The Significance of Cultural Competence of Interpreters in Tourism Industry

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The importance of cultural competence is a main subject in the field of translation teaching. Cultural competence is a set of congruent behaviors, attitudes, and policies that come together in a system, agency, or among professionals that enables effective work in cross-cultural situations. Cultural competence has many positive and negative advantages or impacts on the interpreters which were mentioned in this article, completely. The purpose of this descriptive paper, firstly, is to increase the knowledge and information about some basic concepts of competencies as cultural competency and its sub-branches in tourism industry; secondly, to create a theoretical framework about its advantages and disadvantages in tourism field; then, refer to its challenges and recommendations toward tourism and environment. In general, the main purpose of this study is to explain the cultural competency and its significance in the tourism industry.