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Abstract

This study analyzes the effects of social media marketing activities on brand awareness of hair care brands. This research classified social media marketing activities into five elements that are entertainment, interaction, trendiness, customization and word of mouth. The survey was conducted with a sample of 129 people who likes and follows social media of three hair care products brands and analyzed data by using multiple regression analysis. The results showed that entertainment, interaction, trendiness and word of mouth had a significant positive effect on brand awareness in every brand. The results from this study are able to utilize to create social media marketing strategies by focusing in the strength area of each brand.

Keywords: Social Media, Marketing Activities, Brand Awareness, Hair Care

1. Introduction

In the current, increasing social media reflects people's needs for interpersonal interaction. Online social networking websites bring social activities into the online virtual world. For example, real time messaging facilitates sharing of information and online social contacts among people. This phenomenon suggests that companies use social media as an important part of their online marketing strategy (Chen and Lin, 2019). Therefore, the popularity of Internet, social media has become an important tool for online marketing events. Both of individuals and companies create fan pages on online platforms and develop business opportunities using social media. Thailand is ranked in the world's top ten for social media usage, by the percentage of usage in each social media of Thai users has continued increasingly such as Facebook growth of 4%, Twitter 33% growth, and 24% growth in

2017(Nguansuk, 2018). At present, social media has become an important part of people. Therefore, social media marketing is important to bring the business to the point of success (Mers, 2014). A rapidly expanding marketing channel that reaches more than two thirds of all internet users, providing unparalleled branding and reputation opportunities (Correa, Hinsley, Zuniga, 2010, and Spillecke and Perrey, 2012). Trackmaven.com (2014) told that for lead company to success in the market by use social media regard of the brand equity is an important issue because if have brand equity it mean company has succeeded in differentiating itself from its competitors in some way. Whether it is a quality product, superior customer service, or an effective marketing campaign, certain businesses are recognized and respected by consumers to ensure they use it and pay with the product over other similar products. The importance of brand equity has been one of the focal points in recent studies on social media marketing activities. By which Keller (2003) give meaning that brand equity is inscribed in the consumer's memory that is different from other brands by combining various brand features. Therefore, the value of the brand is a social and cultural phenomenon that exceeds the product name. It is a symbolic meaning that the brand seeks. Kim and Ko (2012) classified brand equity consists of four elements that are brand awareness, perceived brand quality, brand associations, and brand loyalty. For the most business do the social media marketing by want to create the brand awareness around 28% that are the biggest part in brand equity, brand awareness is the first target that business want to build when do social media marketing (Chainiran, 2011). By brand awareness meaning to the ability of customers to identify brands in other situations or to recognize brands (Rossiter and Percy, 1987). However, few studies that explored the role of brands in investigating the impact of social media marketing activities on customers (Seo and Park, 2018).

Previous research has been studied the effects of do social media marketing activities on brand equity in term of luxuries brands (Godey et al., 2016) and airline industries (Seo and Park, 2018). In the sectors of hair care product is the consumer goods in a line of personal care and cosmetics industry that probably the most fragmented, highly dynamic, and competitive. Hair care is an industry worth billions of dollars. Global hair care expenditure is estimated at \$50 billion in 2013 (persistencemarketresearch, 2014). In Thailand social media marketing is become necessary for many businesses, hair care industry also focused. This study fills the gap in previous research by study in others industry and study the most necessary parts of brand equity, the objective in this study is to investigate the effects of social media marketing activities on brand awareness of hair care brands. This research focused on hair care brands that can be considered successful in doing marketing via social media that are Loreal Paris, Dove and Sunsilk that the brands are launched on social media and are the brands has followers as top three in social media in Thailand for study.

2. Literature review

In the current the people worldwide are attached with the web 2.0 technology and social media platform that make business start to use technology and social media to help to interact more with their customer (Alalwan et al., 2017). Social media marketing is different from traditional marketing. In Social media marketing the business needs to focus less on selling and increase in communicate with their customers that mean in this marketing relate with relationship between brand and customers (Gordhamer, 2009). In the sectors of hair care product is a product in personal care and cosmetics industry that probably the most fragmented, highly dynamic, and competitive. Hair care is an industry worth billions of dollars. Global hair care expenditure is estimated at \$ 50 billion in 2013 (persistencemarketresearch, 2014). Authors are settings the components of social media marketing in different. Seo and Park (2018) applied entertainment, interaction, trendiness, customization, and perceived risk to study airline industry. Sano (2015) applied interaction, trendiness, customization, and perceived risk as the four SMMA components in her study on

insurance services. Kim and Ko (2012) applied entertainment, interaction, trendiness, customization, and word-of-mouth (WOM), and they applied them to luxury brands. Entertainment in social media is a key element in positive emotions, increase the attendance habits and generates intention to use continuously (Kang, 2005). Entertainment incentives cover the satisfaction of the media relating to escape or distraction from problems or routines. Release emotions or relief; relax; cultural enjoyment or aesthetics over time (Muntinga, Moorman, Smit, 2011). Interaction the interactive nature of digital media is not only it helps seller share and exchange information with their customers. It also allows customers to share and share information with others. Using social media, organizations can build relationships with existing and new customers and create interactive collaborative communities to identify and understand problems and develop solutions for them (Sashi, 2012). Trendiness it means providing the latest information about a product or service (Godey et al., 2016). Moreover the customers turn to use more social media because they believe that can trustworthy source of information than corporate-sponsored communication through traditional promotional activities (Mangold and Faulds, 2009, Vollmer and Precourt, 2008). Customization in the world of social media, customization refers to the target audience of post messages (Godey et al., 2016). Social media customization is a tool for companies to communicate their brand identity and improve their loyalty (Martin and Todorov, 2010). Word-Of-Mouth (WOM), social media connects eWOM with the interaction between consumers and consumers online about brands (Muntinga, Moorman, SmitIntroducing, 2011). Its plays an increasingly important role in the development and use of social media technology, because social media technology makes spreading WOM easier than ever before. WOM believes that it is very important for the company because the positive of WOM can attract new customers and increase profits (Sano, 2015).

Brand awareness is the one part of brand equity that is an asset that needs to be distinguished from the measurement of that asset. With those considerations as background, brand equity is presented as a function, largely, of brand-consumer relationships (Ambler, 1997). It's regarded as a very important concept in business practice because marketers can gain competitive advantage through successful brands (Lassar, Mittal, Sharma, 1995). Keller (1993) presented the model of brand equity providing in two groups that are brand awareness and brand image. Aker (1991) providing in four groups that are brand awareness, perceived brand quality, brand associations, and brand loyalty. Brand awareness it means having a brand in the mind of the consumer. The relevance of brand recall, added by Kapferer (2003) who said: "a brand only manifests itself through its actions (models, products, communication, network, etc.)". In addition, brand awareness also means the ability of consumers to identify brands in other situations or to recognize brands (Rossiter and Percy, 1987). Keller (1993) said that the presence of brand awareness indicates that consumers know the brand name and increase the possibility of the brand's probability of being selected.

3. Data and Hypothesis

3.1 Data

The objective of this research is to investigate the effect of social media marketing activities on brand awareness. This study collect data by send a questionnaire to the sample. The samples that use for study is consumers of top three of hair care brand in Thailand (L'Oréal, Dove, or Sunsilk) that got top follower in top social media that is Facebook, by Facebook is the social media most used by businesses to create pages and advertise. Businesses can specify objectives when they advertise on Facebook. One of the objectives is the creation of brand awareness in order to make the brand to be remembered (Lawrance,2016). For the sample size, because the population is large and doesn't know the exact quantity so this research uses W.G Cochran formula to calculate the sample size. The result

of sample size is 369 to be a sample size (Sincharu, 2010). Questionnaire is instrument of this study and it translates to Thai language. The questionnaire sends via Facebook that is the top of social media in Thailand. For reduce selection bias (Chuaychunoo 2016) this study have to communicate with the followers of hair care brand first and ask followers about the video viewing experience. Because for do questionnaire, followers must have experience to watched videos of brands before. If consumers never watched it, it means not having to submit a questionnaire. Before survey, the questionnaire has been validated using 10 sample pre-tests to test whether the respondent understands the question and finds and corrects the problem. And from the calculation of the population to collect this questionnaire is 369 people, but due to the limited time and the sample group must like and follow the social media of each brands (L'Oréal Paris, Sunsilk, and Dove) and have to watch the video before. For this reason, the sample collected is 129. From 129 respondents divided into three brands (L'Oréal Paris, Sunsilk, and Dove), there were 43 respondents per brand.

3.2 Hypothesis

From Aaker's brand equity model (1991, 1992) he defines brand equity to fives category that brand loyalty, brand awareness, perceived quality, brand associations, and other proprietary assets. Brand awareness has different levels. At the perception level, it can give a brand that is familiar, including signs of substance, commitment and awareness, and at the recall level, affecting selection by influencing what the brand is considered. For many companies, brand awareness is at the heart and is the strength of a successful brand.

From literature review that study about social media activities and brand equity can find the multi result such Kim and Ko (2012) studied about the effects of social media activities on customer equity for luxury brand, the result show that social media marketing activities significantly affected equity value, relationship value, and brand value. Godey et al. (2016) study the effort of social media to brand equity for luxury brand and they found that social media marketing has a significant positive effect on brand equity in term of brand awareness and brand image. Seo and Park (2018) study on the effects of social media marketing activities on brand equity for airline industry and they found that social media activity has positively effects on brand equity in term of brand awareness and brand image, confirming that social media activity is a precedent contributing to airline brand equity. Because the goal of companies to do social media marketing is to create brand awareness, which is about 28% (Chainiran, 2011). Which is considered the first target of the company so for this study will investigate the effect of social media marketing activities on brand awareness. Social media marketing activities in this research divide in five dimensions by follow Kim and Ko (2012).

This research give the definition of five dimensions of social media marketing activities that entertainment refer to satisfaction of followers after watching the brands post. Interaction refer to the communication of brand and followers, by they share the opinion via the public post from social media of brands. Trendiness refer to social media of hair care brands provide the latest or current information for followers. Customization refer to the hair care brands social media provide the information of brands to individual followers via inbox message. Word of mouth (WOM) refer to the followers of hair care brands have share post that they saw from social media of hair care brands. Brand awareness is following the brand equity model of Aaker's by take the first one from five category of brand equity and this study give the definition of brand awareness that brand awareness is refer to a brand is recognized by customers that can help to measure the brand recognition and brand recall of consumers.

Hypotheses: Social media marketing activities have positive effect on brand awareness for hair care brand.

4. Methodology

For test the hypotheses this study by use multiple regression model for estimate the effect of social media marketing activities on brand awareness. Multiple regression model may be used to identify the impact strength that independent variables have on a dependent variable. It can help us understand how close our calculations are to reality. The regression analysis is a simple yet powerful technique. Moreover, it used to explain relationships between variables and it can explain how changes in one variable can be used to explain changes in other variables (Malic, 2018). Therefore, this study applied regression analysis. For this estimate this research got equation that are

Brand awareness = a + b11(Ent) + b2(Int) + b3(Trend) + b4(Cust) + b5(WoM) + e

Where Y = Brand awareness, Ent = Entertainment, Int = Interaction, Trend = Trendiness, Cust = Customization, WoM = Word of Mouth

5. Results

The result of sample characteristics shows that the most of respondents were female (74.4%). And the most of respondents were aged in the range 20 to 39 years old (85.3%), next is less than 20 (10.1%), and 3.9% were in 40 to 60 years old, and finally is more than 60 (0.8%). With regard to education, the most of respondents' graduate in bachelor degree (70.5%), 20.9% were graduate in high school level, graduate from primary school 8%, next is master degree 4.7%, graduate from doctor degree 0.8%, and from others 2.3%. Regarding the income of responders, the most of them earned less than 10000-baht per month (48.1%), 31% earned 10001-20000-baht, next is 20001-30000-baht (14.7%), and 6.2% earned more than 30000-baht per month.

Table 1 The regression result of social media activities effects on brand awareness

Ddo	L'Oreal	Dove	Sunsilk	
Brands	Paris	2010		
Constant	1.1805	1.4821	3.1777	
	(0.0452)**	(0.0333)**	(0.0021)***	
Ent	0.5243	0.1667	0.0001	
LAIL	(0.0028)***	(0.3321)	(0.9995)	
Int	-0.1150	-0.0389	0.4148	
1111	(0.6845)	(0.8204)	(0.0003)***	
Trend	-0.0512	0.3564	0.2632	
110110	(0.6845)	(0.0075)***	(0.0082)***	
Cust	0.1199	0.4404	-0.7730	
Cust	(0.6898)	(0.1421)	(0.1548)	
WoM	0.5239	0.4587	0.0205	
VV 01VX	(0.0352)**	(0.0316)**	(0.8974)	
Determination				
R2 brand awareness	0.4119	0.4664	0.4972	

Note: ** and *** represent significant levels of 5% and 1% respectively. And the numbers in brackets is p-value of each brands.

From Table1: The study hypotheses tested by multiple regression model and the result show that the coefficient of determination of L'Oréal Paris is 41%, Dove is 46%, and Sunsilk is 40%, for explanation of the brand awareness in the tested of hair care brands.

Hypotheses: Social media marketing activities have positive effect on brand awareness for hair care brand.

The first one is entertainment, for this study that that related the satisfaction of followers after watching the brands post. And the result of tested the hypothesis, entertainment has positive effect on brand awareness of L'Oreal Paris have significant at the 1 percent significance level. Similar to Godey et al. (2016) that study the effects of social media marketing activities on brand equity in term of luxury brands and Seo and Park (2018) study in term of airline industry, found that entertainment has positive effect on brand awareness. The second one is interaction, for this study that is related with the communication of brand and followers, by they share the opinion via the public post from social media of brands. So, the result of this hypothesis is Interaction have positive effect on brand awareness of Sunsilk significant at the 1 percent significance level. Similar to Godey et al. (2016) found the same result by they study in luxury brand. The third one is trendiness, for this study that social media of hair care brands provide the latest or current information for followers. The result of this hypothesis is trendiness have positive effect on brand awareness of Sunsilk and Dove are significant at the 1 percent significance level. From the result found that similar with the research of Seo and Park (2018) that study the effects of social media marketing activities on brand equity in term of airline industry, they found that trendiness has positive effect on brand awareness and trendiness was highest relative importance of airline social media marketing activities components. The fourth one is customization that refers to the hair care brands social media provide the information of brands to individual followers via inbox message. For this hypothesis the result insignificant. Seo and Park (2018) that study the effects of social media marketing activities on brand equity in term of airline industry give the reason for this situation that because customers give important in other elements in social media marketing activities. For this research that mean the sample pay attention more in entertainment, interaction, trendiness, and word of mouth. The finally one is word of mouth, for this research that related with the followers of hair care brands have share post that they saw from social media of hair care brands. The result of this hypothesis is word of mouth has positive effect on brand awareness of L'Oreal Paris and Dove are significant at the 5 percent significance level. Similar to Godey et al. (2016) that study in term of luxury brand, them found that Word of mouth have positive effect on brand awareness.

6. Conclusion

This study investigated the effects of hair care brands social media marketing activities on brand awareness by classified social media marketing activities to five. It was found that entertainment had positive effects on brand awareness of L'Oréal Paris, interaction had positive effects on brand awareness of Sunsilk, trendiness had positive effects on brand awareness of Dove and Sunsilk, word of mouth had positive effects on brand awareness of L'Oréal Paris and Dove. For customization that not significant for hair care brands that mean customers do not give importance to this part. The implication of this study are relevant to the business of hair care brands. The companies can use the results from this study to pinpoint consumer's interested. Then, advertisements and social media activities can be developed according to the consumers' needed. Since social media marketing activities is a tool to create a positive impact on brand awareness that helps create brand value, companies should encourage customers to use more social media by providing more interested social media activities. This study focus on study on the hair care brand; therefore, the results are likely to

be useful for hair sector They may not be directly applicable to other industries. So, for next research should explore others industries that different from this research.

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