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ABSTRACT

Eventhough marketing capability is not short-term oriented but marketing capability is not a single variable that has power to increase performance. This qualitative study stated that there are two connected supporting variables that can increase marketing capability. They are leadership competency and accounting control attributes. Leadership through 'DaunPandan' Philosophy shows

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synchronization. Accounting control attributes as internal support to give inputs, control for budget monitoring that will be used in the marketing activities.

Key words: Marketing Capability, Marketing Performance, Leadership, 'Daun Pandan' Philosophy, Control Attributes, Accounting System.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background

Our empirical studies shows that organizational performance, company's performance, financial performance, and marketing performance are not always as the company's expected (Baker & Sinkula, 1999; Banker, Chang, & Pizzini, 2004; Cummings, 2016; Eccles, Ioannou, & Serafeim, 2014; Han, Kim, & Srivastava, 1998; Hendar, Ferdinand, & Nurhayati, 2017; Hult & Ketchen, 2001; Ittner, Larcker, & Randall, 2003; Li, Nie, Zhao, & Li, 2017; Revelli & Viviani, 2015; Roberts & Dowling, 2002; Wood, Bhuian, & Kiecker, 2000).

Business environment which is hard to predict direct companies to be more dynamic to cope up with technology based business competition pattern(Andriyansah & Sufian, 2017; Audretsch, 2001). There are a lot of things that need to be considered for consumer's buyback so as the consumers wants to do the buy-back (Andriyansah & Aryanto, 2017), forecasting can be done in relation to products' availability or service excellence carefully prepared so that the customers are satisfied(Fatimah, Rosadi, Hakim, & Alcantud, 2017). Every science field is not able to stand by itself. One must besupported by the others to achieve its target (Fatimah & Andriyansah, 2013). Company can learn from its previous period experiences to self-organized and be more competitive(Fatimah & Andriyansah, 2014; Hunt & Menon, 1995).Performance becomes the company's purpose as the foundation of target comparison through orientation process, innovation, and strategy to get advantages in the market (Ferdinand & Batu, 2015; French, 2017; Varadarajan, 2017; Zaefarian, Forkmann, Mitręga, & Henneberg, 2017).

Marketing capability does not focused on short-term performance but this resource base performance is generally poured its performance for long-term target performance considering that competition is not just a regional context but rather on global capacity (Andriyansah, 2015; Hooley et al., 1999; Martin, Javalgi, & Cavusgil, 2017). Therefore, the role of marketing capability is start from the process through products' quality, service quality, and develop strategies to get competitive advantage that is supported by information and knowledge (Andriyansah & Fatimah, 2014; Zahra, 2009).

Companies are expected to have marketing capabilities which are not the same with their competitors. The level of their capabilities are believed to be located in the company's work area. We predict that there are other factors besides products, price, and services (Andriyansah, Santorry, Handayani, & Kurniawam, 2017) that give strong influence from the internal of the company especially for micro companie small companies, and medium companies(Parwati, Nurdin, Indriasari, & Zahra, 2016). The purpose of this research is to explore accounting control attributes that have been developed by Simons (1987) to increase marketing capabilities. Factors from the internal of the company needs to be considered such as leadership and financial accounting (Han et al., 1998). Therefore, we suggest those two

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factors are connected to increase marketing performance (Austin et al., 2017; Holloway, Nielsen, & Saltmarsh, 2017; Kim, Park, & Miao, 2017).

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Leadership Skills Support

Organizations without leader seems hard to achieve their purpose and performance target because there are many roles and functions in a leader. A leader has extensive views unlimited by classroom. However, a leader has to be able to observe his/her business (A. Andriyansah, Rajati, & Fatimah, 2014; Robinson, 2010).

Opinion that is said by Feng et al. (2017) that full responsibility is a character of leaders. Besides, leaders' characters must be dynamic which means that they have to be able to assess staffs' capabilities, able to position themselves as a leader and policies' follower at the same time (Agashae & Bratton, 2001; Andriyansah & Zahra, 2017). The next leaders' character, we fully paraphrase from writings called 'FilosofiKepemimpinanDaunPandan' which is established by SUAR magazine in 2009. A plant that is only consist of green leaves has characters which can be applied in the organization. Philosophy that can be applied are as follows (Andriyansah, 2009) :

1. When the leaf still young which we interpret as to when we are a leader, these young leaf will stand straight with all its capabilities to lead the organization that is marked by the tip of the leaf facing upward with the intention to focus on the future for the organization's development without showing off what has been done for the organization.

2. When the ability to lead is fading, indicated by the tip of the leaf is going down, the previous leaf that was standing straight now is ready to be replaced by other young leaf that is standing straighter to focus on the future, moreover, the leaves that started to fade is not directly die and leave its next generation but still with maturity, this dark green leaf still in the same organization surrounds the young leaf that becomes its leader.

3. The character of this so called 'Pandan' is when it is at the top with its long leaf can be interpreted as legitimacy power, however, Pandan is not arbitrary to other leaves below them because Pandan has the character to protect leaves below them from the heat of the sun and rain.

4. Pandan leaves are indeed different with other kind of leaves, they are covered with small thorns which are ready if there are danger that threatening their wholeness. Young Pandan leaves after they got old, they become part of the society with protective character, and do not ever try to disturb the leader which is under their protection if we do not want our skin to injure because of their thorns. This illustrates harmony and careness in the organization between the leader and the subordinates and vice versa.

5. Young or old, Pandan leaves have the characters that bring fragrance, a special fragrance from Pandan leaves wherever they are. If in the food processing, Pandan leaves were mixed inside the food then their fragrance will strengthen the food aroma and adding the passion to consume the food. This shows that the young and old leader of Pandan leaves always bring fragrance with one vision for the organization's improvement without discrediting the others.

6. Young and old Pandan leaves usually are also use by Muslims for pilgrimage, besides that Pandan leaves are also use by Chinese communities to make cake that is for wrapping Cang cake. This shows that when they were leaders as they are young and retired from their position when they get old, Pandan is still giving the best that they have for public interests.

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2.2. Supports of Accounting Control Attributes

This definition will give implication to planning system domain, reporting system, and monitoring procedures which are based on information usage but not including informal control mechanism such as socio-cultural (Jaeger, 1983).

A good management are able to avoid the company/organization from misconduct and mistakes, therefore, able to establish purpose and support the company's accounting (Simons 1987).

There are two categories of accounting control (Jaeger, 1983), they are:

1. General accounting control for the company's assets safety, divided into:

a. Organizational control which can be done if there is a clear segregation of duties and segregation of responsibilities.

b. Documentation's control which can be done by recording description, explanation, flow chart, lists, computer printout, and objects examples from information system.

c. Hardware and software control which are designed inside the computer to detect mistakes or failure of work system.

d. Physical safety control needs to be done to keep the hardware, software, and personal safety in the company.

e. Data's safety control is to keep integrity and data safety which are stored outside to prevent missing data, broken data, and data being accessed by unauthorized parties.

2. Application control.

Application control is related to computer accounting system operation. The function of application control is to give enough leverage that recording, processing, and reporting data has been done according to procedures.

Application controls are categorized as follows:

a. Inputs control.

This control is designed to prevent or detect mistakes for inputs in data processing. Inputs control generally related to efficiency, approval, honorable inputs, tagging, cancelling, etc. in the computer processes.

b. Processes control.

This control include mechanism, standardization, etc.

c. Output control.

Output control is designed to check on inputs and processes, therefore, giving legitimate influence to output and sufficient output distribution.

A typology literature review related to control system design shows that certain attributes from the control system can be designed according to the condition or choices. Study by Merchant (1984, 1981), Macintosh (1981), Gordon et al. (1978), Tushman& Nadler (1978), Ansari (1977), Gordon & Miller (1976), Mintzberg (1975), Bruns&Waterhouse (1975), Gorry& Scott Morton (1971), and Anthony (1965) propose some planning and control system attributes which suggest possibilities of design motolication that depends on the usage context, e.g. System control attributes concerning tightness of budget goals,cost control utilization, frequency of reporting, and monitoring performance results intensities.

Research by Simons (1987) shows limited initial proves which is being re-examined to determine if there are connections among economic performance, control system attributes, and strategy. Simons (1987) then identifies ten accounting control attributes, which are: (1)*Tight budget goals*- How far marketing budget is tighten,(2) *External scanning*- How far

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the data related to certain events will be included in the control information, (3) *Results monitoring*—How far managers monitor intra period budget and performance target, (4) *Cost control*—How far cost analysis technique and the cost will be used, (5) *Forecast data*—How for data forecast is included in the control's report, (6) *Goals related to output effectiveness*—Knowledge and the importance of factors related to products' output, (7) *Reporting frequency*—Related to the frequency of report's establishment, (8) *Formula-based bonus remuneration*—How far bonus remuneration is going to be set up based on the formula of budget target achievement compared with company's policies, (9) *Tailored control systems*—How far control system is formed in accordance with the organization's condition and needs, (10)*Control system changeability*—The frequency of changes in the control system and the importance of informal communication in performing control information.

3. METHODOLOGY

This research is a research using qualitative approach and the writer composition has been appropriately completed according to the needs of this paper with the writer expertise background in marketing, finance, and accounting after 8 months of collecting and researching literatures to complete the analysis that is being presented.

4. DISCUSSION

What you measure is what you get (Zahra,2017). This statement is a requirement that an organization is better to have appropriate measuring tools for every purpose or target that want to be achieved. An appropriate control measurement is needed to measure sure that a purpose or target is achieved by an organization. Control system is formal procedures and systems that use information to preserve or modify patterns in organization's activities (Simons 1987).

Marketing capabilities are a series of processes in creating service quality to consumers and develop strategies to get competitive advantage which is supported by information and (Andriyansah & Fatimah, 2014; Simanjuntak & Pangestuti, 2017). Therefore, it is important to apply accounting control attributes in increasing marketing capabilities which have positive consequences in increasing company's value. The following are those ten control attributes; (1)Tight budget goals-How far marketing budget is tighten, (2) External scanning-Customers' data scanning (3) Results monitoring-Monitoring marketing performance intra periods and performance target,(4) Cost control -How far cost analysis technique and the cost will be used to Barket the products to be more efficient, (B Forecast data - Sales forecast and target market,(6)Goals related to output effectiveness -Knowledge and the importance of factors related to products' output, (7) Reporting frequency –Related to the frequency of report's establishment, (8) Formula-based bonus remuneration – How far remuneration/bonus is going to be set up based on marketing performance such as target achievement and compared with policies, (9)Tailored control systems – How far control system is formed in accordance with the company's condition and needs, (10)Control system changeability - The frequency of changes in the control system and the importance of informal communication in performing control information.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Majority of accounting researches assumes that control system design contribute to operational and profitability achievement in a company (Merchant & Simons, 1986).

Control system can be classified into two; First, administrative control which is control that create efficiency in operational activities and support the obedience in following

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management's policies. Second, accounting control which has purpose of controlling the company/organization's assets (Simons 1987).

Marketing capability which start from the process until after sale service need other supporting variables so that the marketing process can run according to expectation. However, the two variables that we propose are offers to companies especially micro, small, and medium enterprises in having competitive advantage and keep existed in the market facing tight business competition atmosphere.

6. FUTURE RESEARCH

For future research, we will examine leadership, accounting attributes, and other variables as supporting variables by using quantitative approach for direct primary prove the facts in the field with micro businesses and small businesses in Indonesia as our research objects.

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