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ESSAYS ON INDONESIAN BANKING: COMPETITION, EFFICIENCY, AND ITS ROLE IN MONETARY POLICY TRANSMISSION

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Abstract

This thesis investigates competitiveness of banking market in Indonesia and monetary policy transmission during the period 2000 to 2009. As has been the case for most previous structure-performance studies, the results using the SCP specification are not very robust. When PR approach is used, as done in other studies, it reveals much evidence of imperfect competition in Indonesian provincial markets. The estimated values of H-statistics for the sample period 2001-2008 are positive ranging between 0.31 - 0.62 which is consistent with the study by Claessens and Laeven (2004). We find that the market in Java and Sumatra is more competitive than metropolitan and the periphery. H-statistic of metropolitan and the periphery are 0.31 and 0.52 respectively while Java and Sumatra is 0.62. However, the weakness of PR modeling is that it does not tell us much about the sources of imperfect competition, what can be done to change matters. The estimation using ES hypothesis specification does not also reveal significant influence of the geography of Indonesia. Although there is a modest impact of the geography of Indonesia on the level of competition, the development that help overcome geographical barriers, e.g. new banking technologies can usefully promote competition in Indonesian deposit markets.

In measuring the efficiency of the Indonesian banks, we find that the mean of cost-efficiency was in the range of 40%-50%. State-owned banks were found to be relatively more cost-efficient than foreign banks. The analysis suggests several conclusions about banking efficiency in Indonesia. Firstly, foreign ownership has positive effect on improved cost efficiency of the banks. However, the changing effect is small. Secondly, it appears that although old foreign banks are able to maintain comparable efficiency to the new acquired foreign banks, old foreign banks' efficiency tend to worsen. They need to hire more skilled workers and install better working environments.

Finally the result of the role of banks in monetary policy in Indonesia shows that there is an operative lending channel in Indonesia. We also find evidence that large banks are more responsive, while high liquidity and high capitalization banks are less responsive to the changes in monetary policy.

Abbreviations

ARDL autoregressive distributed lag

BI Bank Indonesia

BPD Bank Pembangunan Daerah (Regional/Provincial

Development Bank)

BIS Bank for International Settlements

bn billion

BUMN Badan Usaha Milik Negara (state owned enterprise)

CAMEL Capital adequacy, Asset Quality, Management, Earnings,

and Liquidity

CEE Central Eastern Europe

CIA Central Intelligence Agency's

CBI certificate of Bank Indonesia (Bank Indonesia's bills)

CR3 concentration ratio of top three banks

DEA data envelopment analysis
DFA distribution free approach

DIAI Deposit Insurance Agency of Indonesia (LPS)

ES efficient-structure hypothesis

ESS efficient-structure hypothesis using scale efficiency

ESX efficient-structure hypothesis using X-efficiency

FASBI Fasilitas Bank Indonesia (deposit facility given by Bank

Indonesia for banks with excess funds).

FDH free distribution Hull

GCG Good Corporate Governance

GDP gross domestic product

GMM generalized method of moment

HHI Herfindahl-Hirschman Index

IBA Indonesia Banking Architecture

IBRA Indonesian Bank Restructuring Agency (BPPN)

IMF International Monetary Fund

IT inflation targeting

M&As mergers and acquisitions

MC monopolistic competition

MENA Middle-east and north Africa

MMDA money-market deposit accounts

MP market power

MSA metropolitan statistical areas

MSME micro small and medium enterprise

NPL non-performing loans

NEIO new empirical industrial organization

OMOs open market operations

PC perfect competition

PR Panzar and Rosse

RMP relative market power hypothesis

ROE return on equity
ROA return on assets

SAMC State-owned Asset Management Company (PPA)

SFA stochastic frontier approach

SCP structure conduct performance

SME small medium enterprises

SPP single presence policy

TE transition economies

TFA thick frontier approach

US the United States

USD US Dollar

VAR vector autoregressive
VRT variable rate tender

y-o-y year-on-year