

Abstract

Economic development implies the infrastructure development particularly the institutionalization of the economic institutions. With the increasing active role of the private sector contributing to the national development, the Provincial Chamber of Commerce are in the process of institutionalization to take more participation in the provincial development through the Joint Public and Private Consultative Committee at the province and acting as organized private sector. Thus, th study was taken to assess the Provincial Chamber of Commerce as the organization to achieve its assigned mission by evaluating the incumbents of the Chamber Committee, Staffs, members and the counterpart provincial officials. The scheduled interviews employed by the trained interviewers covered 31 provincial Chambers.

The study indicated the cognitive dissonance prevailed among the Chamber's different position's incumbents. Consequently, there existed the variation among them with regard to the Chamber's mission, expected performance, perceived efficiency and commitment. In addition, the study found the encountered problems of the management capability of the paid staffs and resources, cooperative and coordination among subsystems, limitation of confidence toward the environment and the need of strong commitment to the development of the Chamber. However, the Chamber, as a voluntary organization, illustrated her potentiality to become an effective organization that will contribute to the provincial development whenever the assistances from the government and other organizations are available. Thus, the reorientation, management efficiency, and resources development are needed to institutionalize the Provincial Chamber of Commerce as a promising private organization which will contribute significantly to the future development of the province.