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www.iosrjournals.org www.iosrjournals.org 11 | Page ParPeen of Service Quality of Intercity Public Transport: A Banjarmasin Case Study Iphan F. Radam, Retna H. Kartadipura, Candra Yuliana (Study Program of Civil Engineering, Lambung Mangkurat University, Banjarmasin, Indonesia) Abstract : Difference in perception frequently occurs between the service quality provided by the provider of publ tseceand hepassers' pecion.

ecveofhirearch tinti tlel ofpassers' sftioft rv e quality provided by intercity public transport in Banjarmasin. Furthermore, from the identification results, strategy priority on the service quality improvement was determined. An assessment of satisfaction and performance was divided into five determinants (reliability, assurance, tangibles, empathy, and responsiveness) which were described in 16 attributes of service quality. The attribute data were the results of the central tendency testing by using Wilcoxon signed-rank test.

The assessment technique approach was subsequently used Importance-Performance analysis. From the analysis result, it is found that the service quality as the major priority for improvement are: (1) reliability includes arrival punctuality of intercity public transport in destination cities, (2) assurance includes security and safety ofl passers ee,and hempleefndliss iging rve,as l (3) angis, ecilfpassers' omfon he hics.In tion,tpeormancet should be improved (low priority) is the attributes of the availability of complete supporting facilities and guarantee to problem solving.

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From the definition, the service quality can be interpreted as an actual/existing performance perceived by consumers, meanwhile customer satisfaction is the performance expected by consumers. 2.2 **Determinants Of Service Quality** **Determinants of service quality** were developed by **Parasuraman, Zeithaml, and Berry** [6][11] and Zeithaml, Berry, and Parasuraman [12].

These determinants into dimensions widely used in research and practices on services [13]. Parasuraman et al. in 1985 conducted a special research on several kinds of service industry by grouping them into 10 determinants, i.e. access, communication, competence, courtesy, credibility, reliability, responsiveness, security, understanding, and tangible [6].

Furthermore in 1988, Parasuraman et al. conducted a repeated research on focus groups, both users and service providers. Finally, the results obtain that there is a very strong relationship among communication, competence, courtesy, credibility, and security which then grouped into one determinant, i.e. assurance. Similarly, they also find a very strong relationship between access and understanding which alter incorporated into empathy.

Finally, Parasuraman et al. suggest five **determinants of service quality** [4]. Those five determinants basically explain various aspects of the services, such as reliability which shows the ability to perform reliable and accurate services as promised; assurance is the **knowledge and politeness of employees and the ability to maintain the trust and confidence**; tangibility involves **the appearance of physical facilities** and personnel; empathy shows concern **in giving individual attention to** customers; Responsiveness is **the willingness to assist** the customers and provide fast service [14][15]. III. Research Methods This research was a descriptive study with the aim to interpret those existing [16].

The data were collected through questionnaires to the respondents. Respondents were of various professions with a sample of 200 respondents. The questionnaire **was divided into two** parts. The first part was an individual characteristic data and the second data emphasized **the determinants of service quality** factors (tangibles, reliability, assurance, empathy and responsiveness).

Assessment of the factors of service quality used a five- point Likert scale, ranging from; strongly disagree = 1, disagree = 2, neutral/certainly = 3, agree = 4 and strongly agree = 5. Research conducted by Perez et al. (2007) [17], Fellesson & Friman (2008) [13], and Randheer et al. (2011) [1] have successfully used a five-point **Likert scale in measuring**

the service quality.

As the type of the data involved in the analysis can clearly explained, Likert scale is generally accepted as the interval measurement [18]. Pagersatsfai msuren echnque Imce - Performance (IP) analysis. Analysis technique was popularized by Martilla and James in 1977 in their paper entitled "Importance - Performance Analysis", it was operated using customer ratings of importance and performance obtained from a study of an automobile dealer's service department [18].

In this technique, the respondents were asked to rank various elements (attributes) of the offers based on the degree of importance of each element. In addition, the respondents were also asked to rank how good the company's performance in each element (attribute). In general, IP analysis application used 4 quadrants in the assessment on the average value as the data plot.

Several researchers also used the median value as the data [18][19]. It is described clearly as presented in Fig. 1. Figure 1. Template for a Quadrant Analysis [19] The service quality attributes used was attributes directly perceived by users in the study area, as defined by Pati et al. [3].

It is in line with the opinion of Gronroos [20], stating that in order to measure the best and appropriate service quality, attribute/ element approach should be used according to what was experienced and desired by passengers. The number of attributes reviewed was as many as 16, with the description as the following: Pass' iofServiQualy InttiTportA armasiase udy www.iosrjournals.org 13 | Page a.

Reliability, including: timeliness of departure (X1), the timeliness of arrival/arrival time in destination city (X2), oress rdinthpagerda 3), and ease of ticket payment, either directly on the counter or online (X4). b. Assurance, including: security and safety guarantee of luggage and passengers (X5), emoye' friendliness, both on the counter or on the vehicles (X6), verexperi drvin the vehicles (X7). c.

Tgies,inudin plarce 8), complete vehicle facilities, such as the availability of music/ TV, full air conditioning, completeness of fire extinguishers, first aid equipment, safety belts, plastic bags and bins, emergency lights, and disabled facilities (X9), supporting facilities, such as the availability of waiting rooms and comfortable rests, clean toilets, and clear information display (X10), the comfort on the vehicles, such as the cleanliness of the vehicle, vehicles with no unpleasant odor, not bouncy and not noisy vehicles while running, and good lighting (X11). d.

Empathy, including: ease of services, such as via telephone, electronic media, or SMS gateway (X12), and problem solving guarantee experienced by passengers (x13). e. Responsiveness, including: providing fast information, such as contacting passengers if there is something required to be notified immediately (X14), the employees' liness o ssi ssens 15), rsiess owads pager demands (X16). IV. Data Analysis And Result 4.1

Data Description The data were obtained from the direct surveys on 16 questions about intercity public transport services perceived (performance) and 16 questions on the expectations desired by the respondents (satisfaction/importance) by means of interviewing respondents who were waiting for departure. From the data collected, in terms of the age factor, it is known that 93.2% were older than 25 years old, and the average education taken is high school by 46.1% and undergraduate by 40.4%. From the age and level of education taken, it can be ascertained that the proposed questionnaire is understandable by respondents.

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In this research, the determination of the combined preference used an approach of central tendency in the form of mean values and median values. Significance value of mean or median was tested by using Wilcoxon signed-rank testing. Indicator of significance compliance was that P-value should be greater than 0.05. In the testing, the first data used was the mean value.

If the mean value was apparently insignificant, it should be retested by using median value. Results of the Wilcoxon signed-rank testing can be seen in Table 1. Table 1. Value of Combined Preferences (Mean) of Service Quality Attribute Code Service Quality Attribute Importance Rating Performance Rating mean P-value mean P-value X1 Timeliness of departure 4,14 0,055 4,10 0,639 X2 Timeliness of arrival 4,16 0,158 3,77 0,700 X3 Tghes ireorg esenerda 3,86 0,092 3,87 0,242 X4 Ease of ticket payment 4,00 0,931 4,20 0,435 X5 Security and safety guarantee of luggage and passengers 4,15 0,093 3,80 0,715 X6 Emoe enins 4,13 0,051 3,63 0,351 X7 Derepersn vig hie 4,26 0,146 3,90 0,232 X8 Emoe pforne 3,85 0,068 3,57 0,227 X9 Completeness of vehicle facilities 3,80 0,315 3,70 0,779 X10 Completeness of supporting facilities 4 *) 0,083 3,40 0,302 X11 Comfort on vehicles 4,20 0,054 3,83 0,485 X12 Ease of service 3,81 0,151 3,90 0,202 X13 Problem-solving guarantee 4 *) 0,178 3,57 0,157 X14 Providing fast responsiveness 4,26 0,208 4,10 0,321 X15 The willingness of employees to assist passengers 4,33 0,267 4,17 0,826 X16 Responsive to passenger demands 4,33 0,200 3,97 0,141 *) using the median

value From Table 1 shows that almost the entire **attributes of service quality** can use the mean value as the combined preference data, except for the attributes of supporting 10) **and problem solving guarantee** (x13) in significant satisfaction rating (P- val= iwadeciby ntedi value.

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Positioning The Value Of Service Quality Attributes In IP Grid IP grid is formed from the total mean value satisfaction as the horizontal axis and performance assessment as its vertical axis. From the total mean value plotting, 4 quadrants will be formed that describe the level of service quality.

The position of service quality level of **each attribute can be** obtained by plotting the value of each attribute in IP grid. The value of the attribute for the satisfaction (importance) and performance assessment **can be seen in Table 2** and the positioning of each attribute in IP grid can be **shown in Fig. 2.** Table 2.

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2, **areas in need to be improved can be identified.** Based on the explanation by Brandt [19] for each quadrant, each position of attributes can be described as follows: 1. **First quadrant, "maintaining the performance"** (high importance and high performance): **attributes related to this quadrant is the departure timeliness (X1),dris' tiindrvinvehcl(X 7), providing fast information (X14), plwilg nness to assist passengers (X15),ansriess o ssens' demand (X16).**

Those attributes are deemed necessary by the passengers to be suitable with they perceived and it should be maintained as leading products/services in the eyes of passengers. 2. **Second quadrant, "tend to be excessive"** (low **importance and high performance**): **attributes** located in this quat ory ecd thpagerdat(X 3), ease of ticket

payment (X4), and ease of service (X12). In general, these attributes are deemed less important by passengers and perceived excessive. 3.

Third quadrant, "low priority" (low importance and low performance): in this quadrant, the services provided are deemed less important by passengers and, in fact, the performance is not too good. The attributes are completeness of vehicles facilities (X9), completeness of supporting facilities (X10), and problem solving guarantee (X13). 4.

Fourth quadrant, "increasing the performance" (high importance and low performance): the attributes positioned in this quadrant are deemed as very important factor by passengers but the current condition is not satisfactory as expected (the level of satisfaction obtained is still very low), such as the timeliness of arrival (X2), security and safety guarantee of luggage and passengers (X5), employees' idling (X6), and comfort on vehicles (X11).

Attribute of service quality which is positioned in this quadrant is a priority for its quality improvement. Pass' of ServiQualy InttiTportA armasiase udy www.iosrjournals.org 15 | Page In general, attributes of service quality positioned in quadrants 1 and 2 are dominated by the attributes associated with administrative services and terminal services. Meanwhile, attributes in quadrants 3 and 4 show attributes of service quality while the passengers are on the vehicles and employees are interacting. 4.4

The Strategy For Service Quality Improvement From the result of 4-quadrant analysis, the service quality improvement strategy becoming the major priority is the attributes of service quality positioned in the fourth quadrant. There are four attributes of service quality that should be improved, i.e. in a sequence, from the lowest level of performance, namely; first, employees' idling in the terminal counters. Second,

Therefore, development of human resources is necessary so as to the employees are able of handling the passengers politely. Second, there should be arrival timeliness guarantee of intercity public transport to destination cities. In particular study area of (Banjarmasin), non availability of separate line for intercity public transport frequently happens, thus the travel time highly depends on the traffics flow smoothness. Such timeliness guarantee is strongly related to traffic management.

Third, security and safety of luggage and passengers guarantee should be improved. Such security and safety guarantee is highly related to travel insurance. Fourth, the condition of the vehicles' seating is not bouncy and not noisy vehicles while running, and good lighting. Comfort is highly related to the condition of the vehicle's interior.

anejuventi , therefore, vehicle roadworthy control should be improved.

In addition to the main priority above, intercity public transport managers need to consider improving the quality of service for attributes in quadrant 3, especially the completeness of supporting facilities, such as the availability of comfortable waiting and resting rooms, clean toilets, and clear information display. In addition, problem solving guarantee to passengers in case of problems should be present.

Despite the benefit value perceived by passengers on these attributes is below the mean level of expected satisfaction, however, if being viewed from the position on the IP grid (importance value= 4), it has the potential to increase. V. Conclusion Out of five determinants of service quality, based on passengers' cepton of intercity public transport, there are only three determinants hanlpermce e evelof ssens' icton.

Those three determinants are major priority for service quality improvement, namely: (1) reliability, including; timeliness of arrival, (2) assurance, including security and safety of luggage and passengers guarantee, emoyefrendlin d tgies,especily hpassens' for e ies.Itievitth those four attributes of service quality will be perceived by the passengers on the vehicles and while interacting with employees.

Therefore, improvement on the performance (operational and condition) of vehicles and emoyepsoniy eeds o ned.Besi h performance of attributes of complete supporting facilities availability (tangibles dimension) and guarantee to problem solving (empathy dimension) should be considered as a second priority, since they have the potential to increase the satisfaction value. References [1]. Kokku Randheer, Ahmed A. AL-Motawa, and Prince Vijay. J.,

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