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中文摘要

在消費市場裡,口碑是影響消費者決策與態度一個很強大的力量,尤其現在網路發達,使得人們口耳相傳的現象更加的頻繁。過去的研究已經著眼於資訊接收者的說服效果。本篇論文主要是在找出人格特質與非人際因素(產品知識)的交互作用對於資訊接收者說服效果的影響。本研究主要探討四個假設,自尊愈高時,資訊接收者比較不易受到口碑的影響,他們會傾向相信自己的判斷,為了維持心中的一致性而默視口碑的影響,也比較不會去尋求外界的資訊;而高知識的人比起低知識同樣地比較不易受到口耳相傳的影響,更不願意去搜尋產品資訊。而過去研究裡,對於高知識的族群受到說服效果的影響和搜尋資訊的程度眾說紛云,因此本篇論文將自尊為干擾變數,探討它們間的交互作用會產生什麼樣的結果,認為高知識且高自尊的人比較不會受到口碑的影響;而高知識且低自尊的人比較易受到口碑的說服。

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Abstract

Word-of-Mouth was a strong effect which influenced the decision and attitude of consumers in the consumer market. Particularly, since the development of Internet, the phenomenon of Word-of-Mouth (WOM) communication happened frequently in modern society. Several researchers had done studies on the effect of persuasion about information receivers.

In this study, we discovered the interaction between the non-interpersonal forces (Product Knowledge) and personality corresponding to the information receiver. This study set four hypotheses and further verified them. The higher self-esteem of the information receiver, the less the influence of the sender's WOM resulted in the receiver's perceived quality. The receivers with higher self-esteem preferred to trust their decisions according to their results, and they had no intention to seek for information from others; the highly knowledgeable receiver was less likely to seek information than the lowly knowledgeable ones, and less likely to rely on WOM

effect as well. In the past studies, it was an argument regarding the group whose persuasion effect of the highly knowledgeable and level of information searching. Therefore, the self-esteem was a moderating variable in this study, and the research results were gained from such interaction. The study assumed that for highly knowledgeable receivers, their personality of higher self-esteem resulted in less influences of the WOM on the receiver's perceived quality. As for the highly knowledgeable receiver, their personality of lower self-esteem resulted in greater influences of the WOM on the receiver's perceived quality.



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Chapter 1 Introduction

1.1 Research Background

In recent years, several studies indicated that word-of-mouth (WOM) communications often significantly influenced consumers' purchasing behavior. This kind of personal-sourced information presented in words regarding the product, brand or service. The nature of non-commercial communication or recommendation is thus produced by interpersonal relationship. When making a purchase of a new product or service, people always rely on WOM. They will not only take the initiative in searching for information but also get the opportunity to contact passively.

In fact, WOM has been demonstrated in practice to be more effective than traditional marketing or various types of advertising. (Katz and Lazarfeld, 1955; Engel et al., 1969). Moreover, along with the popularization of the Internet, information acquisition and dissemination become easier. Owing to the lower searching cost, people access to the Internet for data searching in a more convenient way. The concept of electronic word-of-mouth (eWOM) developed in much research have shown that eWOM might have the same effect as WOM.

One study indicated that a dissatisfied customer was expected to tell nine other people about his bad experiences while satisfied customers can be expected to tell five others (Knauer, 1992). Due to the intense influences, obtainable way was convenient.

Many companies start to emphasize such concept. They will build a BLOG to let the customers to discuss and share their experiences. A brief example was offered from Cape NO.7, a movie eked out a box-office win. Much of success of Cape NO.7 can be attributed to positive WOM communication resulted from BLOG. Because of lacking of budget, it selects WOM communication as an advertising tool. Finally, it causes the populace and the echoes from mess media. Bulletin Board System (BBS) was also a WOM tools in Taiwan. Companies will take advantage of the platform to understand customer and simultaneously maintain the positive WOM. For example, Healthful Pilaco Wafer Roll, a company producing wafer roll snacks, which firstly attracted great discussion at the BBS, and became successful suddenly.

Consequently, the customer shares his purchasing experience voluntarily with other people through interpersonal interaction, becomes a free spokesman for the product. Such message source was perceived to be highly credible (Cox, 1963; Richins, 1983) and more persuasive than other message by customer. Positive WOM communication increased value for the company; on the contrary, negative WOM would reduce the value of company. To the company, WOM was one of the crucial variables to expand market share (Frenzen & Nakamoto, 1993). It is important to know how this research can make good use of WOM for achieving maximal value.

1.2 Research Motivation

There were many WOM-related studies discussing nothing but the process of information dissemination and the influences on purchasing decision. Especially, they analyzed the effect of the persuasion. However, there exists controversies between scholars.

Studies of WOM process may be categorized into two principal rubrics of non-interpersonal forces and interpersonal forces (Bansal & Voyer, 2000). It discussed three kinds of relationship of WOM. They proposed that the greater the receiver's level of expertise, the less the influence of the sender's WOM effect was on the receiver's purchase decision. Antecedent authors held the same opinion about it; highly knowledgeable customers were less likely to rely on WOM information than costumers with less knowledge (Bone, 1995). They suggested that the customers with higher knowledge intended to judge the product with their original cognition.

However, the customers with less knowledge do not adequately understand the product and intend to search for information before making any decision.

However, the effects of level of receiver's expertise on the influence of WOM on purchase decisions or perceived quality are not significant. The determined relationship was found to be extremely weak and not statistically significant. It was worthwhile to discuss such result.

1.3 Research Objectives

According to the foregoing argument, this study would like to search for a variable that influences the research outcome. If the receiver's level of expertise served as a moderating variable with statistically significant effect, it will be found the other variable which would moderate the effect of the receiver's level of expertise.

Among all personalities, self-esteem has reflected the degree of self-confidence.

When making decision, people with higher self-esteem used to determine through their cerebration and prefer to stick to their cognition. Regarding to foregoing characteristics of self-esteem, this study tried to determine whether such personality would moderate the total effect.

1.4 Research Process

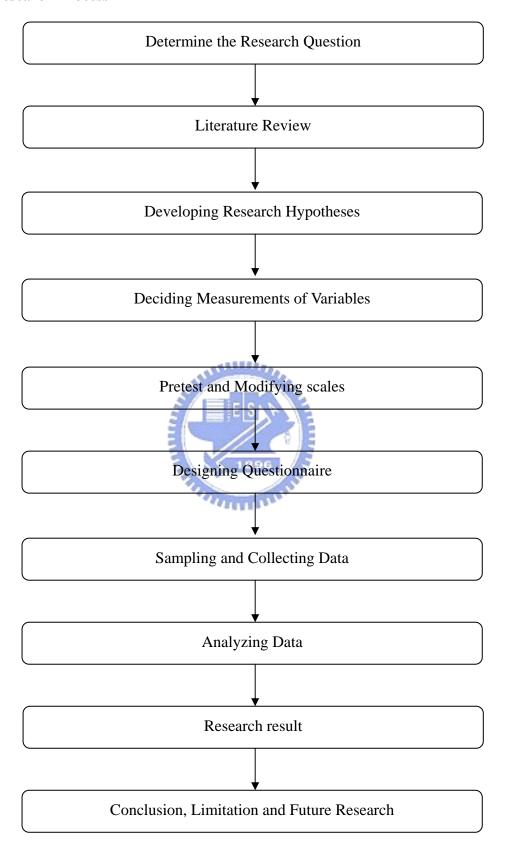


Figure 1 Research Flow

Chapter 2 Literature Review

This study assumed that the greater receiver's level of expertise or knowledge, the less influence on the effect of persuasion through WOM communications it was.

Related subjects had already been demonstrated by many scholars. When making purchase, consumers relied more on their internal evaluation on service than on goods (Murray, 1991). Due to the difficulty of searching for service information, consumers had a greater preference for evaluating internal source of information. It appeared that the consumers' expertise of purchasing nondurable products was more easily influenced by external source comparing to durable products (Gilly et al., 1998).

Their studies divided products into two categories. Due to higher financial risk, consumers purchasing durable products relied on their expertise than others; and due to higher perceived risk, consumers purchasing products with services relied more on their experience.

They brought up a consensus, no matter the category of product was; the consumers with less knowledge were easily persuaded due to poor understanding.

Consumers with low knowledge were more likely to question their own ability on making decisions. Therefore, they were more likely to ask for other's advice. (Furse et al., 1984)

2.1 Word of Mouth (WOM)

Bone (1995) pointed out the definition: "Word-of-mouth communications (WOM), interpersonal communications in which none of the participants are marketing sources, have been studied as both an input into consumer decision-making and an outcome of the purchase process" (p. 213). It referred to informal communications between two individuals about evaluating service or goods. (Anderson, 1998)

In the extremely early stage, WOM mainly discussed the product which was newly launched, rather than existing product (Richins, 1983). Innovator who firstly contacting with the new product than other people in the social group diffused their using experience and recommend about the product to others in the community (Midgley, 1978). Later buyers were easily influenced by the messages received.

Afterwards, several scholars assumed these messages had strong influences on existing products as well. It was an important force which made impacts on attitude, preference, purchase intention and purchase decision in the marketplace (Wangenheim, 2005).

There were three kinds of characters: positive, neutral and negative. If someone had a joyful feeling about consumption experience, positive word-of-mouth effect would push the customer to tell his friends how delightful was the experience.

However, if he encountered great service failure, negative word-of-mouth effect

would also push the customer to share dissatisfaction with family and friends.

Many research intended to investigate the influential factors of WOM communication, since it had great influence on consumers. One research indicated that it had more influence on spreading positive word-of-mouth through customer-employee relationships than through company (Gremler et al., 2001). The study recognized that relationship between employee and customer was established, such like familiarity, care and personal connection, and therefore customer's trust was enhanced. Then they would perform behaviors of positive word-of-mouth.

There was also a research discussing the causal relationship of negative word-of-mouth. When customer switched their service provider due to dissatisfaction, they engaged in sharing with their friends. Especially, the higher level of product involvement and market mavenism would easily result in such behavior (Wangenheim, 2005). When Service failure happened, customer without opportunity to make complaints to the company would turn to tell their bad experiences to other people.

Besides, the reason of failure was blamed on provider instead of customer; they comparatively spread negative information. (Richins, 1983)

The process of word-of-mouth communication has been studied in much research. The scholars discovered a variety of moderating variables which influenced information receiver's attitude. This study arranged previous literatures and showed in

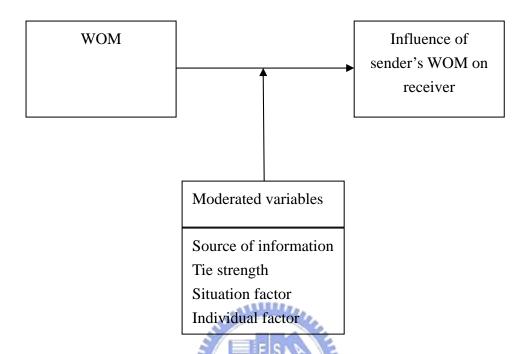


Figure 2 Influence of moderated variables on persuasion

People with higher level of expertise upon product would have strong impact on information receivers (Gilly et al., 1988). Source credibility also supported such expertise (Dholakia and Sternthal, 1977). When someone suffering a hard time to make decisions, and was eager to inquire others' opinion, he would rely on the expert who had more knowledge than him (Bansal and Voyer, 2000; Bone, 1995). According to distinct product attributes, the influential factors were totally different. With high heterogeneity on preference, influence from similar message had strong impact on receivers, while in the case of low heterogeneity on preference, influence of expertise' message had strong effect on receivers (Feick and Higie, 1992). Message obtaining

with oneself similarity, the source would exert strong effect (Wengenheim and Bayon, 2004).

People who had a strong tie bear greater influence on the receiver than weak ties (Bansal and Voyer, 2000; Brown and Reingen, 1987, Frenzen and Nakamoto, 1993). People who are in the ambiguity situation bear greater impact on the receiver than in the obvious situation (Bone, 1995).

Finally, the individual characteristics were the most important factors in this study, including receiver's perceived risk and receiver's expertise.

In the past, they focused on the characteristics of information and source from sender's information with considering the moderating variables. There were few studies focusing on individual factors, and it should hardly been manipulated.

Although there were some authors purposing that receiver's knowledge had negative correlation with persuasion effect, such results were not statistically significant (Bansal and Voyer, 2000; Bone, 1995). Nevertheless, there were few researches concerning such contradiction. What casual relationship resulted in such outcome?

The gap of research has been formed concerning individual factor. Most of the studies had demonstrated that information source of experts could influence the receivers.

Some authors suggested that receiver's knowledge had negative correlation with persuasion effect under some circumstances (Murray, 1991; Gilly et al., 1998). The

study wants to find a manner to be suitable overall product no longer classify in term of product attribute. Finding out the reason to explain why will have two kind of contradictory phenomena.

2.2 Self-Esteem

Self-esteem was defined as a degree of people's perception upon their capability of doing everything and evaluation of their self-worth (Gardner and Pierce, 1998). It was frequently confused to distinguish self-esteem and self efficacy, which were slightly different from each other. Self-efficacy represented a kind of self-evaluation showing that they had possibility to successfully achieve some result or complete task (Gardner and Pierce, 1998).

Self-esteem was applied mainly in the field of organization behavior. Many phenomenons about employees' job satisfaction and job performance were adequately explained by self-esteem. For example: employees with higher self-esteem selected more difficult goals than lower self-esteem employees (Hall, 1971). Since the higher self-esteem ones may experience more success than failure in the past, they had more confidence with themselves (Levy and Baumgardner, 1991). The researches in marketing concerning self-esteem were mostly about the performance of salesperson. For example: there was a positive relationship between self-esteem and job expectation (Kohli, 1985).

One study indicated that people with high self-esteem generally had greater confidence in their ability to overcome problems (Anton et al., 2008).

There were few studies about relationship between consumer and self-esteem. At first, the study suggested that someone was stimulated by external factors, and the influence about level of self-esteem of the role played. A study suggested that people with high self-esteem needed to obtain social approval (Rosenbaum).

More scholars introduced the relationships between the effect of persuasion and personalities. They attempted to discover some factors influencing persuasion. Most of the works focused on the personality variable of self-esteem (Skolnick et al., 1971).

Many studies had demonstrated a negative relationship between them (Janis and Rif, 1959).

The higher self-esteem to help information seeker, but they don't want to seek help (Nadler, 1985), however, the study was unilaterally discussed that they were reluctant to seek for information. While other studies indicated that low self-esteem was more subject to social influence than high self-esteem (Stutland and Cottrell, 1961). The reason is their belief which is ability certain themselves. Low self-esteem and self-evaluation always relied on the basis of others' perception. They would like to make themselves as the same other people. According to theory of cognitive dissonance, people achieved dissimilar opinions, and they will reduce inconsistency

with them. They could find other explanation, especially in high self-esteem (Glass, 1964).

Most of these related researches were aged, fewer suggestions about relationships between self-esteem and persuasion were introduced in recent years. It was believable that self-esteem was positively related to confidence of ability to evaluating alternatives and making purchase decisions.

2.3 Consumer Knowledge

Mitchell and Dacin (1996) indicated that "Research in cognitive psychology has shown that experts differ from novices in the amount, content, and organization of their domain knowledge" (p.219). The greatest difference were abilities of diagnose, judgment, recall of present information and problem solving.

There had no different explanations for consumer knowledge. One study indicated that knowledge helped consumer know what, when and how the market tried to influence them (Friestad and Wright, 1994). They recognized what the strategies were used by company. Besides, they proposed an influence of commercial communication on consumer. Although it was different from the noncommercial communication in this study, it still helped in understanding how the consumer knowledge influenced the persuasion effect.

Most of the works attempted to deeply understand about consumer's knowledge.

One study discriminated two components from the consumer knowledge, including familiarity and expertise. Familiarity represented to which amount of related product experienced by consumer. Expertise was defined as how consumer can successfully understand the product (Alba and Hutchinson, 1987). There also existed a positive relationship. If consumer accumulated enough familiarity about the product, he will be an expert when dealing with related products. They also proposed five dimensions of expertise: cognitive effort, cognitive structure, analysis, elaboration and memory.

In the past, many literatures were concerned about the relationship between levels of possessing knowledge and levels of information searching. One study recognized that less amount of external information searching behaviors would appear when people possessed with highly usable prior knowledge. And they discovered that cost of search behavior had a negative relationship with external searching behavior (Punj and Staelin, 1983). However, the other study indicated that once the cost of external searching for higher knowledge were lower; they were possible to search for external information (Bansal and Voyer, 2000).

2.4 Perceived Quality

Perceived quality was an actual superiority and excellence whereas consumer's perceptions or judgments of the overall quality of a product or service, especially comparable to other competitor's brand (Zeithaml, 1988). Customers were influenced

by appearance, feature, price or advertisement of product deeply. This study indicated that price, brand and store information of extrinsic cues could influence consumer's perceived quality. There existed positive relationship between perceived quality and purchase intention (Dodds et al., 1991).

The other research discovered that perceived quality was composed of four dimensions: acquisition value, transaction value, in-use value and redemption value (Parasuraman and Grewal, 2000).

When consumer faced a situation of ambiguity or everything remaining in unclear state, perceived quality would be a strong force that influenced customers' judgment through external stimulation. They had demonstrated that word of mouth would influence the consumer's judgment in short-term and long-term (Bone, 1995). It customers had weaker accessibility of information; the diagnosticity information Would have more influences on the consumer's judgment (Herr et al., 1991).

2.5 Hypotheses

The relations between self-esteem and persuasion effect were previously discussed. Some studies indicated that low self-esteem was more subject to social influence than high self-esteem (Stutland and Cottrell, 1961). Word of Mouth, a kind of persuasion effect, served as an interpersonal communication and would further influence other's attitude.

 $Hypothesis \ 1_a \hbox{: The higher a consumer's self-esteem, the less WOM will have} \\$ an influence on his/her perceived quality.

In this research, it assumed the people with high self-esteem preferred using their internal source of information. In other words, people with personality of higher self-esteem had no attention to seek for help (Nadler, 1985). When they want to make a purchase, compared to the low self-esteem people, they would not actively seek for product information.

Hypothesis 1_b : The higher a consumer's self-esteem, the less he/she actively seeks product information.

It had been suggested that consumers with prior impressions of target brands were less likely influenced by WOM than those with little or no previously conceived notions (Herr, Kardes, and Kim 1991). Consequently, this study suggested that there existed such negative relationship.

Hypothesis 2_a : The greater the consumer's knowledge about the product, the less WOM will have an influence on his/her perceived quality.

There were some researches establishing the relationship between the amount of experience of an information seekers and the degree to which they conducted an external search for information (Brucks, 1985). There were some scholars holding opposite opinions. They considered the cost of searching was less significant for

customers with higher knowledge level (e.g., Johnson and Russco 1984; Punj and Staelin 1983).

In light of the foregoing explanation, this research set following hypothesis:

Hypothesis 2_b : The greater the consumer's knowledge about the product, the less he/she actively seeks product information.

The results were inconsistent in the behavior of highly knowledgeable consumers. Some studies recognized the negative relationship between highly knowledgeable consumers and persuasion effect. However, some others suggested they had positive relationship between highly knowledgeable consumers and persuasion effect. In order to determine the real outcome, this study took self-esteem as a moderating variable.

When a consumer has lower self-esteem, the effect of WOM does not differ regardless the level of consumer product knowledge; When a consumer has higher self-esteem the effect of WOM will different in term of level of consumer product knowledge.

 $\label{eq:hypothesis 3a: The interaction between product knowledge and Self-Esteem \\ has an impact on WOM effect.$

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Hypothesis $\mathbf{3}_b$: The interaction between product knowledge and Self-Esteem has an impact on information searching.

According to distinct viewpoint, this study assumed that the consumer with higher knowledge and the higher self-esteem would be less influenced by WOM than others. Thus, this research set following hypothesis:

Hypothesis 4: When consumers are highly knowledgeable, WOM will have a greater impact on those with low Self-Esteem than those with high Self-Esteem.

2.6 Research Framework

The major focus of this study was the interaction effect between consumer's knowledge and self-esteem. The model guiding the overall research was presented in Figure 3.

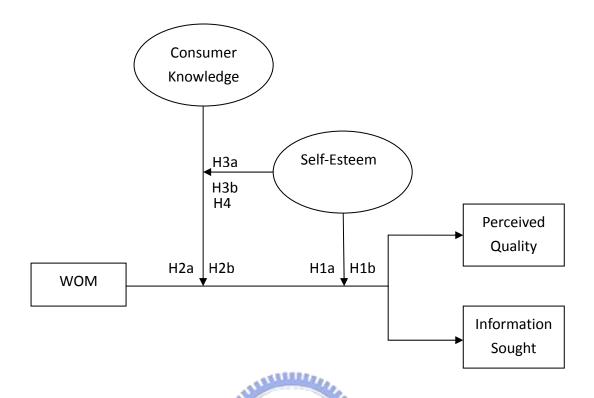
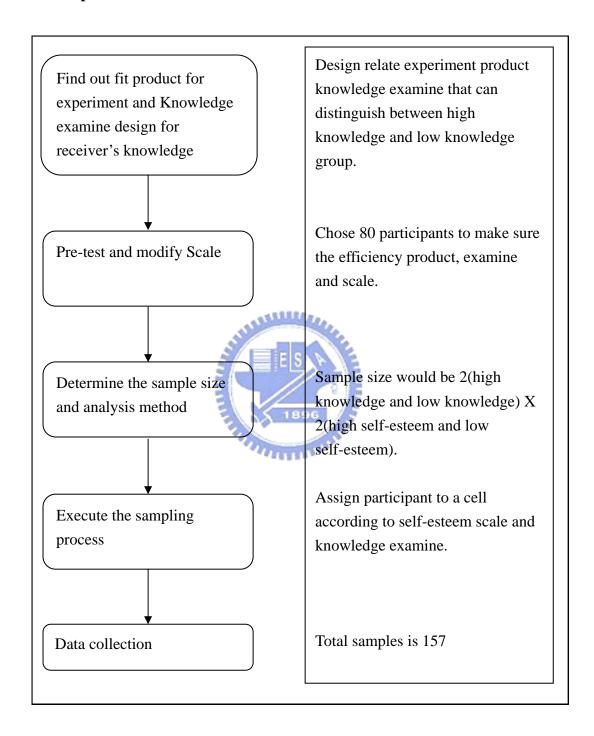


Figure 3 Research Framework (1)

Chapter 3 Research Methodology

3.1 Conceptual Research Flow



3.2 Overview

This study mainly wants to find out the change which is information receiver's attitude through influence of WOM. There were several studies had been confirmed that they had the same effect between WOM and eWOM in the past. The statement of WOM was expressed by BBS homepage, since such platform provided much information. Especially, it served as a search tool when students would like to know a variety of products.

3.3 Experimental Design

In order to make effective manipulation on variables, this study would like to select a product which had a same value perceived by all people. Then the WOM gave them distinct comments.

3.3.1 Experiment Procedure

This study constructed an experiment to mainly survey self-esteem and knowledge. It assign the participants to one of the four cells in a 2(high and low self-esteem) by 2(highly knowledgeable and lowly knowledgeable) matrix. Each of the four cells was influenced by the strength of WOM. Such design was summarized in Table 1.

Table1 Questionnaire Design

knowledge	Self-esteem		
	Low	High	
Low			
High			

In the past, there are scholars studying the effect of WOM through two stages. At the first stage, they asked subjects to measure the product performance by themselves.

One to two weeks later, the subjects were contacted by phone and asked to rate the product again using the same scales (Bone, 1995). This research separately sends the questionnaire in two stages. At the first stage, this research was mainly to know the perceived quality of the product by participants. Second, the questionnaire gave them WOM which is different from them. At the second stage, this study observed the change of the perceived quality compared to the first questionnaire. To avoid ineffective measure, one week later, the participants received the second questionnaire after sending the first questionnaire.

To be more discreet, the study expected the participants not knowing that there were connections between the two questionnaires. Once they are aware that the two questionnaires were correlated, they might be influenced in rating the perceived quality at the second time. To construct such independency, at the first questionnaire;

the participants read a variety of product, and then they were asked to rate their perceived quality about five products. They were television, notebook, digital camera, cell phone and travel trip in order. At the last page, it showed a self-esteem scale. It is a registered questionnaire. At the second questionnaire, the participants who complete the fist questionnaire were asked to do the second one, which included the perceived quality of objective product, and their knowledge of objective product was further examined.

At the part 1 in the second questionnaire, initially, they looked at the picture of the objective product. It also presented the functions of such product. It may help them to initially realize the product. Next, they would read a lot of discussion on the picture that was intercepted from BBS.

At the part 2, it was an elevation of their product knowledge. According to their understanding, they rated the product through the scale. Finally, it showed a test about product knowledge consisted of ten multiple-choice questions.

When all the data were collected, they were asked about the two questionnaires.

None of these participants indicated any suspicions regarding the two questionnaires.

They were not influenced by the first questionnaire while rating the second scale.

They forgot their selection last time. It was proved to be effective. Both

questionnaires were registered, since they were required to be done by the same

person.

3.3.2 Manipulation

In this study, manipulation of WOM maintained a constant direction with negative information. Therefore, the study would like to search for the positive image perceived by most people. Initially, the study investigated five products: Sony T-700, one kind of digital camera, was found to have positive image. The perceived quality was confirmed by a five-item, seven-point scale. Such result was summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 Investigation for Sony T-700

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Item 1	80	3	7	5.3875	1.09653
Item 2	80	3	7117	5.3375	1.09033
Item 3	80	3	7	5.4250	1.11122
Item 4	80	2	7	4.8500	1.34164
Item 5	80	1	7	5.0875	1.50269

Generally, the study chose Sony T-700 as the objective product since it had a high perceived quality.

The article in the picture was described by the person who would like to purchase a digital camera, and he would like to refer to others' recommendations.

There were five people answering him and giving him information about the product.

To ensure that there was a significant effect. Such selection was confirmed by a

three-item, seven-point scale, asking the following questions:

- 1. These people provided sufficiently new information.
- 2. The opinion of these people would influence my attitude about the product.
- 3. These people really did not change my mind about perception upon the product.

3.4 Measurement

All items in the questionnaire which were used to measure the constructs in the study were modified from past studies except the test of knowledge about digital camera. Each construct was measured by multiple items. this research used six-point scale to measure perceived quality, four-point scale to measure self-esteem, seven-point scale to measure elevation of mine for knowledge and ten multiple choice questions to measure knowledge about the product.

3.4.1 Perceived Quality

The 5-item scale used to measure Perceived Quality was developed by Dodds et al. (1991). Petrick (2002) developed scale which is external quality, reliability, dependency and consistency to measure service quality. But his research mainly aimed at service industry, this study still use the scale which was developed by Dodds et al. s

Scale items:

1. In my mind, the product would be reliable (very degree to very disagree).

- 2. In my mind, the product should be good quality (very degree to very disagree).
- 3. In my mind, the product would be dependable (very degree to very disagree).
- 4. In my mind, the product would seem to be durable (very degree to very disagree).
- 5. The product would have better quality compare with other brand (very degree to very disagree).

This scale was measured by seven-point in Pretest. It was become to be measured by six-point in formal study. Because there were some people who indicate that they have no common about the product, the study wants to find out the people who have the opinion to the product. Then this research can get variation of perceived quality between the first questionnaire and the second.

3.4.2 Self-Esteem

The scale was a ten-item Likert scale with item answered on a four point scale from strongly agrees to strongly disagree. The original sample for which the scale was developed consisted of 5,024 Senior High School from 10 randomly selected schools in New York State. Then the scale became a target for sense of self-esteem which widely used by different occupation for adults.

Scale items:

- 1. On the whole, I am satisfied with myself (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 2. At times, I think I am no good at all (strongly agree to strongly disagree).

- 3. I feel that I have a number of good qualities (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 4. I am able to do things as well as most other people (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 5. I feel I do not have much to be proud of (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 6. I certainly feel useless at times (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 7. I feel that I'm a person of worth, at least on an equal plane with others (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 8. I wish I could have more respect for myself (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 9. All in all, I am inclined to feel that I am a failure (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 10. I take a positive attitude toward myself (strongly agree to strongly disagree).

3.4.3 Product Knowledge

The study divided the scale into two parts. First, it was an elevation of mind. In part 1, Measures of the two dimensions of consumer knowledge were adapted from Brucks (1985), Rao and Monroe (1988) and Bone(1995).

Scale Items:

- 1. I think that I have more understanding of digital camera as compared to the average person's (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- 2. I consider myself that I have enough knowledge when it comes to digital camera

(strongly agree to strongly disagree).

- 3. The different of function for digital camera that I quite know (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- **4.** On average, the frequency of using digital camera is very high (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- **5.** Regarding digital in general, I consider myself extremely familiar (strongly agree to strongly disagree).
- **6.** I have ever bought the camera, or I have had it (strongly agree to strongly disagree).

The six items used a Likert seven-point response format. It were standardized and summed for the final measure.

In Part 2 of the knowledge scale, actual product knowledge was scored as the total number of multiple choice questions that a participant answered correctly. Every option had an "I don't know" selection, which was coded as incorrect. The ten questions are in search of BBS. The study has discussed the questions with the expertise of digital camera. They all consider the level of knowledge about digital camera could be discriminated by the questions

Questions:

1. The Shutter was quicker, the range of light is: (A) less (B) more (C) no influence

- (D) I don't know.
- 2. What the statement was true (A) the value of Aperture was bigger, the Aperture was bigger the light of entering was less (B) the value of Aperture was smaller, the Aperture was bigger the light of entering was more (C) the value of Aperture was bigger, the Aperture was bigger the light of entering was more (D) I don't know.
- 3. What was the ISO in the digital camera (A) Sensitivity (B) Aperture (C) Exposure(D) I don't know.
- 4. The ISO was higher; the noise in photo was (A) less (B) more (C) no influence (D) I don't know.
- 5. What was the EV in the digital camera (A) Aperture (B) Shutter (C) Exposure (D) I don't know.
- 6. What was the flower mode (A) Macro (B) long-range (C) Flash mode (D) I don't know.
- 7. What was the best match for Depth of field (A) value of Aperture was big; Zoom Out (B) value of Shutter was big; Zoom In (C) value of the Aperture was small; Zoom Out (D) I don't know.
- 8. What was the GN? If the value was higher, the influence is? (A) Flash; better (B) White balance; better (C) Exposure Compensation; better (D) I don't know.

- 9. If I want to set manual mode, the adjustment of mode will turn to (A) M mode (B)

 P mode (C) Auto adjustment mode (D) I don't know.
- 10. What was the best effect for periscopic lens (A) F=28~140mm (B) F=35~105mm(C) F=24~140mm (D) I don't know. 2:00

3.4.4 Information actively sought by Receiver

The item were adapted from Bansal and Voyer(2000). But they mainly research in WOM searching. The construct was measured by simply asking the participant to indicate the degree to which he or she agreed with the statements. It was adjusted by this study for the questionnaire.

Items:

1. If I want to buy the product, I would gather information from others (strongly agree to strongly disagree).

A pilot study was conducted to test the reliabilities of the questionnaire.

3.5 Pretest

Researchers use this method to discover problems or misunderstandings in the design of the experiment and then modify it before the official study. After our questionnaires failed and were modified one times, the second edition of pilot study was successful. Eighty participants participated in this pretest. The process of the formal test was the same as pretest. There were fifty-two male and twenty-eight

female participants. Sixty-three of the participants were students.

The reliabilities were tested with Cronbach's alpha. All factors were found to be above 0.7. The study summarized the data on Table 3.

Table 3 Reliability Statistic

Factors	Cronbach's alpha	N of items
Perceived Quality	0.939	5
Elevation of mind for	0.881	6
knowledge		
Self-Esteem	0.831	10

The correlation between knowledge test and elevation of mind about knowledge were tested with Pearson correlation. The correlation coefficient between perceived knowledge and test is 0.603, and it is significant at the 0.01 level. They have moderate correlation. The study summarized the data on Table 4.

Table 4 Descriptive Statistics (Knowledge)

	Mean	Std. Deviation	N
Perceived Knowledge	4.4296	1.27786	80
Test	4.5875	2.62266	80

Chapter 4 Research Analysis and Results

This chapter contains the analysis and the results of this study, including the background of respondents, and reliability of the results. According to the measurement, the participants would be divided into 2(high self-esteem and low self-esteem) X 2(high knowledge and low knowledge). Data analysis techniques such as ANOVA were employed to test the hypotheses. The study used SPSS 15.0 to analyze the data.

4.1 Background of Participants

In the study, this research finds that the most people search for information through Internet when they want to buy something. The possibility was the low cost of searching information. Second, they may get information from their family or friends.

4.1.1 Demographics of Participants

Of the total of 257 participants, 100% were students, 46.5% were males, 83.4% were between 21and 25 years old, 56.0 % had college degree, 43.2% had graduate degree or higher, and 46.5% had income of below NT10,000 per month, 50.3% had income between NT10,000 and NT30,000. All the demographics of respondents were listed on Table 5:

Table 5 Demographics of Participants

Demographics	Category	Number of participants	Percentage
	Male	73	46.5%
Gender	Female	84	53.5%
	Total	157	100.0%
	Less than15	0	0.0%
	16-20	14	8.9%
	21-25	131	83.4%
A	26-30	12	7.7%
Age	31-35	0	0.0%
	36-40	0	0.0%
	41-45	0	0.0%
	Total	157	100.0%
	Junior High	0	0.0%
Education	Senior High	1	0.6%
	College	88	56.1%
degree	Graduate upward	68	43.3%
	Total	157	100.0%
	Student	157	100.0%
Occupation	Other	1896	0.0%
	Total	157	100.0%
	Less than 10,000	73	46.5%
	10,001-30,000	79	50.3%
Income	30,001-50,000	5	3.2%
пісотіе	50,000-70,000	0	0.0%
	More than 70,000	0	0.0%
	Total	157	100.0%

4.1.2 Knowledge and Self-Esteem of Participants

According to the personality and knowledge, the respondents were listed on

Table 6:

Table 6 Personality and Knowledge of Participants

Product Knowledge	Self-Esteem	N
Low knowledge	Low self-esteem	49
	High self-esteem	43
	Total	92
High knowledge	Low self-esteem	35
	High self-esteem	30
	Total	65
Total	Low self-esteem	84
	High self-esteem	73
	Total	157

The identification of product knowledge was conducted by Pearson correlation.

If it was an effective test, they will have high correlation between the test and

elevation of mind. The results were listed on Table 7, and 8:

Table 7 Descriptive Statistics (Knowledge)

	Mean	Std. Deviation	N
Perceived Knowledge	3.9851	1.20605	157
Test	3.9554	2.60016	157

Table 8 Correlation (Perceived Knowledge and Test)

		Perceived	
		Knowledge	Test
Perceived	Pearson Correlation	1	.608(**)
Knowledge Sig. (2-tailed)			.000
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	226.910	297.229
	Covariance	1.455	1.905
	N	157	157
Test	Pearson Correlation	.608(**)	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	
	Sum of Squares and Cross-products	297.229	1054.688
	Covariance	1.905	6.761
	N	157	157

^{**} Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

The mean of the test was 3.9554. High knowledge was classified according the score which was more than 5. The score was less than 4, it was classified to low knowledge. The mean of the Self-esteem was 17.8344. High Self-Esteem was classified according total score which was more than 19. The total score was less than 18; it was classified to low Self-Esteem. The Descriptive Statistics of Self-Esteem was listed on Table 9:

Table 9 Descriptive Statistics of Self-Esteem

					Std.
	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Deviation
Self-Esteem	157	5.00	29.00	17.8344	4.31581
Valid N (listwise)	157				

4.2 Reliabilities

The reliabilities of all constructs in this research were tested with Cronbach's alpha. Table 10 shows all reliabilities as all above .7 across all factors which means the high internal consistency of each item of the same factor.

Table 10 Reliability Statistic

Factors	Cronbach's alpha	N of items
Perceived Quality(1)	0.927	5
Perceived Quality(2)	0.925	5
Perceived Knowledge	0.885	6
Self-Esteem	0.834	10

4.3 Analysis of Result

After confirming all checks and the reliability of the scales, ANOVA was applied to test the hypotheses.

4.3.1 Effects of the Self-Esteem

To examine whether there were effects of Self-Esteem on information receiver's Perceived Quality and information searching, MANOVA was used here. H1_a speculated that the high Self-Esteem about information receiver was less affected on Perceived Quality than the low Self-Esteem about information receiver. H1_b speculated that the higher Self-Esteem about information receiver less actively searches information.

The MANOVA showed significant main effects for Self-Esteem (F=5.90, p=0.016) on Perceived Quality $H1_a$ was supported. None of the Self-Esteem had

significant main effects on information searching (F=0.001, p=0.971). It appears that the level of information searching was not dependent on an individual's level of Self-Esteem. $H1_b$ which proposes that the higher Self-Esteem about information receiver less actively searches information were not supported. See Figure 4 and 5 for two graph of the hypothesis.

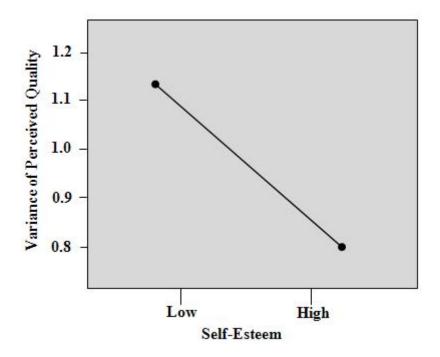


Figure 4 Main effect of Self-Esteem (1)

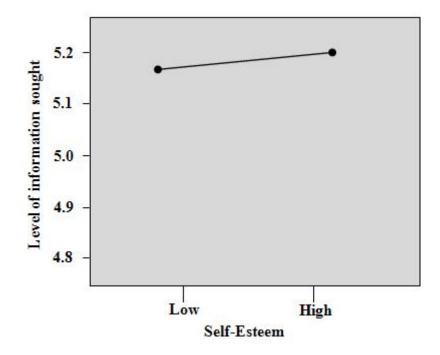


Figure 5 Main effect of Self-Esteem (2)

4.3.2 Effects of the Knowledge

To examine whether there were effects of receiver's knowledge on information receiver's Perceived Quality and information searching, MANOVA was used here. H2_a speculated that the high knowledge with information receiver was less affected on Perceived Quality than the low knowledge with information receiver. H2_b speculated that the higher knowledge with information receiver less actively searches information.

The MANOVA showed significant main effects for knowledge (F=13.040, p=0.0001) on Perceived Quality H2_a was supported. None of the knowledge variable had significant main effects on information searching (F=1.774, p=0.185). It appears that the level of information searching was not dependent on an individual's level of

knowledge. H1_b which proposes that the higher knowledge with information receiver less actively searches information were not supported. See Figure 6 and 7 for two graph of the hypothesis.

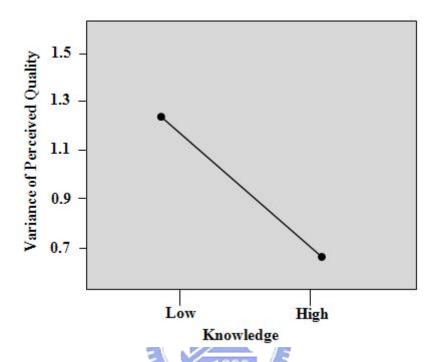


Figure 6 Main effect of knowledge (1)

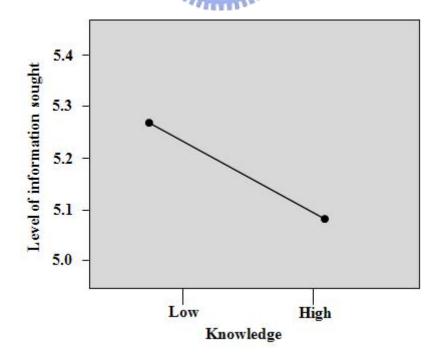


Figure 7 Main effect of knowledge (2)

4.3.3 Interaction between Self-Esteem and Knowledge

In this section an attempt was made to demonstrate whether there was an interaction effect between Self-Esteem and the level of knowledge on Perceived Quality and level of information sought. H3_a assumed that the Self-Esteem was a moderate variable which influence the effect of knowledge on the WOM.

H3_b assumed that the Self-Esteem was a moderate variable which influence the effect of knowledge on the level of information sought. This research used MANOVA to test H3a and H3b. Table 11 and Table 12 give the descriptive statistics of variance of perceived quality and level of information sought respectively.

Table 11 Descriptive Statistics(Variance of Perceived Quality)

Self-Esteem						
Low High						
	Mean (Std. Deviation) N Mean (Std. Deviation) N					
Low knowledge	1.2163(.89799)	49	1.1953(.96460)	43		
High knowledge	1.0343(.79036)	35	.3933(.54452)	30		

Table 12 Descriptive Statistics(Level of information sought)

Self-Esteem						
Low High						
	Mean (Std. Deviation)	Mean (Std. Deviation)	N			
Low knowledge	5.3265(.77427)	49	5.2326(.89542	43		
High knowledge	5.0286(1.07062)	35	5.1333(.97320	30		

Table 13 MANOVA

		Type III Sum of				
Source	Dependent Variable	Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	Variance of perceived quality	14.991(a)	3	4.997	7.104	.000
	Level of information sought	1.991(b)	3	.664	.788	.502
Intercept	Variance of perceived quality	139.626	1	139.626	198.496	.000
	Level of information sought	4067.109	1	4067.109	4827.971	.000
knowledge	Variance of perceived quality	9.173	1	9.173	13.040	.000
	Level of information sought	WILLIAM.	1	1.494	1.774	.185
Selfesteem	Variance of perceived quality	THE PARTY OF THE P	1	4.150	5.900	.016
	Level of information sought	ES P	1	.001	.001	.971
knowledge * Selfesteem	Variance of perceived quality		1	3.641	5.176	.024
	Level of information sought	1896	1	.374	.444	.506
Error	Variance of perceived quality	The state of the s	153	.703		
	Level of information sought	THE PARTY OF THE P	153	.842		
Total	Variance of perceived quality	283.640	157			
	Level of information sought	4372.000	157			
Corrected Total	Variance of perceived quality	122.615	156			
	Level of information sought	130.879	156			

a R Squared = .122 (Adjusted R Squared = .105)

b R Squared = .015 (Adjusted R Squared = -.004)

Table 14 shows that there was interaction effect on variance of perceived quality (F = 5.176, p=0.024) and Table 15 shows that there was no interaction effect on level of information sought (F = 0.444, p=0.506). Thus hypotheses 3a were supported but 3_b aren't. The results were more clearly shown on Figure 8 and Figure 9.

Table 14 ANOVA of Variance of Perceived Quality

	Type III				
	Sum of		Mean		
Source	Squares	df	Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	14.991(a)	3	4.997	7.104	.000
Intercept	139.626	1	139.626	198.496	.000
knowledge	9.173	1	9.173	13.040	.000
Selfesteem	4.150	1	4.150	5.900	.016
knowledge * Selfesteem	3.641	1	3.641	5.176	.024
Error	107.624	153	.703		
Total	283.640	157			
Corrected Total	122.615	156	E		

a R Squared = .122 (Adjusted R Squared = .105)

Table 15 ANOVA of Level of Information Sought

	Type III				
	Sum of		Mean		
Source	Squares	df	Square	F	Sig.
Corrected Model	1.991(a)	3	.664	.788	.502
Intercept	4067.109	1	4067.109	4827.971	.000
knowledge	1.494	1	1.494	1.774	.185
Selfesteem	.001	1	.001	.001	.971
knowledge * Selfesteem	.374	1	.374	.444	.506
Error	128.888	153	.842		
Total	4372.000	157			
Corrected Total	130.879	156			

a R Squared = .015 (Adjusted R Squared = -.004)

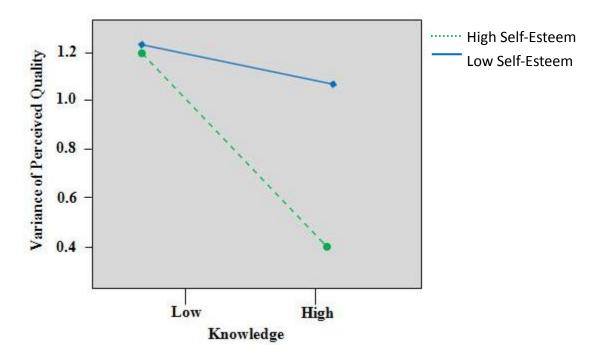


Figure 8 Interaction effects (1)

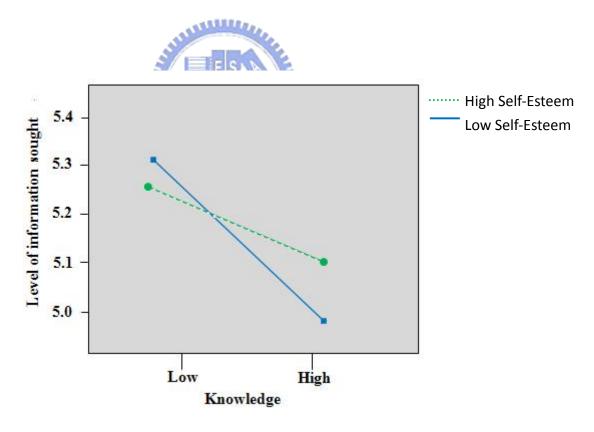


Figure 9 Interaction effects (2)

4.3.4 Effect of the cell

According to different cell, this research would like to know the result which was relatively compared with the four different cells. The study posit that the consumer who have higher knowledge and higher Self-Esteem have the less influence of WOM than others. The cell was designed on Table 16. T test was used here. The cell 4 has significant different with cell 2. To highly knowledgeable receiver, the personality of higher self-esteem, the less the influence of the WOM was on the receiver's perceived quality. H4 was supported. The results were shown on Table 18.

Table 16 Cell Design

Solf Dataon	Know	rledge
Self-Esteem	Low	High
Low	1	2
High	3	4

Table 17 Group Statistics

	cell	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
Variance of Perceived Quality	2.00	35	1.0343	.79036	.13360
	4.00	30	.3933	.54452	.09942

Table 18 Independent Samples Test

Levene's Test for Equality of Variances						t-t€	est for Equalit	y of Means		
						Sig.	Mean	Std. Error	95% Confide	
		F	Sig.	t	df	(2-tailed)	Difference	Difference	Upper	Lower
Variance of	Equal variances assumed	5.465	.023	3.743	63	.000	.64095	.17123	.29878	.98312
Perceived Quality	Equal variances not assumed			3.849	E 60.376	.000	.64095	.16653	.30789	.97401

Chapter 5 Discussion and Future Research

5.1 Discussion and Results

The results of this study indicated that hypothesis 1_a holds, which means that people with higher self-esteem would cause less influence due to the sender's WOM on the receiver's perceived quality, since that people with higher self-esteem are generally more confident with their ability (Anton et al., 2008). The hypothesis 1b does not hold, which mean that the information searching is not influenced by self-esteem. It the higher self-esteem doesn't want to seek information through others. They still search information depend their ability.

Besides, the hypothesis 2_a also holds, which mean that highly knowledgeable consumers are less likely to rely on information when making judgments, since they considered that they have enough knowledge to make judgment. The hypothesis 2b does not hold. It is possible that knowledge also helps the individual reducing the cognitive cost of searching information and increasing the benefit of obtaining it (Bansal and Voyer, 2000).

Furthermore, H3_a and H4 are supported. It is inconsistent with the previous perception upon the highly knowledgeable consumers. The study discovered that self-esteem played the moderating role which influences the persuasion effect of knowledge. The significant interaction suggests that the effect of WOM is moderated

by self-esteem. Highly knowledgeable consumers with high self-esteem are less likely to rely on WOM information when making judgments than consumers with high knowledge and low self-esteem. The $H3_b$ does not hold, which means it had not only main effect but also interaction effect on level of information sought.

5.2 Implication

According to the forgoing argument, the effect of knowledge on the persuasion effect was argued by many scholars. The study finds out a variable which influence the outcome of the research. To high knowledge consumers, the condition was dissimilar, the result was dissimilar.

The implications of this study were that personality can help companies to understand what kind people can be affected easily. However, results can be different for different kinds of people across difference personality. If the companies can obtain easily the material of personality characteristic in the future, they will consider formulating strategy through it. When making market segment, they can use different strategy according to different personality. They can easily find out the human who were likely persuaded and then give them WOM.

It was important regarding information searching whatever the level of knowledge. The companies must make the populace easy to obtain their information and reduce cost of information searching.

5.3 Limitation

One of limitations in this study was the type of respondents used. All of participants were students, and most of them were under 25 years old, which was not a reflection of the real demographics of a society. Younger people may have different perceptions about Word-of-Mouth from people at older ages.

Second, the common method bias was possible to exist. The second questionnaire regarding statement of WOM refers to the fact that items may convey hidden cues as to how to respond to them. This research measured customer Perceived Quality after WOM given, which may lead participants to believe that they will need to reduce their attitude.

Third, the study attempted to make all participants contacted with WOM more involved in the face to face. However, as the questionnaire was used to collect samples, it was possible that the situation was not truth. Participants did not concentrate on the experiments during the process. If participants could contact with WOM through face to face, the situation may be improved. But it also costs more time.

Furthermore, the study manipulated the negative WOM. It can't be observed what the result would be through positive WOM, because the negative WOM has bigger strong influence than positive WOM according to past research.

5.4 Future Research

In order to establish the real feelings of WOM and to enhance the interaction between information sender and receiver, future research could consider the receiver contacting the information sender face to face. Therefore, information sender offers them the different comment in term of their different judgments. If the receiver has a negative judgment, they will give them positive commend, and vice versa.

Maybe there were some personalities that could influence persuasion of WOM except self-esteem. Future research could attempt to discover other personalities which could influence persuasion of WOM.

The research focused on effect of WOM in the product industry. However, service industries were studied by other scholars. It was, therefore, suggested that the researches into the WOM of service industry would be appropriate and valuable.

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Appendix 1 Research Questionnaire (First)

您好: 這是一份關於碩士論文的研究問卷,主要目的在探討消費者對於市面上各種品的看法。您的作答對本研究有關鍵性的影響,請您務必撥冗認真填寫。本問卷全部資料僅供學術研究之用,決不對外公佈,敬請放心回答,衷心感您的合作。 敬祝 萬事如意	•
本問卷共分三個部分,第一部分爲個人資料,此問卷採取記名分式,將會在問卷回收時抽出五張並送出價值二百元的 i-cash 儲值卡,所以請務必留下您的個人資訊。謝謝!在第二部分會列出五種商品及相關的商品資訊,請詳細閱讀該產品的相關資訊後再給予其價值評分。第三部分是爲更了解消費者的人格特質所做的評量問項。	
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4. 年齡:□15 以下 □16~20 □21~25 □26~30 □31~35 □36~40 □41~45	
5. 教育程度:□國中或初中□高中、高職 □專科、大學或學院 □研究所以上6. 每月可支配所得:□10,000 以下 □10,001~30,000 □30,001~50,000 □50,001~70,000 □10,000 以上	

第二部分

1、Panasonic 42 吋 Full HD 液晶顯示器



請您根據您心目中的印象,依照上述的商品介紹或過去所接觸的產品經驗,逐一回答下列題目,勾選出最能代表您意見的方格,以表示您對各個題項的同意程度,其中1表示非常不同意,6表示非常同意。

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它品質良好							
看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它値得信賴							
看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它堅固耐用							
這項商品功能與他牌相比相對有較好品質							
如果我想購買此產品我會去收集相關資訊							

2、ASUS Eee PC 1000HE-行動高效能鑽漾機



請您根據您心目中的印象,依照上述的商品介紹或過去所接觸的產品經驗,逐一回答下列題目,勾選出最能代表您意見的方格,以表示您對各個題項的同意程度,其中1表示非常不同意,6表示非常同意。

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看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它品質良好							
看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它值得信賴							
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3、SONY Cyber-shot T700 千萬畫素輕薄時尙機



請您根據您心目中的印象,依照上述的商品介紹或過去所接觸的產品經驗,逐一回答下列題目,勾選出最能代表您意見的方格,以表示您對各個題項的同意程度,其中1表示非常不同意,6表示非常同意。

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4、Sharp WX-T92 3.5G 行動電視旋轉手機



請您根據您心目中的印象,依照上述的商品介紹或過去所接觸的產品經驗,逐一回答下列題目,勾選出最能代表您意見的方格,以表示您對各個題項的同意程度,其中1表示非常不同意,6表示非常同意。



5、五星東京迪士尼~富士山美景、溫泉、帝王蟹美食5日



◎只要短期天數,行程就可以豐富精彩。全程住宿二人一室、舒適、寧靜、品質有保證。交通採 用營業綠牌車,保障您旅遊的安全。。

您可以觀賞天皇居住地【皇居】,感受前江戶城的氣慨及建築巧思雄偉之處。晚上更可以到【台場】享受御台場的夜晚,隨著超大型摩天輪的燈光圖騰不斷變換,更襯托出這臨海副都心之美。 購物廣場推薦您前往維納斯廣場-走入內部,其擺飾、裝潢,宛如置身歐洲街道,來感受它浪漫 悠閒的步調。

童話故事般的【東京迪士尼】盡情暢遊一票到底,從開幕玩到打烊。

【箱根神社】建於西元8世紀,位於蘆之湖南端的元箱根,擁有悠久的歷史和珍藏許多文化遺產而聞名。之後可以前往【蘆之湖】搭乘海盜船,湖山相映、青松翠杉,景緻十分怡人。環湖步道遍植松翠杉,景緻十分怡人。

【明治神宮】-此宮本是爲了供奉明治天皇和昭憲皇太后所建的,後來由於裡面古木參天、清幽自然,在東京大都會中形成一片僻靜之區,來此新年「初詣」(過年參拜)的香客,遠超過任何寺廟。

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請您根據您心目中的印象,依照上述的商品介紹或過去所接觸的產品經驗,逐一回答下列題目,勾選出最能代表您意見的方格,以表示您對各個題項的同意程度,其中1表示非常不同意,6表示非常同意。

	非常	不同	有點	沒意	有點	同意	非常
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看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它品質可靠							
看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它品質良好							
看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它值得信賴							
看過這項商品介紹後,我覺得它行程誘人							
這項商品功能與他牌相比相對有較好品質							
如果我想購買此產品我會去收集相關資訊							

第三部分

以下是一些句子形容你對自己的感受。如果句子很能表達你的感受請在 4 (很同意)的格內作一個打勾,依此類推。

		很不同意	个同意	同意	很同意
		1	2	3	4
1.	整體來說,我滿意自己。				
2.	有時我會覺得自己一點好處都沒有。				
3.	我覺得自己有不少優點。				
4.	我能夠做到與大部份人的表現一樣好。				
5.	我認爲自己沒有什麼可以值得自豪。				
6.	有時我十分覺得自己毫無用處。				
7.	我覺得自己是個有價值的人,最低限度				
我	與其他人有一樣的價值。				
8.	我希望我能夠多一些尊重自己。				
9.	從各方面看來,我是較傾向覺得自己是一				
個	失敗者。				
10	. 我用正面的態度看自己。				
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Appendix 2 Research Questionnaire (Second)

您好:

這是一份關於碩士論文的研究問卷,主要目的在消費者對於數位相機產品知識了解程度的。您的作答對本研究有關鍵性的影響,請您務必撥冗認真填寫。

本問卷全部資料僅供學術研究之用,決不對外公佈,敬請放心回答,衷心感謝您的合作。

個人資料

1.	性別	:		一女
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2. 姓名:_____

3. E-mail:

(爲感謝您撥空填答,會抽出7-11等值200元禮券幸運得主)

4. 當您想購買東西時,會從哪獲得資訊:□報章雜誌 □電視 □網路 □討論社 群(如PTT) □廣告傳單 □親朋好友 □其他 (可複選)

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第一部份

大家都越來越喜歡用數位相機來記錄平常的生活點滴,它的普及已經幾乎是人手一機了,現在請您想像您正爲了購買一台數位相機在猶豫著,您想購入一台能拍出最好品質照片的相機,但各家品牌都推出許多吸引人的產品,因爲價格昂貴,所以想要謹慎考慮買一台自己最信賴的。而在此時,您剛好看到一件產品的介紹如下:

SONY Cyber-shot T700 千萬畫素輕薄時尙機



- ◎1010 萬像素
- ◎使用 Vario-Tesser 卡爾•蔡司鏡頭
- ◎4 倍光學變焦
- ◎1cm 超級微距功能
- ◎更加智能的 iSCN 模式

- ◎雙重防手震
- ◎ISO 3200 超高感光度
- ◎個人化獨特相片風格
- ◎革命性的微笑快門
- ◎輕薄簡約的機身設計 95×16.4×58.4mm ,

重量爲 135g

看完產品介紹後,當天你登入 BBS 之後發現有篇文章討論如下:

作者 mike2307 (Deanu) 看板 DC_Shopping 標題 Re: [問題] 該不該買sonyT700 ??
※ 引述《Decision (無聊中)》之銘言: 最近想買一台數位相機 主要目的是記錄生活、自拍之類的 我是學生 目前看了一下覺得T700似乎是不錯的選擇 請問這款有沒有人使用過可以分享一下心得的。
→ 讓我來回覆你的問題吧!老實說,現在市面上新出的相機都已經有廣角鏡頭了,當你在拍團體照時或風景照時廣角實在太重要了,沒有廣角的話很難把整個畫面全抓到鏡頭裡,這台沒有這功能價格又如此昂貴,我覺得有點不值得耶~~~
 ※ 發信站: 批陽陽實業坊(ptt.cc) ◆ From: 218.164.132.114 → tmcharwa:我覺得這台相機的快門速度很慢,近拍功能很差,太近拍會很模糊 推 dorman37:它只有外型好看吧! 照相品質不敢恭維,晚上照相的清晰度很差 → label:那麼小一台的相機用手拿時很容易手震唷,尤其它防手震功能很差~ → choc4455:不太好~
推 jellay:它錄影只能錄十分鐘,而且螢幕那麼大超級耗電,拍一下就沒電了

閱讀完上述的內容,請您就下列問題逐一勾選:

	非常不同意	不同意	有點不同意	有點同意	同意	非常同意
	1	2	3	4	5	6
這項商品在我心目中,我覺得它品質可靠						
這項商品在我心目中,我覺得它品質良好						
這項商品在我心目中,我覺得它值得信賴						
這項商品在我心目中,我覺得它堅固耐用						
這項商品功能與他牌相比相對有較好品質						

第二部份

以下問題是針對您對數位相機產品了解程度的自我評量,請依照您個人的了解		
仔細勾選下面的問題。		
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1.	我覺得我對數位相機具有比一般人更多的了解	
2.	如果談論到數位相機,我認爲我有足夠的知識	
3.	我對於數位相機的功能差異有相當的了解	
4.	平均來說,我使用數位相機的頻率很高	
5.	對於數位相機產品我非常的熟悉	
6.	我曾經購買或現在擁有數位相機	
第三部份		
以下是爲深入了解您對數位相機產品的認知程度所做的一個測驗,請依照您的		
了解來勾選出正確的答案,爲了保持問卷的精確性,請不要猜題。		
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- 大 變焦鏡拉近 (C)光圈値小 變焦鏡拉近 (D)不清楚
- ()8.<GN 値>指的是什麼?通常它的數值愈高效果會愈? (A)閃光燈指數 效果 愈好 (B)白平衡 效果愈好 (C)曝光補償 效果愈好 (D)不清楚
- ()9.如果對於光圈、快門值想自己手動控制或想手動對焦,那麼拍照模式要調 成?(A)M 模式 (B)P 模式 (C)自動模式 (D)不清楚
- ()10.下列哪個鏡頭焦距較具有廣角效果?(A) F=28~140mm (B) F=35~105mm (C) F=24~140mm (D)不清楚