The Reinforcement of Foreigner Satisfaction Concept in Immigration Service in Indonesia

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ABSTRACT
This research discusses about the Reinforcement of Foreigner Satisfaction Concept in immigration service in Indonesia. Policy implementation and law enforcement will be much easier if the government can gain trust from its citizen (Zhao and Hu, 2015), even in a more extreme case, the low trust in government can push reformation (Salim et al., 2017). Immigration service is not only provided for Indonesian but also for foreigners that enter Indonesia territory. Few immigration services provided for foreigners are visa and stay permit extension, stay permit shifting, multiple exit re-entry permit, and dual citizenship for children under 18 years old. This research aims to prove the influence of equity and disconfirmation satisfaction on CSI as intervening variables in order to re-formulate the more representative CSI concept. This was a quantitative research that was conducted in Padang Immigration Office. It aims to uncover the influence of service quality on CSI directly and the influence of it when it was interfered by equity and disconfirmation and to re-formulate the CSI by strengthening the foreigner satisfaction concept. The sample was taken by using stratified proportional random sampling technique. The sample was counted by using Slovin formula. Based on all findings and discussion above, we concluded that the reinforcement of foreigner satisfaction concept can be done by adding equity satisfaction and disconfirmation satisfaction into existing CSI model because both of them can increase the influence of service quality on SCI. It meant that in assessing the foreigner satisfaction by using CSI, there are other variables that have to be considered in order to assess it comprehensively and meet with foreigner’s expectation. Furthermore, the proposed hypothetic model was proved and it can be accounted for academically. The model can be used as the conceptual cornerstone by other researchers to do other studies related to service quality and CSI.

Keyword: Reinforcement, Foreigner, Satisfaction Concept, Immigration, Indonesia.

ABSTRAK
Penelitian ini membahas tentang penguatan konsep kepuasan orang asing dalam


INTRODUCTION

Studies about service quality have been received attention from academics and practitioners for decades because of the big role of service quality in influencing customer satisfaction and loyalty (Davis, Lu, & Crouch, 2009; Aftab, Sarwar, Sultan, & Qadeer, 2016). The delivery of high quality service is always obstructed by gap between service providers and customers (Parasuraman, Zeithaml, & Berry, 1985; Parasuraman, Zeithaml, & Berry, 1990). The service provider faces difficulties in delivering a service that meet customers’ expectations and needs. It happened because service was intangible and every customer had different expectations and needs (Rajicic & Ciric, 2008).

Public trust in government is a crucial factor in state management (Zhao and Hu, 2015). Policy implementation and law enforcement will be much easier if the government can gain trust from its citizen (Zhao and Hu, 2015), even in a more extreme
case, the low trust in government can push reformation (Salim et al., 2017). Improving citizen satisfaction on public service is one of the ways to gain the public trust (Sun et al., 2013; Salim et al., 2017). Based on survey conducted by Edelman in 2007, Indonesian’s trust in government increased 13 points from 58 to 71 (Edelman, 2017). This achievement must be maintained even be improved in the next year, that is why, research related to citizen satisfaction is still relevant.

One of important public services provided by Indonesia Government is immigration service. Immigration service is not only provided for Indonesian but also for foreigners that enter Indonesia territory. Few immigration services provided for foreigners are visa and stay permit extension, stay permit shifting, multiple exit re-entry permit, and dual citizenship for children under 18 years old. Immigration service is an important service because it represents the overall service quality and the image of Indonesia public service. Thus, Immigration has to be able to provide a high quality and satisfactory service for foreigners to maintain the image of Indonesia public service in the world.

Chase (1979) explicitly said that one of determinants of service delivery is the understanding of the service provider to whom the service is delivered. Service providers usually do not know and do not understand who the target group of the service is and the treatment will be generalized without considering the characteristics and the needs of the customer. In the case of immigration service for foreigners, foreigners are the object of the service that have special and distinct characteristic that cannot be generalized. One of their characteristics is their inability to communicate in Bahasa with the officials. Based on that, the understanding from the officials about their limitations and needs will determine the success of the immigration service delivery.

Foreigner satisfaction about the service will determine by the perceived service quality. Previous studies proved that service quality directly influenced customer satisfaction (Seth, ...
Deshmukh, & Vrat, 2005; Gonzales, Comesaña, & Brea, 2007; Lee, Kim, Ko, & Sagas, 2011; Kwok, Jusoh, & Khalifah, 2016). To assess customer satisfaction, one of the measurement tools is customer satisfaction index. Citizen satisfaction barometer is an independent satisfaction assessment tool that is commonly used in almost all of the countries in the world, especially in public sectors (O’Loughlin & Coenders, 2004; Bruhn & Grund, 2000; Fornell, Johnson, Anderson, Cha, & Bryant, 1996). American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) is widely used and adopted by many countries to measure the citizen satisfaction in their country, meanwhile there are also other countries that formulated their own satisfaction barometer such as Indonesia, Europe, Canada, Swiss, and Singapore.

Indonesia government through Empowerment of State Apparatus Ministerial Regulation number 16/2014 formulated its own satisfaction barometer called Indeks Kepuasan Masyarakat (Citizen Satisfaction Index-CSI) that consist of 9 (nine) scopes; (1) Requirements; (2) Procedure; (3) Service time; (4) Service cost; (5) Service product; (6) Staff competency; (7) Staff attitude; (8) Complaint handling; and (9) Service charter.

Compared to other customer satisfaction indexes, CSI only covers perceived service aspect in its assessment. It does not cover customer expectation aspect, perceived value, loyalty, and complaint which include in other countries’ satisfaction index. To assess foreigner satisfaction comprehensively, the improvement of CSI must be done to match with the national satisfaction index standard. The improvement of CSI can be done by adding equity and disconfirmation that were proved as the antecedent of customer satisfaction (Matilla & O’Neill, 2003; Bowie & Chang, 2005; Chang, 2008; Hutchinson, Lai, & Wang, 2009; Shah, Arshad, Imam, & Arshad, 2014). This research aims to prove the influence of equity and disconfirmation satisfaction on CSI as intervening variables in order to re-formulate the more representative CSI concept.
LITERATURE REVIEW AND HYPOTHESIS FORMULATION

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND NATIONAL SATISFACTION INDEX

Customer Satisfaction

Giese and Cote said that customer satisfaction is an emotional or cognitive response related to something that happens in a certain time (Tjiptono & Gregorius, 2007). Ryzin (2006) reported that Miller and Miller said, "Satisfaction is the consumers’ or citizens’ summary judgment about the product or service". An overall satisfaction question is often asked as part of the typical citizen survey and has been used as a key dependent variable of interest in research of service delivery (Ryzin, 2006). Previous studies proved that service quality had a positive relation with customer satisfaction (Wang & Shieh, 2006; Ismail, Ridzuan, Ranlan, Bin, Rahman, & Francis, 2013; Vu & Huan, 2016). Furthermore, service quality significantly influenced customer satisfaction. Thus it can be used as the predictor of customer satisfaction (Mokhlis, 2012; Krishnamurthy, Sivakumar, & Sellamuthu, 2010; Selvakumar, 2016).

National Satisfaction Index

The development of national and international satisfaction measurement has been increased sharply in the last decade (Johnson, Gustafsson, Andreassen, Lervik, & Cha, 2001). Swedish Customer Satisfaction Barometer (SCSB) was the first national satisfaction index introduced (Fornell, 1992). America Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) was introduced in the fall 1994 (Johnson et al, 2001) and followed by other countries such as Singapore, Canada, and Swiss (Park, Heo, & Rim, 2008). In 2014, through Empowerment of State Apparatus Ministerial Decree number 25/2004, Indonesia also introduced its citizen satisfaction index called CSI and it was perfected through Empowerment of State Apparatus Ministerial Regulation number 16/2014.

ACSI is the most adopted national satisfaction index worldwide. The construct of ACSI are; (1) perceived quality. Perceived
quality is the consumers’ judgment about an entity’s or a service’s overall excellence or superiority (Zeithmal, 1988; Yee & San, 2011); (2) customer expectations. Customer expectation is multifaceted and capricious. Service provider should learn what a customer expect in order to deliver a good service (Hsieh & Yuan, 2010); (3) perceived value. Zeithaml (1988) defines perceived value as, “The consumer’s overall assessment of the utility of a product (or service) based on perceptions of what is received and what is given”; (4) customer satisfaction; (5) customer complaints. To achieve 100% customer satisfaction is nearly impossible because each customer expectation is different to another (Kang, Zhang, & Zheng, 2009). The mistakes and the failures in delivering a service will lead to dissatisfaction (Karatepe, 2006) and it will increase numbers of complaints (Kang, Zhang, & Zheng, 2009); and (6) customer loyalty. If dissatisfaction leads to the increase of customer complaint, satisfaction leads to customer loyalty or the intention the re-purchase (Kuo, Wu, & Deng, 2010) (http://www.theacsi.org).

Citizen Satisfaction Index (CSI) is a national satisfaction index obtained from citizens’ statements about the service quality that was provided by the Indonesian Government. There are 9 (nine) scope of CSI; (1) Requirements. Service requirements are the conditions that must be followed by the citizen to receive the service; (2) Procedure. Procedure is the standard steps that must be followed by the citizen and also buy the official in providing a service; (3) Service time. Service time is the period needed to provide the service; (4) Service cost. Service cost is a standard cost that is charged to the citizen to receive a service; (5) Service product. Service product is the outcome from a service, whether it is goods or service; (6) Staff competency. Staff competency is the staff’s knowledge, expertise, skill, and experience in delivering services; (7) Staff attitude. Staff attitude is the attitude that is shown by the officials when they are delivering the service; (8) Complaint handling. Complaint handling is the standard step in handling a complaint, advice, and critic; (9) Service charter.
Service charter is the service provider statement and promise to provide a service based on the standard operational procedure.

SERVICE QUALITY

Service quality depends on how customers perceive the actual service performance and the context of what they expected (Zeithaml, Parasuraman, & Berry, 1990). Service quality is defined as the outcome of an evaluation process where the consumer compares his expectations with the service he perceived he has received (Gronroos, 1982). Customer expectation about a service is influenced by their own experience, formal and informal recommendation from service provider and other people, price, need, and the image of service provider (Stašys & Malikovas, 2010).

Parasuraman, Zeithaml, & Berry (1985; 1990) introduced five determinants of service quality; (1) Tangible is related to the hardware facilities (physic), equipment, employee appearance, and communication media. Using modern equipment in delivering service, well-dressed officials, representative building, and appealing information board are parts of the tangibility of a service (Naik, Gantasala, & Prabhakar, 2010; Aftab, Sarwar, Sultan, & Qadeer, 2016); (2) Reliability is the employee competency to deliver the promised service precisely. Reliability in delivering a service demonstrates the ability of service provider to deliver an adjusted service correctly (Omar, Saadan, & Seman, 2015); (3) Responsiveness is the eagerness to help the citizen and deliver a quick service. Strong determination from the provider to help and provide a prompt and an on-time service to the customer is part of the responsiveness (Armstrong, Adam, Denize, & Kotler, 2012). The ability of the provider to deliver a prompt service is always appreciated by the customer (Aftab, Sarwar, Sultan, & Qadeer, 2016); (4) Assurance is the knowledge and courtesy of employees and their competency to convey trust and confidence. In various kinds of service, assurance plays a significant role and receives the most attention from the customer be-
cause it is related to trust and the transparency between the customer and the provider (Chen dan Chang, 2005; De & Du, 2007); and (5) Empathy is the caring and individualized sympathy provided to the citizen. Service providers have to concern on customer situation and perspective as a form of empathy (Toosi & Kohonali, 2011).

Perceived quality, customer expectation, and perceived value were already proved as the antecedents of customer satisfaction (Cronin, Brady, & Hult, 2000; Lee, Lee, & Yoo, 2000; Chen, 2008). Meanwhile customer loyalty and complaint were influenced by satisfaction (Wu, Chan, & Lau, 2008). Studies related to the influence of service quality on customer satisfaction assessed by national satisfaction index have been done by many researchers and they proved that service quality positively influenced customer satisfaction (Baker & Crompton, 2000; O’Loughlin & Coenders, 2004; Ciavolino & Dahlgaard, 2007; Park, Heo, & Rim, 2008).

Although service quality has been proved as the antecedent of customer satisfaction, we were sure that service quality also influenced citizen satisfaction when it was assessed by using CSI. Therefore, we hypothesize the following:

H1: Service quality has a direct effect on CSI

**EQUITY THEORY**

In many national satisfaction indexes, perceived value is one of their constructs. Perceived value is related to the compatibility of service product with the cost that has to be paid by the customer (Chin, 2010). The root of perceived value is equity theory that was first introduced by Zalemk in 1959 and was developed by Adams in 1963 (Oliver & DeSarbo, 1988). There are 2 important things in equity theory, a person and another person as the comparison object. Person is any individual for whom equity or inequity exist, and other is any individual or group used by Person as a referent when he makes a comparison (Adams, 1963). Besides efficiency and effectiveness, equity in delivering a  ser-
vice is also the key point of a public service performance (Savas, 1978). It concentrates on someone’s perception of how fairly he is being treated compared to other people for the same matter and the implication on their behavior. Social comparison process that involved in equity theory is typically based on the relationship between two variables: inputs and outcomes. A state of equity exists whenever the ratio of a person’s outcomes (O) to inputs (I) equal to the ratio of other’s outcome to inputs (Daft & Steers, 1986). Previous studies proved that equity was not only the antecedent of job satisfaction (Bowie & Chang, 2005; Khalifa & Truong, 2013), but also the customer satisfaction (Chang, 2005). Equity was also proved as the intervening variable between service quality and golf traveler satisfaction in America (Hutchinson, Lai, & Wang, 200).

Perceived value in customer satisfaction assessment aims to the benefit received by the customer for the cost that the customer paid (McDougall & Levesque, 2000). Customers who perceive that they received “value for money” are more satisfied than customers who do not perceive they received “value for money” (Zeithaml, 1988). Therefore, we hypothesize the following:

H2: The effect of service quality on CSI is greater when it is interfered by equity

DISCONFIRMATION THEORY

Disconfirmation is the discrepancy between the anticipated quality of the good or service and the quality that was actually received or experienced (Ryzin, 2006). Patterson in his earlier research assumed that somebody will do the satisfaction judgment based on their expectation (E) and the real performance (P) (Patterson, 1993). There are three possibilities of the comparison result; (1) if P < E, negative disconfirmation that cause dissatisfaction is applied, (2) if P > E, positive disconfirmation that raises very satisfactory or delight is applied, and (3) if P = E, confirmation that sometimes raises satisfaction and sometimes
dissatisfaction is applied. While other researcher consider the third situation (if P = E) as zone of indifference (ZOI) where in the area we are not able to distinguish whether it cause satisfaction or dissatisfaction (Santos & Boote, 2003).

In national satisfaction indexes, there are two correlated constructs, perceived quality and customer expectation. The discrepancy between two of them will initiate disconfirmation (Chin, 2010). It means that in national satisfaction index, disconfirmation process occurs and influences overall customer satisfaction. Proposed studies proved that disconfirmation directly influenced customer satisfaction (Patterson, 1993; Matilla & O’Neill, 2003; Shah, Arshad, Imam, & Arshad, 2014).

Disconfirmation concept also can be used to assess citizen satisfaction on public service provided by local government (Ryzin, 2006). Lanin has been measured the citizen satisfaction of Padang Panjang City on basic service (education, health, and social) provided by Padang Panjang City Government using disconfirmation concept (Lanin, 2010; Lanin & Mubarak, 2010). Therefore, we hypothesize the following:

H₃: The effect of service quality on CSI is greater when it was interfered by disconfirmation.

**RESEARCH METHOD**

This was a quantitative research that was conducted in Padang Immigration Office. It aims to uncover the influence of service quality on CSI directly and the influence of it when it was interfered by equity and disconfirmation and to re-formulate the CSI by strengthening the foreigner satisfaction concept. In this research there was one independent variable (service quality), two intervening variables (equity satisfaction and disconfirmation satisfaction), and one dependent variable (Citizen Satisfaction Index-CSI). As stated in previous part, immigration service is one of crucial services in every country because it represents the overall image of public service in the country. The number of foreigners who enter Indonesia through West Sumatera is in-
creasing every year (source: Sumatera Barat in Figure 2016) whether as a tourist, a student, a researcher, or as a worker. It proved that West Sumatera’s natural and cultural wealth is appealing. Thus, the reinforcement of foreigner satisfaction assessment was needed in order to improve the immigration service quality and to maintain the foreigners’ discipline when they enter and stay in Indonesia.

The population of the research was all 2952 foreigners that had received immigration service from Padang Immigration Office from 2015 until 2016. The sample was taken by using stratified proportional random sampling technique. The sample was counted by using Slovin formula. The characteristics of the sample were foreigners who hold; (1) limited stay permit; (2) permanent stay permit; and (3) multiple exit re-entry permit. The number of the sample in this research was 191 respondents. The data were collected by using a valid and a reliable questionnaire. Path analysis was conducted to prove proposed hypotheses. The data of this research were explained into few parts; (1) description of mean score of each variable to see the general response about service quality and satisfaction; (2) description of comparative result between immigration service in Indonesia and the respondents’ home countries; (3) description of path analysis result, direct, indirect, and total effect of each path.

RESULT

RESPONDENT CHARACTERISTIC

Table 1 showed that 64.4% respondents are male, 47.1% respondent came from Asian countries such as Philippine, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea, and India. 55.5% respondents were aged 21-30 year-old. 53.4% of respondents came to Indonesia to work. 32.5% respondents have already stayed in Indonesia for 1-2 years.
FOREIGNER SATISFACTION OF IMMIGRATION SERVICE

Based on data collected, the foreigner satisfaction level of immigration service assessed by using CSI can be seen in Table 2. Table 2 described the level of foreigner satisfaction on immigration service assessed by using CSI, equity, and disconfirmation. The average score of CSI was 3.50. It means that the foreigner satisfaction level was slightly above the medium level which means they do not satisfied enough with the service. The average score of equity and disconfirmation, on a scale of 1 to 5, is 3.62 and 3.83 respectively. It implied that foreigners who received immigration service are still not satisfied enough with the fairness and the performance of the service because the scores are in medium level.

Meanwhile, based on the data collected, the immigration service quality of Padang Immigration Office for foreigners can be seen in table 3.

Table 3 showed that the overall score of immigration service for foreigner in Padang Immigration Office was 3.56 that was categorized as ‘enough’. It suggested that the quality of immigration service for foreigners was quite good. From data collected,
most of the respondents said that the immigration service in their home countries were better than immigration service in Indonesia. It can be seen in Table 4:

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<th>TABLE 2. MEAN VALUE OF FOREIGNER SATISFACTION</th>
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<td>CSI ITEM</td>
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<td>Clear and understandable service requirements</td>
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<td>The procedure is simple</td>
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<td>Service is delivered on-time</td>
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<td>Service cost is adjusted to the regulation</td>
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<td>Service product received is adjusted to foreigner’s need</td>
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<td>The official has competency to deliver the service</td>
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<td>The official acts friendly</td>
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<td>The service given is adjusted to the service charter</td>
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<td>The official responds the complaint and advice quickly</td>
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<td>Average of CSI</td>
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<td>Equity</td>
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<td>Input and output of the person are equal</td>
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<td>Satisfaction</td>
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<td>Input and output of a person compared to another is equal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average of Equity Satisfaction</td>
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<td>Disconfirmation</td>
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<td>Foreigner’s expectation</td>
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<td>Satisfaction</td>
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<td>Actual service performance</td>
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<td>Average of Disconfirmation Satisfaction</td>
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<td>Average Foreigner Satisfaction Score</td>
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<th>TABLE 3. PADANG IMMIGRATION SERVICE QUALITY FOR FOREIGNERS</th>
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<td>ITEM</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tangible</td>
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<td>Reliability</td>
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<td>Responsiveness</td>
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<th>TABLE 4. THE COMPARISON</th>
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<td>NO OPTIONS</td>
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<td>1 Other countries are better</td>
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<td>2 Almost the same</td>
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<td>3 Padang immigration is better</td>
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From Table 4, we could see that 62.8% of the respondents said that the immigration service in their home countries were better than immigration service in Indonesia. The difference of immigration service in Indonesia and other countries was showed
by the big comparison of the mean value (2.59:1.40). The high mean value indicated the good immigration service received by the respondents in other countries than immigration service in Indonesia. To ensure whether the difference was significant, it can be seen in Table 5:

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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Other countries are better</td>
<td>191</td>
<td>2.5916</td>
<td>20.552</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Indonesia is better</td>
<td>191</td>
<td>1.4084</td>
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Based on Table 5, we found that t value was bigger than t statistic (20.552>1.69) with 0.000 significance score. It proved that immigration service in other countries were better than immigration service in Indonesia. Thus, CSI needed to be improved by adding other constructs in order to assess citizen satisfaction comprehensively.

**THE ANALYSIS OF THE MODEL**

The reinforcement of foreigner satisfaction concept examined by path analysis is described as below:

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<th>MODEL</th>
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<td>(X1 € X2)</td>
<td>(X1 € X3)</td>
<td>(X1 € Y)</td>
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<td>Path Coefficient</td>
<td>0.793</td>
<td>0.358</td>
<td>0.704</td>
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<td>T</td>
<td>17.877</td>
<td>5.279</td>
<td>14.654</td>
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<td>Sig</td>
<td>0.000</td>
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<td>Adj. R2</td>
<td>0.626</td>
<td>0.124</td>
<td>0.839</td>
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<td>0.374</td>
<td>0.876</td>
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Table 6 showed that independent variable (service quality) and intervening variables (equity and disconfirmation) significantly influenced CSI as the dependent variable. From Table 6 above we also can see that service quality (X1) had direct influence on CSI (Y) for 0.704 (70.4%). It meant that the proposed H1 was accepted; service quality had direct influence on CSI.

Beta score of the path coefficient in Table 6 indicated the
influence of exogenous variable on endogenous variable in particular path. The score of Adj. R² indicated the power or the contribution of the exogenous variable on endogenous variable. The score of indirect, direct, and total effect of each intervening variable toward CSI was counted based on the beta score (coefficient) and the result was described as below:

Table 7. The Direct, Indirect, and Total Effect

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<th>No.</th>
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<th>Direct Effect (X1 € Y)</th>
<th>Indirect Effect</th>
<th>Total Effect</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>X1 € Y through X2</td>
<td>0.704</td>
<td>0.162</td>
<td>0.866</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>X1 € Y through X3</td>
<td>0.704</td>
<td>0.035</td>
<td>0.739</td>
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Table 7 suggested that the direct effect of service quality on CSI was 70.4% and it rose to 86.6% when the path was interfered by equity which was greater that the direct effect of service quality on CSI. This finding indicated that the proposed H₂ was accepted; the effect of service quality on CSI was greater when it was interfered by equity. Furthermore, the effect of service quality on CSI also rose to 73.9% when disconfirmation interfered the path. It means that the proposed H₃ was also accepted; the effect of service quality on CSI was greater when it was interfered by disconfirmation. From all the findings, we could firmly say that all proposed hypotheses were accepted.
For more comprehensive understanding, the interaction model of the variables is drawn as Figure.

**DISCUSSION AND IMPLICATION**

**THE FOREIGNER SATISFACTION ON IMMIGRATION SERVICE**

One of the findings of this research is the direct influence of service quality on CSI. Based on data collected, the mean value of foreigner satisfaction assessed by CSI was 3.50 which slightly above medium level. It also indicated that the low score of service quality will influence the score of foreigner satisfaction. Table I showed that aspect received the lowest score was the ability of the official to deliver the service on-time. It was only 3.30. Time measures how long a foreigner has to wait to receive the service needed ([Okyere, Annan, and Anning, 2015](#)). Stated in their standard operational procedure, immigration office needs three days to work on every application that they received from the foreigners. The punctuality is very important in delivering service because it has correlation with the perceived service performance received by the customer ([Gunasekaran, Patel, and Tirtiroglu, 2011](#)).

The items of CSI are more technical and practical rather than theoretical. Those items can only assess the service delivery process and neglect other fundamental items such as fairness, and needs that were included in other national satisfaction barometers. That is why the findings about the influence of equity and disconfirmation on CSI are important to improve and upgrade the quality of CSI.

Meanwhile, the fairness of the service delivery was scored 3.62 of 5 which also slightly above the medium level. They assessed that the service received was fair enough compared to other although there were also cases where they did not treat equally. Immigration office is the only institution that can provide immigration service for foreigners. Foreigner, who does not feel satisfied, does not have any choice to move to another institution to
get a better and fair immigration service. There are three keys that influence equity in delivering a service; the quality of the service, the price, and the relationship between the customer and the institution (Zeithaml, Lemon, & Rust, 2001). Immigration office is the only institution that can provide immigration service for foreigners. Foreigner, who does not feel satisfied, does not have any choice to move to another institution to get a better and fair immigration service. Thus, immigration office has to provide a fair service to every foreigner in order to satisfy them.

In other hand, disconfirmation concept is also a concept that is commonly used in assessing customer satisfaction (Matilla & O’Neill, 2003). It compares the perceived quality and the customer expectation about the service (Patterson, 2003). Based on Table I, the mean value of customer expectation about the immigration service was 4.12, meanwhile, the actual service performance was only 3.55. It means that the customer expectation (E) was bigger than the actual performance (P) which led to negative disconfirmation. As what have been found by other researchers, disconfirmation influences satisfaction (Patterson, 1993; Matilla & O’Neill, 2003; Shah, Arshad, Imam, & Arshad, 2014). It means that the negative disconfirmation will decrease the satisfaction level of the foreigners on immigration service received.

THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE QUALITY FOR FOREIGNERS

A public service consists of all actions that are conducted by the officials to obtain higher customer satisfaction level and deliver the value of the service (Hadiyati, 2014). From all data obtained related to the immigration service quality for foreigners in Padang Immigration Office, the score was 3.56. The score was in average level and it meant that the immigration service for foreigner was qualified enough.

From the result of this study, the ability of the officials to communicate with the foreigners in English obtained the lowest
score from the respondents, it was only 3.2. Immigration service is not only provided for Indonesian but also foreigners. As stated before, service quality was the comparison between the customer expectation and the performed service they received. Customer expectation was also triggered by customer’s needs. Parasuraman, Zeithaml, & Berry have introduced the service gap that was widely used by the practitioners and academics to assess the service quality (Shahin & Samea, 2010). One of the service gaps is the discrepancy between customer needs and the perception of service provider about customer needs. The gap will influence the citizen assessment about overall service quality. foreigners have different needs and characteristics. They cannot speak Bahasa fluently and it halts the communication between the foreigners with the immigration officials. They need officials who can speak with them in language that they understand such as English that known as international language.

Foreigners who received immigration service from Padang Immigration Office are used to a reliable immigration service in their home countries. They expect that immigration officials can understand their needs and limitations. In reality, officials are not able to communicate with them easily. The officials’ inability to provide an expected service will extend the gap between the service provider and the citizen.

Service quality determinant that received high score was tangible with 3.68. Although it received the highest score, it was still far from the excellent level (4.5-5). The availability of adequate physical facilities pleases the customer because customer tend to give higher score to the school that completed with sufficient facilities (Irawan, 2008:58). Beside modern and sufficient service facilities, the availability of understandable immigration information was also a part of tangibility. For a public service provider, the availability of understandable service information is a must. It is regulated in Law number 25/2009 as the principle of public service. The service delivery has to consider the principle of openness where people can access and understand
the information easily. The availability of understandable immigration information offline and online is a must as well.

Immigration service for foreigner is a service provided by Indonesia Immigration Office for foreigners who enter Indonesia territory. Service is intangible and its quality is difficult to examine. Thus, researchers tend to use ‘perceived service quality’ word to refer service quality (Yarimoglu, 2014).

THE MODEL OF FOREIGNER SATISFACTION

The model in Figure 1 proved that service quality directly influenced citizen satisfaction assessed by CSI. As stated before, service quality was called perceived service quality because of its complexity. In European Citizen Satisfaction Index (ECSI), perceived service quality is one of independent variables that influenced customer satisfaction (O’Loughlin & Coenders, 2004; Ciavolino & Dahlgaard, 2007). In American Citizen Satisfaction Index (ACSI), perceived quality is also a latent variable of customer satisfaction. It means all national satisfaction indexes used perceived service quality in the measurement model because its influence on customer satisfaction (Cristobal, Flavian, & Giunaliu, 2007).

This research found that service quality influenced equity. It means a high quality service will generate fairness in customer. Moreover, the influence score of service quality on CSI when it was interfered by equity was higher than its direct effect. Equity is a subsequence result of service quality and it also can be used as intervening variable between service quality and citizen satisfaction (Hutchinson et al., 2009). It shows that equity can also be an antecedent of CSI. Chang (2008) found equity was a prominent variable that influenced Taiwan tourist. Besides influencing customer satisfaction, equity also influenced job satisfaction (Bowie & Chang, 2005; Khalifa & Truong, 2013; Osabiya, 2015). From all those previous findings, we could barely say that equity influenced satisfaction in general. The addition of equity in foreigner satisfaction assessment using CSI would provide more
Shah, Arshad, Imam, & Arshad (2014) found that disconfirmation could be an intervening variable between service quality and customer satisfaction. Beside as an intervening variable, disconfirmation was also a logical antecedent of customer satisfaction and it influenced satisfaction directly (Oliver, 1980; Patterson, 1993; Matilla & O’Neill, 2003). Based on the finding of this research, disconfirmation variable can be used to increase the influence of service quality on CSI and it can be used as one of the constructs of CSI. Compared to other national satisfaction indexes such as ACSI and CSISG, each of them has perceived service and customer expectation construct that were the benchmark of overall customer satisfaction (Angelova & Zekiri, 2011).

Beside as an intervening variable, both equity and disconfirmation were also independent variables that can influenced CSI directly even though the direct influence were much smaller that the influences as intervening variables. Other researchers found that both of them were important predictors of CSI and they complemented each other. Both of them are comparison model but they compared different aspects with different standard, nature, process, and attributes (Oliver & Swan, 1989; Oliver, 2014). Equity compares the input and outcome of a person to another person, while disconfirmation compares the expectation and the perceived performance. Therefore, it appears that both of them have to be included in CSI model in order to strengthen the CSI concept and to measure foreigner satisfaction thoroughly.

THEORETICAL IMPLICATION

The findings of this research contribute to the service quality and customer satisfaction literatures. The measurement of customer satisfaction using national satisfaction index has evolved for years and still need to be flourished. Based on this research, equity and disconfirmation have to be considered in the making comprehensive overview of foreigner satisfaction on immigration service received.
and the improvement of national satisfaction index. Equity that was the base of perceived value construct in other countries’ satisfaction index was proved to increase the influence of service quality on CSI as well as disconfirmation. As stated before, knowing the citizen’s expectation and measuring perceived service are two principal aspects in assessing service quality and citizen satisfaction (Zeithaml, Parasuraman, & Berry, 1990; Ryzin, 2006). Thus, disconfirmation that functions to assess citizen’s expectation and perceived service must be added in order to perfect the CSI concept, meanwhile equity is also important in delivering a service because fairness is a public service ethic (Maani, 2010). Compared to other satisfaction indexes, the development of CSI is still in the early age. Thus the development of the constructs is important in order to assess Indonesian satisfaction level comprehensively.

PRACTICAL IMPLICATION

Practically, the results can be used by Immigration as the immigration service provider. Foreigners who enter Indonesian territories used to receive a good service in their home countries. Equity that is linked to perceived value construct has to be considered by immigration because its influence on overall satisfaction. They who received the service will always compare the cost and the quality of the service. Cost of the service is not only about money, but also the time and energy they spent to get the immigration service. Furthermore, immigration as the provider also have to learn foreigners’ need and expectation about immigration service and narrow the gap between foreigners’ expectation and officials’ perception about what they need and what they expect from Immigration by consider the equity and disconfirmation variables.

In addition to immigration office as the provider, those influences from equity and disconfirmation gave us an illustration of ideal immigration service that foreigner wants. These findings benefits the foreigners so they can be more discipline and obey
to the applicable law because satisfaction can increase public trust and ease law enforcement (Salim et al., 2017). It means that, foreigner that is satisfied with the immigration service will enter Indonesia and stay in accordance with the applicable rule, so they can maintain a good relationship with people around them and live comfortably for quite long time.

CONCLUSION

Based on all findings and discussion above, we concluded that the reinforcement of foreigner satisfaction concept can be done by adding equity satisfaction and disconfirmation satisfaction into existing CSI model because both of them can increase the influence of service quality on SCI. It meant that in assessing the foreigner satisfaction by using CSI, there are other variables that have to be considered in order to assess it comprehensively and meet with foreigner’s expectation. Furthermore, the proposed hypothetic model was proved and it can be accounted for academically. The model can be used as the conceptual cornerstone by other researchers to do other studies related to service quality and CSI.

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