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### **Consumer Empowerment** in dealing with Free Trade based on Consumer Satisfaction

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# What is consumer Empowerment?

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## **Community Empowerment**

- A continuous result will be achieved if community **is awarded a trust** to be able to determine a particular development process needed by them,
- Community analyses existing problems and opportunities then seeks a way out that suits their resources,
- Community, by themselves, creates decision and planning, implements and evaluates the effectiveness of the ongoing activities,
- Government and other institutions play their roles in supporting and facilitating only.



### Endeavour in Empowering Community



#### **Enabling**: Create environment or atmosphere that may develop people's potential.

#### Empowering:

Strengthen the inner power or potential which possessed by people.





Sumber: Ginandjar Kartasasmita, 1996

Protecting: Prevent the imbalanced competition, and also the exploitation of the stronger over the weaker.

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## The Determination of Policy on Consumer Empowerment

- Development of consumer and entrepreneur
- Improvement on the active role and social awareness of **entrepreneur**
- Improvement on the capacity of institutional consumer protection
- Consumer Information services through the network information technology
- Analysis and evaluation on the accomplishment of **consumer** protection as the feedback on the making of its policies
- Coordination, cooperation, and publication on consumer protection



# **Policy Approaches**

- Smart Policy and Regulatory, is the improvement on smart policy/regulation, to protect consumers, and secure domestic market, which encompasses policy making, evaluation, and the analysis of consumer protection policy.
- Smart Consumers/Traders/Producers, is the consumer empowerment to be smart consumer community and increase the entrepreneurs' responsibility that refers to consumer protection, ordered measurement, ordered quality and ordered business, which encompass:
  - Social civilizing (consumer, entrepreneur, aparatus);
  - Socialization/Publication/Dissemination;
  - Coordination dan active participation in cross-sector communication forum; and
  - Establishment of consumer protection motivator.
- **Smart Partnership**, is the development of the institutions and improves the network coordination with the institutions of consumer protector in settling the legal action between the consumer and the entrepreneur.

## How to Do It?



Development and education on people about the rights and responsibilities of consumer and entrepreneur according to the applicable law

Giving information about safe utilization of a product/service.





Focus on certain consumer circle which has problem accessing information, or they who have potential to be trapped in transaction deal that may harm them.





# What is consumer Satisfaction?

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# What is Consumer Satisfaction?

- Consumer Satisfaction is a pleasant feeling and/or disappointment which comes from the comparison between impression and expectation towards a product.
- In accordance to managing consumers with loyalty to product or service of a company, there must be an endeavor to produce consumer satisfaction.
- Loyal consumers will not be affected by another competitors and can maximize the profit of the company.
- David Bentley, 2002, says: "Satisfaction is an attitude (sikap); loyalty is a behavior (tingkah laku)"

# What do Consumers Want?

- High <u>Quality</u>
- Low <u>Price</u>
- High <u>Service</u>
- High <u>Flexibility</u>
- Low <u>Variability</u>

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## Variety of Consumer Satisfaction

- **1. Functional Satisfaction**, is a feeling of satisfaction obtained from the function or the usage of a product.
  - E.g. consuming food results in the feeling of fullness.
- **2. Psychological Satisfaction**, is a feeling of satisfaction obtained from an abstract attribute.
  - E.g. the feeling of proud because having an excellent service from a luxurious restaurant.

