

CORPORATE COMMUNICATION FORMS AND INTERACTION PROCESS

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INTRODUCTION

In the world where it is getting more and more complicated arising of new communication technologies and together with the increasing of transparency, institutions cannot isolate themselves from their environment. It required institutions to be in continuous communication effort. Chances for success of the institutions that is not included to this effort are being reduced.

Corporate communication is institution's all communication activities directed target audiences. In these communication activities it is necessary for the organization to be in continuous information exchange with its environment.

The formation process of corporate communication is related to other corporate concepts. It is influenced by some of these concepts; it influences some of them and mutually interacts with some of them. These concepts are; organization culture, organization identity, organization philosophy, corporate design, corporate behavior, organization communication, corporate image, corporate reputation, organization personality and organization climate. Organizations and institutions have to consider corporate concepts in order to complete corporate communication process. Their work in coordination and harmony with each other increases the success of communication process.

1. COMMUNICATION APPROACH OF INSTITUTIONS

The development of corporate communication varies according to the development level of the country, democratic conditions and economic situation. Organizations' informing preparation and the right of the target audience to get information also varies. Communication models are different from the point of organizations' informing the target audience and target audiences' getting information. These are; bureaucratic, manipulative, democratic and non-proportional communication forms.

Today only the democratic communication model is valid among these communication forms practiced by institutions. Organizations that accepted these communication forms will succeed in getting the attention of both internal and external target audiences. Communication activities of the organizations that practice the non-proportional communication model cannot be effectively realized because of the deficiency of one direction. Bureaucratic and manipulative communication forms will provide the organizations' with negative reputation.

1.1. Bureaucratic Communication Model

Organizations that apply this communication model neither want to hear something from public opinion and target audiences, nor feel the necessity to explain something to these masses. We come across to this communication model in public organizations or in

organizations built in bureaucratic form. It is the expression of strong attitude. Such institutions cannot change and do not feel the necessity to change.

Only production-focused organizations continued this communication model. The change of seller and buyer market and the change in related marketing idea brought the necessity to change in this attitude, too. The existence of organizations by accepting this communication model is impossible in today's conditions. Because corporate communication became a necessity for organizations not an alternative.

1.2. Manipulative Communication Model

The most important characteristic of such communication is that it is wide from the angle of both components (to inform and to be prepared to inform). However the aim of these informing activities is not a true communication, it is mostly manipulation. It is a propaganda form of totalitarian empire systems. They prepare to inform with big magnificence.

1.3. Democratic Communication Model

Here is seen an increased tendency in criterions of both components. Peculiarities of democratic communication model are its openness, strength, continuity and objectivity.

Corporate communication model is a communication model that is applied by today's modern organizations that want to be accepted by their target audiences. Democratic communication can be compared to communication model that is realized in two directions. Because in this communication information is delivered to target audience and it is being prepared to get information.

1.4. Non-proportional Communication Model

In analyses done on communication forms generally it is seen that one of the components is being neglected. To be prepared to inform widely but not to get any information about public could be given as an example for this. Generally this situation is valid when power and budget of units that apply corporate communication are small and in situations where there are definite difficulties to realize informing activities.

2. CLASSIFICATION OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

Classification of corporate communication according to target audience can be gathered generally in three groups market, consumer and employee. These three groups can be achieved by interpersonal communication or mass communication methods. In market communication which is one of institution's communication directions management communicates with consumer. In consumer communication employee steps in.

Another classification of corporate communication implements corporate communication in three main models. They are; management communication, marketing communication, organizational communication.

2.1. Management Communication

It is the activity realized by institution manager. Experienced management uses communication with the aim to achieve definite results. These are; to develop shared vision of the firm within the organization, to form confidence in leadership of the

organization and to continue it, to begin the change of process and to conduct it, to provide the employee motivation and to give them authority.

Management communication is an indispensable component for organization's image and esteem aimed by corporate communication. The most important tasks of institution manager are to motivate employees, to display open vision, to form effective development strategy, to develop ethic standards, to form a good management team, to increase benefits of partners.

2.2. Marketing Communication

The basic characteristic of marketing communication is to achieve economic aims by systematically delivering messages and manage aimed attitudes and behaviors of target audience (Okay, 2002: 7).

It accepted the understanding that a real power resides in consumer not in marketing man. Because now thanks to new technologies individuals can do shopping interactively in places where they want. That is why institutions are condemned to make information closer to consumer by doing a big change in marketing communication strategies.

Such communication methods as advertising, direct marketing, direct mailing are being practiced by organizations within the context of marketing communication.

The aim of market-oriented communication is to realize product sale that is why the organization can use different communication method that will support the product sale.

Thanks to internet advertisings of organizations which can not be broadcasted because of some restrictions on TV are easily delivered to target audience. They are delivered to the consumer by e-mail in less cost as a method of direct-mailing.

2.3. Organizational Communication

It provides internal and external communication which is necessary to continue organizations' existence and development. Success of organizational communication is related to the formation of effective communication policy in specific system and structure according to aims of organization.

In comparison to marketing communication activities to influence attitudes and behaviors of institutions target audience are more different in organizational communication. When target audiences see institution's advertising in newspaper they understand that it was placed by institution in definite charge, while a positive column about institution can reflect institution's activities more persuasively.

3. AIMS OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

There are four basic functions of corporate communication. They are; to support internal and external activities (organization function), to develop identity for institution and product management (persuasion function), to inform internal and external target audience (informing function), to socialize individuals as a good citizen of institution (integration function).

Other aims are; to develop corporate image in financial community, to provide wide coverage of corporate activities in media, to provide employee and distributors' understanding of corporate problems to influence law makers and decision makers in decisions that influence the organization, to develop the conceit of being in organization among community members and employees.

To form institution esteem by developing institution's image in target audience and public opinion is also one of corporate communication's aims. Another aim is to create attitude change in target audience. It can only be realized by communication strategy considered for long term.

4. ORGANIZATION CULTURE

Organization culture is a control of norms that show how the activities which determine employee's attitude, belief, assumption, expectation, individuals' behaviors and interpersonal relations are conducted in one organization (**Erengül, 1997: 25**).

It is built on the trust of people with each other connections and cooperation on the basis of network and communities that provide conduct activity formed of intellectual capital that activates information, knowledge, property and experience that can be used to create social capital and wealth (**Stewart, 1997: 72**).

Organization culture; is formed of shared feelings, norms, interactions, activities, expectations, assumptions, beliefs, attitudes and values of organization members. It is a system of shared values, beliefs and customs in organization in order to provide behavioral norms that mutually influence formal structure. Organization culture; is formed out of firm's mission, aim, environment and necessities that are necessary for its success (**Alemdar, 1994: 170**).

Corporate culture; is also characterized as a fact that posses dimensions irrational to human being, named as a holiness attributed morality and values that helps to integrate individuals to the collective and provides behavioral guide (**Dahler, 1994: 3**).

Corporate culture; is a set of symbol, ceremony and mythologies that deliver basic values and beliefs of one organization to employees. It is a basic belief and assumptions shared by organization members. It is shared ideas about the management of organization's activities (**David, Kathryn, 1991: 115**). It is continuous shared feelings of group of people about the activities in organization.

In spite of diversity of definitions about corporate culture there are several common points among these definitions. They are (**Sabuncuoğlu, Tüz, 1998: 29**);

First of all definitions speak about a set of values shared by organization members. This set of values; give information to members about the right or false, acceptable or not acceptable behaviors. For example; in one firm it may be unpleasant to argue with consumer. Here it is expressed in a form of shared value that is "consumer is always right". According to this value not to argue with consumer is an accepted and arguing is not an accepted behavior form. However in another firm on the contrary to investigate the problem and find the guilty one whether it is an employee or consumer can be valid value.

The second common point acceptance of this set of shared values in organization by organization members by not questioning. These values are not expressed openly and they are not written, however they are the main power that forms all behaviors.

It is seen that the cultural structure is generally approached with functional understanding. In many definitions it is defined that the culture is aroused from decisions of organizational existence problems and common concessions.

Another common point in given definition is related to the ways used in delivery and share of values. Symbols, their meanings, stories and past events are defined as cultural factors that provide both creation and delivery of common culture and direct behaviors in organization.

Corporate culture; is defined as a model of basic assumptions which is discovered, found out and accepted because it gave effective result during adaptation of organization to external environment and internal integration, consequently as the most proper way necessary to teach to new members in understanding, thinking and feeling them (Shein, 1992: 12). These basic values that direct personal and organizational behaviors of individual, show their influence on many factors seen in organization's stories, ceremonies, the language it uses, office decoration, plan and model of its employees' uniform.

Any organization has its own beliefs, symbols, customs, myths and practices developed during years. Later they create common understandings among individuals about the organization and its employees' behaviors. This common understanding is made out of shared feelings, norms, interactions, activities, expectations, assumptions, beliefs, attitudes and values of organization members.

Corporate culture offers decisions in defining appropriate behaviors and relations in organization, motivating individuals and in crisis situations. That is why leaders and managers who want to provide high performance have to control and understand their own corporate culture.

Corporate culture increases consistency in organizational behavior and is very effective in delivering information to employees about how they should behave. Corporate culture has a very important role in internal communication and interpersonal relations. Culture provides unity among employees. It develops teamwork and feeling of "we". It connects individuals to each other and to the organization. It also positively develops organization climate. Development of corporate culture with wide common idea can counter groupings and disagreements within the organization.

5. ORGANIZATION CLIMATE

Organization climate is defined as a system of basic belief and corporate culture that completes common shared values. Organizational climate is defined as an atmosphere or environment in organization created by organization culture (Vural, 2003: 176). Climate reflects physical structure and events of one organization, how employees portray internal environment, internal and external conflicts of organization, and kind of personal resources, work processes, communication method and forms of using authority. These are the factors of corporate culture reflected in climate.

We can understand the characteristic of dominant climate in one organization looking at these:

- The state of belief and trust feelings,
- The state of openness and sincerity feelings,
- The state of solidarity and charity feelings,
- The state of participation feelings,
- The state of levels of satiety, hope, expectation feelings.

Positive organization climate that awakens such feelings among employees will bring effective employee relations and communication which will provide as a result morale efficiency. It will reflect on communication with external target audience.

Organization climate can be in open, encouraging the participation or closed, threatening forms. Positioning organization climate in organization differs according to management style, leadership models and efficiency of internal communication (Doğan, 1998: 2003).

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The concept of culture focuses on shared belief, value or norms of individuals in organization and encloses the climate. The focus of social climate of organization is the perceptions of individuals about the organization. It is a psychological environment for the climate. Organization climate expresses specific part of the culture.

Change is another point that divides culture from climate. Culture changes slowly. Because it is based on the past that is known and always taken into the consideration. The climate expresses actuality for realities of organization. That is why it is changing so fast.

6. CORPORATE IDENTITY

Corporate identity is a philosophy, design, communication and integrity formed in behaviors of the organization to be distinguished from rivals and others. Thanks to this integrity the organization can be distinguished from its rivals and can provide the advantage to be recognized and remembered again by its target audience.

Corporate identity appeared in order to communicate who are the individuals and organizations. Flags and pennants of states, uniforms and cloth that symbolize certain group can be counted as the first efforts to form identity.

Every organization and institution in the community has an identity. Corporate identity occurs from activities of one organization or associate management. Corporate identity of one organization introduces who is it, what it does and how it does (**Olins, 1990: 108**).

Corporate identity activities are the activities that are done in connection with corporate culture and the production of this culture. Corporate identity is formed depended on corporate culture defined as common atmosphere among employees in workplace created by organization climate.

The form of introducing and explaining itself of one firm includes corporate identity that we can define as self-expressing power, integrated communication efforts done by the firm in order to explain itself to internal and external target audiences by using its product, service and sensitivity to the environment.

Corporate identity is also defined as a form of visual and physical representation of any organization with its logo, private vehicles, air transportation, typography, color arrangements, cloth and uniform, signs, announcement boards, exhibitions, pennants, ash tray, tie, cuff link, tableware like fork and knife (**Topsümer, 1991:79**). However corporate identity that includes all characteristics peculiar to any organization is also influenced by corporate communication, corporate behavior and organization philosophy along with corporate design which is formed of visual details like logo, color, motto and trade sign.

Value and norm system of corporate culture forms a foundation for corporate identity. That is why the culture favorable to identity that is desired to be delivered has to be discussed.

In today's conditions of rivalry firms that try to be distinguished from rivals with identities, especially multinational firms are supporting this process that ranges from corporate culture to identity with corporate advertisement and public relations activities by allocating huge budgets. Corporate identity activities that benefit morale and motivation of the employee in internal environment are at the same time the easiest way to communicate with target audience in different geographic areas and cultures.

6.1. The Necessity of Corporate Identity

Organizations which are trying to cope with many rivals in globalized markets are compelled to realize their identities by introducing it in more clear form. The increase of number of rivals naturally causes the diversity of product and services. In addition full markets, easy substitution of products and the flow of communication in these markets cause corporate identity with evident excessive increase through advertisement, sponsorship, sales development and public relations techniques and as a result of it the need for successful image.

Especially when it is evaluated from the point of our country, we see the necessity of many public institutions to pay more attention to corporate identity process in order to get the support of target audiences and to possess successful image in privatization stage and after it.

Besides of these, along with looking at the employees as internal consumers, corporate behavior part of corporate identity should get involved in the process of their' integration with their organizations and going through definite feeling of "we".

It is necessary to look at changes that occur in the community independently from the changes that occur in market and organizations. The expectance of social responsibility understanding, increase of people's free time, the change of their expectations cause the change of their values and demands from organizations are also changing. The demand to the organizations, which have a clear organization philosophy, which takes into the consideration the needs of community, is increasing.

They show to their target audiences like consumers, providers, official posts, financial resources and employees that they possess corporate identity, which will not be mixed with others. However, corporate identity understanding must not begin by using just an attention getting logo and colors, it must be realized by reflecting to target group as integrity.

6.2. Historical Development of Corporate Identity

The period that lasted until the end of the First World War is a traditional period. Organization owner is seen as the main element that creates corporate identity. Organization mostly had the name of its founder or owner and the corporate identity was developed in a way that he wants. This period is the period where organization owner forms the whole identity of organization.

The second period is a brand equivalence period. It includes the period between the First and the Second World Wars. Here dominates the identity understanding that the organizations' identities come to the first plan with the brands. There is an opinion that one firm has one brand.

The third period is a design period. It is the period that lasted until 1970's after the Second World War. In this period organizations' identities were prepared based mostly on corporate design. It appeared with the beginning of organizations and institutions working in international area. (Okay, 2003: 104).

The fourth period, which is the last period, is a strategic period. It includes the period from 1970's till now. The identity understanding was accepted that the corporate identity cannot be realized only with design, but with organization philosophy, corporate behavior, corporate communication and corporate design and that it was integration with all of these. The strategic period when corporate identity was implemented in real understanding shows that the identity consists not only on the

design. Organization philosophy, corporate behavior, corporate design and corporate communication are the elements of corporate identity.

7. ORGANIZATION PHILOSOPHY

Organization philosophy forms the seed of corporate identity. Organizations try to reflect definite philosophy they possess on their behaviors, designs and communications. Organization philosophy is the basic opinions about themselves. It includes target opinions and management basics desired and strived by the organization management for the development and formation of organization (Wolf, 1995: 288). Organization philosophy is formed out of values, attitudes, norms and history of organization.

Organization philosophy forms a base for any behavior of organization. This behavior includes a large fan from consumer relations to basic attitudes towards the public. Organization philosophy can be fixed both orally and especially in written form it can be a resource that can direct employees. There are some points that are defined in organization philosophy. They are; economic structure and organization's public function belief, development, rivalry and attitude towards technical development, the role of profit for organization and public, responsibility against employees and shareholders, activity rules and behavior norms accepted in the frame of organization's economic activity.

Organization philosophy influences all management behaviors, strategies and policies of organization. It develops a family feeling in employees of organization. While it makes easy the formation of basic attitudes towards events, it provides integration in communication with target audience.

Organization vision forms the seed of organization philosophy. Organization vision is a concrete idea that makes clear the aim and target of organization to its employees and all public opinion.

7.1. Corporate Design

Corporate design includes the formation of all visible elements of the appearance of one organization harmonious with each other in an intended form in accordance to target of corporate identity.

Corporate design includes a very large fan from the logo on letter envelope, the cloth of personnel in registration or the design of work place of one organization. It is a visual self-expression of one organization. It includes logo, brand, writing and typography, color, architectural design and some other measures.

It is organization's image that is formed by using appropriate colors from outward appearance of its building to interior decoration, from its emblem to written documents, from the cloth of its sales and service personnel to transport means. It is corporate design that reveals and provides its corporate identity and corporate culture communication.

7.1.1. Product Design

Organizations are doing innovations in product design with fast change process in order to get hold of more profit under today's difficult conditions of rivalry because many firms produce the same product. When we go to market we see the same products in different packages and brands. We select the product looking at its package if there is no difference in their content. Organizations are distinguished from their

rivals in market and remembered in the memories of their' target audiences with their product design (package and brand).

7.1.2. Communication Design

Organization that forms its communication design will be immediately recognized by its target audience and gain distinction with mediation of all visual (logo, color, etc.) and written communication. Thus it will increase its communication efficiency.

It is the most important element of corporate communication and even the first emblem that comes to mind when we talk about corporate identity. It is the most important element, but it is not a corporate identity. Emblem is a fixed element that can be used as a signature that gives value to product and services and that can be controlled and developed by time. It tries to show the self of one idea. Logo, symbol, emblem and even organization's signature possess important function in individuals' remembering product or organization.

Another element of communication design is color. The color is a factor that rules brand and corporate identity. Logos are generally colorful. There is a harmony between colors of products and organization's uniforms. Colors of interior and outside walls of building also must be appropriate to communication design. Colors are important communication mean also in advertisements and packages. Colors are used not only aesthetically. All colors have their meaning. That is why they are used as a mean in delivering notions. It is one of the most important matters that distinguish the organization from its rivals within the frame of communication design program. Organizations select the appropriate color in the direction of influence they intend to do on their target audiences. Colors create emotional influence on people.

Writing character is one of means that organization can use within the frame of its corporate communication. Writing character is met in many spheres like advertisements, packages and stationery. Writing character can be given a form with the aim to create a definite perception. Writing character must form integrity in all used print materials.

Like other elements of corporate design, it is very important in getting information and delivering message about organization in print materials. Print materials include; catalog, congratulation card, brochure, press release, letter paper, envelope, instruction for use, price list and hand bill.

Organization's name, logo or emblem in visiting cards of employees also has an importance from the point of corporate design.

7.1.3. Environment Design

Organizations want to be distinguished from rivals in market attracting their target audiences by architectural structure, shop design and shop windows like in other designs. Everything surrounds our environment, from decoration to colors, from employees to consumers, from interior smell to light.

If organization wants to deliver a shared identity, it can realize corporate design by arranging the same style of shop window, colors and employees' cloth in all shops.

7.2. Corporate Behavior

Corporate behavior is a typical behavior manner and reactions of one organization in definite decision situations. It includes basics of how to behave in different situations

that faces the organization. These behavior manners are realized based on organization's philosophy.

It is seen as a form of organization's behavior to the third person. It includes matters like behaviors of individuals to target audiences, cost and distribution of one product, the form of taking charge of complaints and the form of communication.

7.3. Corporate Communication

While corporate design expresses the appearance of corporate identity; corporate communication includes different methods, which have to be implemented for the image that organization wants to possess by the means of identity. Corporate communication is a corporate identity turned to communication practice. Corporate communication delivers corporate behavior activity to all market spheres.

Corporate communication is an implementation of all communication measures which have an aim to influence public opinion about one organization, association and institution and organization climate by combining systematically. Corporate communication is a communication that is implemented in a long term with the aim to create, protect or change an image (**Kiessling, 1996: 19**).

Means and methods like advertisement, public relations, market and public opinion research, and employee communication are also used for the success of corporate communication.

8. CORPORATE IMAGE

Image is persons' opinions about object, organization or other person. According to another definition, image is an "approximate" visual presentation of reality. Successful image must be both consistent and clear. The form of people's perception of one organization and positive-negative image that comes to their mind when they hear its name influences the organization's future. Corporate image can be defined as an evaluation of people's opinion used in deciding to buy organization's product or service or not. The person who has a positive image about organization can begin working for that organization like giving a reference of that organization to relatives (http://www.maxihaber.net/yazarlar/aaltindag/ky_aaltindag_mayis2004.htm).

Corporate image has an important place in organization's relations with public opinion as an appearance that the organization or institution reflects to outside. Organization's image perceived by itself is about how one entrepreneur sees and evaluates its own organization. Other people's opinion and ideas about organization forms foreign image. According to researches done by organization aimed image is named as desired image. Also there are concepts like product, brand, transfer, positive and negative image.

Image is important for organization's affairs because of two reasons. The first one presents necessary information to find out and continue dependences, the second one is important for organization's continuity. Image that increases organizations existence probabilities influences the sale of organizations products and services and pleasure from the organization (<http://www.bilesim-int.com.tr/kalitatif.php>).

Corporate identity influenced by corporate culture is formed out of organization philosophy, corporate design, corporate communication and corporate behavior elements. All these elements influence corporate image.

Image does not always remain the same in public's eye. Changes and developments that occur in community can also entail reform of image. Image is not stable it is

dynamic. The situation must be evaluated by doing image researches with the aim to determine how the organization is perceived. Necessary reforms, changes or activities must be done which will develop existing image. To make clear the image it is necessary to understand attitude and behaviors of target audience about organization.

Corporate image can be defined as a complete perception made by corporate identity presentations on groups (Uzoğlu, 2002: 31). Corporate image is on consumer's eyes. Organization wants to create image in its own favor by delivering messages to employees, participants, consumers and all internal and external public. Corporate image is a portrait created in recipient about organization by receiving all messages.

To create the right image is an endless task. It is not only the creation of organization logo; it is determination of its life style. Image is formed out of ideas accepted as a result of the perception of organization's different sides by employees, consumers and other target audiences. Along with corporate and brand identity, marketing activity also makes contribution to image. Some of these are sponsorship, public relations, crisis management and supporting advertisements. All of these are the factors that influence image of one organization in the eyes of its target audience.

Corporate image accomplishes some results. It shows the way to organization and strengthens it to achieve wide and definite aims. It provides the balance of contradictory and sometimes congruent needs between organization and its consumers. It evaluates multicultural teamwork and personnel difference. It creates the environment where information and skills are continuously developed. It gives a value to organization's brand, product and services. It creates flexible environment where change is encouraged.

Corporate image can differ from person to person. Because every person's experience and relations with organization are in different dimensions. Corporate image appears as a result of works realized within and outside of organization, internal relations, physical appearance of organization and psychological perception. All conscious or unconscious activities related to organization influence the image. That is why corporate culture forms the most basic and departure point of corporate image.

9. CORPORATE REPUTATION

It is seen that today organizations compete with each other by producing products, services and prices similar to each other, consequently it carries the tendency in the way of being the last factor of organization Reputation in consumer's giving final decision to buy. Today's economic environments gave a name "Age of Equality" to organizations that compete with each other. Reputation appears as a distinguishing element from the point of target audiences of organizations that carry similar characteristics.

Reputation of one firm is one of its largest values in mutually dependent global economy. This value of organization provides it to be both distinguished from rivals in market and to be preferred, and makes easy crisis situation that the organization can face. Because of this reason organizations have to continuously develop, support and protect their Reputations.

There are many words and terms that try to define Reputation. Most of them briefly explain the wholeness of the concept. Every organization has a performance, product and services, activities and a series of expectations about its employees. All people and organizations that have relation with organization like consumers, investors, employees, supporters, analyzers and government officials can share these expectations. Every

organization has its Reputation in spite of its power and importance. Corporate Reputations reflect not only rational expectations that shareholders give to organization, at the same time their emotional relations.

Reputation is defined as integrity formed out of many personal and collective judgments about reliability based on common series of values, worthiness to confidence, responsibility and power of one organization or industry (www.bsmg.com/hot/reput.htm, “**Why Reputation Matters**”). Reputation includes activities, works, expectations and reactions about product and services, future expectations and reflections of the past of one firm.

Organization reputation expresses changed and dynamic sides of one organization. Organization reputation is a phenomenon that can be measured and observed apart from organization. Organization reputation is a definition of both rational and emotional “clear image” developed by all shareholders of firm (www.shandwick.com/rm.1-2.html, “**Reputation Overview**”).

Fombrun, organization reputation defines as “the past activities of one firm and perceptual representation of future expectations that express application to all important fundamental stones when the organization is compared with other leading rivals” (**Page, 1998: 17**). Fombrun states that reputation is a term that is based on perception by expressing that reputation also includes activities that will be done in the future together with activities done in the past.

Organization reputation is a value of one organization that finds its expression its shareholders eyes, opinions, words and shares. It plays central role in every decision and step of shareholders. Organization reputation is a basic element that distinguishes the organization from its rivals.

Shareholders are individual or group that interest success of one organization. These individual and groups are the consumers, employees, shareholders, local communities and media. Consumers in market, clients, commercial partners and rivals; investors in share market and analysts; existing and potential workers in labor market; journalists in media determine their attitudes towards the organization according to organization reputation.

Reputation is gained in a long term and shows consistent behaviors. However it can be lost in a very short term. In order not to lose the reputation actions must be consistent with discourses. Reputation is to be reliable. Organizations gain reputation when the environment of confidence is created. Brand value increases by gaining reputation. It increases the organization value.

Reputation is a collective term that includes identity and image, opinions of all shareholders about organization reputation (**Balmer, 1998: 963-996**). It is more than that. It reflects shareholders’ identity, image, perception, belief and experiences formed by time related to the firm. Identity and image is placed in the corporate culture and each of them is in mutual interaction. Experiences of external groups lived with organization influence the image. Identity is also influenced by work experiences of employees. Identity and image overlap if vision and leadership of firm is appropriate. If there is a causality connection between identity and image, then to manage external image may be possible by managing internal identity.

10. CORPORATE PERSONALITY

One way of discharging the complexity of organization and brand is using a metaphor. The widely used metaphor is a personalizing metaphor. Parallels are drawn

based on information related to people by supposing that the firm is a person. Because organization also has a personality like a person. This personality can be evaluated as good or bad, negative or positive in public opinion.

We can associate corporate personality with individual personality. We judge people in our surroundings as good or bad, charming or antipathy under the influence of elements like their cloth, perfumes, cars, houses, decoration of their houses and tastes. We can think organizations as an organism that has a clear personality and shows determined behavior. Personalities of organizations also show the difference like manners and personality characters of people.

Perspective of Individual personality is based on the reality that the organization is formed out of people. That is why individual personality can be a good beginning for identity and image researches.

CONCLUSION

Corporate communication is a corporate identity changed to communication practice. Corporate communication delivers efficiency of corporate behavior in all market areas. The spheres like advertisement, public relations, sales development, public opinion research and internal communication are used for the success of corporate communication in market.

Corporate communication is long-term work that explains the integrity of all communication activities of organizations. Its aim is to form a positive image, to protect or change it.

Three fundamental elements are looked over on the center of development of corporate image context management process. These are; corporate personality, corporate identity and corporate image. Individuals and organizations reflect their personalities on their identities.

Corporate image defines views and opinions about the organization. It is a perception form of organization. In spite of it corporate identity is about the physical image of organization. Corporate identity and corporate image support each other. Corporate identity and corporate image have important influences on realizing strategies and increasing performance of organization.

Corporate identity takes as a fundamental the organization philosophy, which is formed from corporate behavior, corporate design and corporate communication concepts.

These concepts form a corporate image as a mean. Corporate identity and corporate culture activities motivate employees of the organization and are based on employees' better recognizing and introducing their organizations. Corporate culture is an independent sphere, which interacts with corporate image and corporate identity.

Conscious and strong culture, which is a system of employees' shared belief, enters mutual interaction process with corporate identity and image activities in reflecting to organization climate that is common atmosphere in organization.

Reputation is collective term that includes opinions of all shareholders about corporate reputation, both identity and image. It is more than that. It reflects identities, images, perceptions, beliefs and experiences of business partners about the firm.

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