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CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

Accounting Information Systems have been an essential part of companies, and they are used to help business process works efficiently and effectively. An AIS should be useful since accounting information is an essential aspect that will be used in decision making process of a business (Rujito et al., 2016). According to Romney and Steinbart (2013), AIS could be a paper-andpencil manual system, a complex system using the latest in IT, or something in between.

Romney and Steinbart (2013) explain if a proper AIS would raise business effectiveness by enhancing the quality of products or services and decreasing the costs, lifting efficiency, sharing knowledge, effectivity of its supply chain, et ce tera. Previous research indeed have shown the benefits of using AIS on businesses and organizations. Putri et al. (2020) for example, explained that AIS significantly affect the quality of financial statements on regional work unit (SKPD) of Central Lombok Regency. Research by Mulyanti (2021) also conclude if AIS has significant effect to employees performance on a logistic company in Jakarta. The AIS has been an important concern to the business community, as it is not only helping firms recognize the potential benefits from investments in IT, but also improves business performance (Al-dmour et al., 2017).

The usefulness of accounting information system itself is inseparable from how it performed in helping business operations. An AIS will provide a benefit to its users if its performance meet the needs of information system users (Ronna et al., 2014). Components affecting the performance of AIS according to Romney and Steinbart (2013) are people, procedures, instructions, data, software, information technology infrastructure, also internal controls and security measures. The people are users of the system, in the case of business organization, the employees and employers. Procedures and instructions refer to the collection, processing, and data storage that may affect the whole activity of AIS. Data is the source of produced information in an organization, while software refers to the device used to process data related into information. IT infrastructure means hardware and network communication devices used in Accounting Information System, while internal control and security measures are the tools and guidance to save AIS data.

Tjen (2002) explains that AIS performance could be measured by two factors; user satisfaction of AIS and the usage of the system. Factors' affecting the systems are top management support, end user ability, user involvement of IS development, held of training and education for users, steering committee existence, the needs of establishing IS department, formalization of IS, and the scale of the organization. Research by Joshua and Jimmy (2017) included technological advances as an element that affect AIS performance, since it matters to increase a company's performance.

Technological advances have helped human on inventing wide variety of useful system to provide the best information and quality. The advance has emerged on many aspect, from IT infrastructure up to the software and affect our habit. The advancement also affect the usage of technology in many aspects of business, including AIS. Companies are now considering the big impact of

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computerized AIS and begin to shift in, as they believe it would provide faster, more accurate, consistent, and reliable information (financial statements) compare to manual/traditional accounting (Jimmy and Joshua, 2017). Ratnaningsih and Suaryana (2014) also mention that computerized and integrated company, supported by advanced technology, may result on a better sustainability of its business.

The actualization of technological advances towards business may be recognized on tourism industry. According to Zsarnoczky in 2018, digital innovations and technological novelties such as peer-to-peer communication and the development of smart devices, provide benefits to the industry in many aspects for example, a better scheduling, finance and administration, and innovation on sales and marketing. As a result, the trends have opened the way for novel solutions like cloud-based booking sites or information and experience sharing via digital platforms, be in accordance with the market and customer preference which are shifting to digital, and the behavior is getting mobile. It could be distinguished on how people do their reservation using online travel agent, find their destinations using online maps, and how do they share the experience via social media (aptika.kominfo.go.id, 2019).

Data presented by Katadata.co.id in 2019 revealed that the search of Online Travel Agent (OTA) in Indonesia during 2019 is high. The growth touched 20% from the 1st semester of 2018 to the 1st semester of 2019 and the research conclude if Indonesia's online travel market will be prominent in Southeast Asia until 2025. One of the biggest OTA in Indonesia even record an increase of up to 700% in all of its product lines during Q2 of 2021. Airline ticket business

increased 400%, accomodation increased by 600%, entertainment ticket and travel essentials jumped 1.100% (technobusiness.id, 2021). It is concluded if the move of customer preference from traditional to online is truly significant, and because of innovation created by technological advances.

The advance has also influenced the development and changes in the ecosystem of Indonesian tourism. Cloud-based booking sites continue to innovate and provide memorable experiences through a convenient, safe, and enjoyable accomodations (Zsarnoczky, 2018). The provision, of course, involves the hospitality industry as one of the main agent. Through collaboration with OTA, hospitality industry is expected to increase the number of occupancy rates so as to increase revenue and their image, through review feature available on applications and search engine. On the other hand, the OTA is expected benefit as the marketplace from the share or fees received from the hotel, as well as enhancing brand as a trusted service provider (Hendriyati, 2019).

To accomodate the rapid change in the ecosystem, hospitality industries surely need to prepare suitable system that might handle the collaboration and the situation, since the use of technology may increase tourist's satisfaction and providing useful information needed by the owner, and contributes to gain more profits and recognition in the market. The system needs to adapt on new technology and it certainly affects the operation in each department, including finance department. The change then requires a provision of accounting information in real-time, because orders, payments, and cancellations are processed online. The existing AIS shall be able to accomodate the process, and the answer is by providing an advanced and suitable technology. In conclusion, technological advances has an effect to AIS performance and it is align with the research from Kamawati et al. (2021), Joshua and Jimmy (2017), Ratnaningsih and Suaryana (2014).

To apply the latest technology throughout business operations, the ability of end users is essential. They need to understand the basics and procedures for using the existing system in order to produce the expected information accurately, and make a decisive prediction related about the information produced. End users also need to have several skills and abilities regarding the system they operate, because higher ability means higher understanding, and it would affect the usage frequency and improve user satisfaction towards AIS performance (Joshua and Jimmy, 2017).

Hari (2014) explains if the ability of users on operating system will affect their satisfaction, as it leads to the increase of usage intensity. The statement is supported by Septriani in 2010 on banking industries, stating if End User Ability affects significantly positive to user satisfaction and will improve the AIS performance, in accordance with Ratnaningsih and Suaryana (2014), also Susilastri (2010). Otherwise, Joshua and Jimmy (2017) figure out if end user ability does not affect positively to AIS Performance, and the result is supported by Siska and Jimmy (2014), Hari (2014), and Tjen (2002). The difference between the results has made this variable testing inconsistent and need a further study.

Technological advances and end user ability may affect the performance of accounting information system. The novelties help user on providing faster accounting information, and user ability in operating and interpreting information makes AIS more useful and easeful. However, these factors would certainly create impact, only if it is supported by top management as the stakeholder over business operation including information system implementation, namely contributing on long-term organizational planning and control in IS, also ensuring a system project receives sufficient funding and resources to succeed (Nahriyanti, 2020).

Top management support is critical on helping the success of corporate information system (Shao et al., 2015). It is the key on determining the effectivity of the organization's information system (Odoyo and Ojera, 2020). Lack of top management support leads to failed projects and lost opportunities, because management tend to neglect their intention on securing, controlling, and participating on planning information system program, as it will leads to disinformation and ineffeciency on developed program. Top management support towards the implementation and development of AIS contributing on how technological advances and user ability determine the AIS performance.

This research aims to determining the effect of technological advances and end user ability to AIS performance with top management support as the moderating variable. Related to the current condition, researcher will see whether technological advances and end user ability have the same effect on AIS performance as the previous researchs.

According to Memon et al. (2019), the choice of moderators should be based on several ideas, such as limitations and future directions of the study, or inconsistents findings in past studies about the effect of the same antencendent (independent variable). The consideration of using top management support as a moderating variable is based on the explanation, by testing the inconsistent findings in past studies related about the effect of end user ability to AIS performance, and limitations found in previous research regarding the size of the locale (Kharisma and Juliarsa, 2017) and type of industry (Joshua and Jimmy, 2017) on testing the effect of technological advances and end user ability to AIS performance.

The study claims the differences from previous research with targeted subject is workers that use Accounting Information System on Hospitality Industries in Tangerang area, specifically 3-Star and 4-Star hotels. The consideration of using only 3-Star and 4-Star hotels is because they already represent the whole facilities and systems have by 1-Star, 2-Star, and 5-Star hotels, also the implementation of integrated information system to help the run of their business (Ratnaningsih and Suaryana, 2014).

Tangerang area, including South Tangerang Municipality, Tangerang Municipality, and Tangerang Regency, as regions in Indonesia that have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic are grantees of Tourism Grant Fund (*Dana Hibah Pariwisata*) on the end of 2020 provided by Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy. The region has approximately received more than Rp 100 Billion (inews.id and wartakota.tribunnews.com, 2020) as one of the stimulus to arouse tourism, with target including hospitality industries. The funds are distributed to each of hotels in the region and later be used as a support to their operation. The phenomenon may be seen as a consideration of using Tangerang as the locale, because researcher would like to see how Top Management actually manage and support their operation including the utilization and improvement of latest technology and end user ability of their Accounting Information System, predominantly after the receive of funds.

Researcher expects by this study, companies may look forward into factors that should be maintained on developing and running the Accounting Information System, so it would enhance the performance of the company and create new ways on the implementation of business sustainability. By that, the title of this thesis is "**The Effect of Technological Advances and End User Ability to the Accounting Information System Performance with Top Management Support as the Moderating Variable (Study on Hospitality Industries in Tangerang)**"

1.2. Research Problems

Based on the background, the research problems are:

- 1. Do technological advances affect the AIS performance on hospitality industries in Tangerang?
- 2. Does end user ability affect the AIS performance on hospitality industries in Tangerang?
- 3. Does top management support moderate the effect of technological advances to AIS performance on hospitality industries in Tangerang?
- 4. Does top management support moderate the effect of end user ability to AIS performance on hospitality industries in Tangerang?

1.3. Research Objectives

Based on research problems, the objectives of the research are as follows,

- Determining the effect of technological advances to AIS performance on hospitality industries in Tangerang Area
- Determining the effect of end user ability to AIS performance on hospitality industries in Tangerang Area
- Moderating the relation of technological advances and AIS performance on hospitality industries in Tangerang Area using top management support
- 4. Moderating the relation of end user ability and AIS performance on hospitality industries in Tangerang Area using top management support

1.4. Research Benefits

The study is conducted and expected to have several benefits both on theoritical and practical aspects as follows,

- 1. Theoretical Benefits
 - a. Accounting Students, as a reference to enhance knowledge related to Accounting Information System.
 - b. Next researchers, as a reference to the next researchers to conduct another research.
 - c. Researcher, to enhance knowledge, and a part of experience on conducting scientific research.
- 2. Practical Benefits

As an insight for companies on what to scale and what to manage on AIS performance, so it will be useful to the business and decision making process.

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