil to draft various ideas.


[4] Select the font characterized per the expectation.

[5] Select the color set following the emotion and the feeling to be built.

[6] Conduct an opinion survey from involving people along with those who were not aware of the local products. Then evaluate which idea created best potential result.

[7] Compare pros and cons of each idea, consult logo design specialists to later modify the contents as well as adjust the required portions based on the advice from the specialist.

[8] Fine-tune the content to become flawless and change the necessary parts based on the specialists' advice.

[9] Make a manual containing how to use a logo, font name, and color palette along with a template.

C. Period 3: Conduct an assessment by a specialist.

An assessment form was established by the researcher and used by the 5 appointed specialists to measure the quality of the designed logo for further improvement.

D. Period 4: Measure tourism’s satisfaction on the logo used for Huay Kon Border Market.

The measurement form was created by dividing into 5 different aspects [1] simplicity [2] memorableness [3] timeliness [4] versatility [5] approbation to the target group. Once the assessment was completed, the researcher statistically analyzed the result for conclusion and presentation.

IV. FINDINGS/RESULTS

The research with the topic of the Tourists’ satisfaction on the logo design of Huey Kon Border Market, Chaloemphrabhat District, Nan Province was conducted on 30 samples. The research results were examined and presented in a form of explanation table. The logo satisfaction was scored in general as follows;

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<th>Satisfaction Measurement</th>
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<td>Simple</td>
<td>4.65</td>
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<tr>
<td>Memorable</td>
<td>4.53</td>
<td>0.67</td>
<td>Highest</td>
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<tr>
<td>Timeliness</td>
<td>4.50</td>
<td>0.62</td>
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<td>Versatile</td>
<td>4.37</td>
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<td>Appreciate</td>
<td>4.47</td>
<td>0.77</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Average score</td>
<td>4.50</td>
<td>0.72</td>
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From the Table 1, it was found that the satisfaction levels on the 5 aspects were at the highest ($\bar{X} = 4.50$). Simplicity ($\bar{X} = 4.65$), memorableness ($\bar{X} = 4.53$) were the highest level of satisfaction respectively. Yet, versatility was at the least satisfaction level ($\bar{X} = 4.37$).

V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

This research was intended to 1) design a logo for the Huay Kon Border Market, Chaloemphrabhat District, Nan Province and 2) to evaluate the tourists’ satisfaction towards the logo.

There were 4 periods in this study;

Period 1: Study the initial information useful for a logo design. The researcher collected the data by visiting and interviewing village headman, the merchants, and the local dweller to obtain background and history of the market. Behavioral observation on the merchants and the buyers was performed; moreover, a questionnaire to get initial information beneficial for the logo design was executed. Besides, the study on relevant documents was carried out at this stage as well.
Period 2: Design the logo. This was started out by locating the symbol that could convey the expected benefits, sketching variety of possible ideas and picking on the best 3 solutions for a preliminary artwork design. Font selection by choosing the one with the wanted character, color set selection that could appealed the desired emotion and feelings were initiated at this stage. Once all of the designs based on the top 3 ideas were completed, they were compared with each another in terms of pros and cons. Consultancy with specialists for improvement were carried out in order to allow the researcher to adjust and modify the design as appropriate. Lastly, the document illustrating how to use the logo, the font name, and the color palette as well as a template used was made.

Period 3: Evaluate the logo quality by 5 specialists by using the assessment form made by the researcher. Improvement and adjustment to the logo was made at this stage based on the specialists' advice.

Period 4: Measure the tourists' satisfaction on the logo by segregating into 5 aspects including 1) simplicity 2) memorableness 3) timelessness 4) versatility and 5) appropriation to the target group. Once the evaluation was completed, the result was scrutinized statistically for conclusion and presentation at the next step.

From the study, it was concluded that the overall satisfaction level to the logo was at the highest level ($X \approx 4.50$) which was in accordance with the research hypothesis. In terms of the simplicity of the logo, it was at the maximum satisfaction. Simplicity signifies ease and flexibility of the logo that it could be used with other media efficiently. Also, it meant that the logo was easy to recognized. However, behind the simplicity, the designer had to put a lot of thinking efforts and draft various potential concepts in order to generate the logo that functioned so superbly that the viewers could easily notice and recall it (David Airey Translated by Hafis Benthawan, 2014).

V. SUGGESTIONS

Designing an adept logo required skills and capabilities in a designer like the ability to use various design tools including pen, pencil, assorted colors as well as a computer to transform concepts into images. Additionally, the designer was supposed to pay attention to changes around the world that happened unceasingly particularly on the markets and the mass communication. He had to own visions that could foresee a potential future as one single logo was supposed to live long (Araya Srikanlayanabut, 1998: 12-13).

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