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Introduction

Education has played an important role in shaping the abilities and attitudes of the learner. It is seen as a process of teaching, training and learning, especially in schools or colleges in order to improve knowledge and develop skills. (Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary, 2005). According to Najib, Rahim, Johari & Ali (2011), education is a process to train the thinking, the physical and moral human being to be human and be good citizens.

Nowadays, there has been concern about offering a good quality on education for teaching and learning process. According to Michalska-Cwiek (2009), quality can be understood as something which can be improved while Juran and Gryna (1988) mentioned that quality means those features of products which meet customer needs. Therefore, quality can improve whatever procedures, processes of businesses or services that have been carried out by the organizations or in the educational context.

Quality must be consciously managed in order to satisfy quality demands. (Vlasic, Vale & Puhar, 2009). In education, quality is the skill of building the abilities of assimilating the knowledge in the area of educational needs and the implementation of this knowledge to creating mechanisms allowing them to fulfill the expectations of customers and educational services (Michalska-Cwiek 2009). Basically, the quality that needs to be measured does not only include its processes or procedures but also needs to focus on humans because any human activities can be referred to as the quality of the product. Thus, the quality of education should involve the academic and administrative staff, students, instructors or any stakeholders that are interested in dealing with the educational institutions. This is acknowledged by other researchers who studied on humans involved in the process of quality management in education such as Michalska-Cwiek (2009), Vlasic, Vale & Puhar (2009) and Gueorguiev (2006)

However, in order to maintain and monitor the quality, it is a need to develop a system to monitor on the quality assurance and quality control for the institutional education to manage its key process. Many institutional educations nowadays have taken into consideration in implementing the quality management system based on the ISO 9000 into their teaching and learning process.

Even though many benefits can be obtained through implementing the quality management system based on the ISO 9000, there are some issues that have been raised up nowadays whether the educational institutions have achieved their target to provide service quality to their customers. One issue that needs to be discussed is on how well the customers are satisfied with the service quality provided by the educational of higher institutions. This has motivated has motivated the researcher to conduct a research to find out the expectation and perceptions the students about the service quality at the institution of higher learning. The