CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This chapter concludes the research results and recommends necessary actions needed for improvements.

5.1 Conclusion

The research results about the factors affecting audit quality and good corporate governance and its implication on accounting information quality. Audit quality was proxied by auditor's specialization, good corporate governance was measured by Corporate Governance Perception Index (CGPI), and accounting information quality was measured by its relevance (predictive value) and faithful representation (discretionary accruals). It shows that an audit quality is to be maintained and good corporate governance must be practiced in accordance to the principles that been established in order to achieve accounting information quality. The following are the results:

1. Audit firm's age affects audit quality. Audit firm's age was represented by the number of years that an audit firm had been established. It was found out that audit firm's age has significant effect on audit quality, and the result of this research showed a positive direction for path coefficient, which means that an older audit firm increases audit quality due to proficiency and competency. To be proficient and competent, an auditor must be properly equipped with skills, experience, and trainings. Audit firm hires more experienced and more expert individuals (auditor) to perform the audit. An established (old) audit

- firm's name and established reputation are to be considered when engaging in audit. Old and reputable audit firms are trusted to produce audit quality.
- 2. Audit tenure affects audit quality. Audit tenure was categorized as short (0-3 years), medium (4-6 years), and long (7 years and above). It was found out that audit tenure has significant effect on audit quality, and the path coefficient result showed negative direction, which means that long audit tenure lessens audit quality. The audit quality lessens or decreases when the tenure becomes longer due to auditor developed closeness with the client. Closeness with the client can impair the independence. Not only closeness but familiarity for both client and auditor. Familiarity of the auditor with client can result to being reluctant to do thorough and detail examination which in turn decreases the audit quality.
- Audit firm size was in the original research model but was eliminated due to multi-collinearity with audit firm' age.

4. Audit quality affects accounting information quality. It showed positive path coefficient, which means that as audit quality increased, accounting information quality also increases. Audit quality is proxied by auditor's specialization. Auditor's specialization was measured through an audit firm who often do audit for a specific industry or domain. Auditor's specialization involves audit firm that numerously (most often) perform audits to particular industry. The more often the audit firm performs the audit the more chances to develop its specialization. It was found that audit quality has no significant effect on accounting information quality due to auditor's specialization is just

- based on the most numbered audit firm who had performed audit the most often and repetitively do the audit in a specific domain or industry.
- 5. Audit committee affects good corporate governance. Audit committee was measured by its number of financial expert (expertise), and by the number of independent members (independence). It was found out that audit committee has significant effect on good corporate governance. The result of this research showed a positive path coefficient, which means that a higher number of financial experts and the higher number of audit committee increases good corporate governance. The positive direction of audit committee to good corporate governance are due to the expertise audit committee in financial matters and due to the number of audit committee who have the capabilities to monitor well the business operations of the company and capabilities to make decisions that are fair, transparent, and objective.
- 6. Board of directors affects good corporate governance. Board of directors was measured by the total number of its members (size), and by the number of independent Board of Commissioners (independence). Board of Directors has significant effect on good corporate governance. The result of this research showed a positive direction of board of directors to good corporate governance, which means that the bigger number and the more independent Board of Directors increases good corporate governance. The significant effect is due to large size of board of directors can diminish the dominant executive officers, and more strategic decisions to be made.

- 7. Institutional ownership affects good corporate governance with a negative path coefficient. This means that an increase in institutional ownership decreases good corporate governance. Institutional ownership was measured by the percentage of its ownership. Government institutions owned the highest percentage. Institutional ownership has no significant effect on good corporate governance due to the fact that the government owns the majority of the shares. Since the government has controlling interest, their role as monitoring mechanism for corporate governance may not be implemented accordingly.
- 8. Good corporate governance affects accounting information quality with positive path coefficient, which means that, as good corporate governance increases, accounting information quality also increases. Good corporate governance is represented by Corporate Governance Perception Index (CGPI). It was found out that good corporate governance has significant effect on accounting information quality. Good corporate governance supports accounting information quality. Good corporate governance provides relevant and faithfully represented information. Good corporate governance practices as regulated by the government are well implemented in which it affects accounting information quality. The essence of accounting information quality is when each company prepared complete, neutral, and free from error accounting information.

5.2 Recommendation

There are several recommendations to be done based on the result of the research.

The following are the recommendations:

1. For the Companies

- To disseminate relevant and faithfully represented accounting information to all users.
- b. To implement and comply all the best practices of corporate governance. There are very few companies being awarded as the Most Trusted, Trusted and Fairly Trusted by Indonesia Institute of Corporate Governance. There are only six (6) public firms who had maintained its award for six (6) consecutive years from 2011-2016.

2. For the Decision Makers

To verify information that is based on facts and data needed in making sound decision.

3. For the Employees

- a. To be keen into details and process information that have enough supporting documents.
- b. To consistently follow the rules and regulations in the company.

4. For the Accountants

a. To bear in mind that the audit quality begins from the Public Accountant itself.

b. To consistently observe and abide the rules and standards set up by the standard-setting authority in *Peraturan Pemerintah No. 20/2015 Chapter* 5 Article 11.

5. For the Policy Makers

- a. To encourage the public companies to be more compliant with the rules and regulations set by the higher authority.
- b. To enhance more the practice of good corporate governance.

6. For the Investors

Institutional investors must exercise their power to monitor the management not to collaborate with management to gain self-interest.

7. For the Academicians

- To continually equipped themselves with updates about audit quality,
 good corporate governance and accounting information quality.
- b. In this research, it was found that audit firm's age has no significant effect on audit quality at a significance level of 5% but it has significant effect at a significance level of 10%, it is therefore recommended for Academicians to acknowledge that audit firm age is one of the factors that affect audit quality.

8. For the Scholars

a. To increase the number of sample for there are only 36 firm year observations in which it is very limited to Awardees from 2011-2016. It is recommended to add more years in gathering data. b. To explore more on the definition of audit quality and its proxy to be used for further studies.

9. For the Other Researchers

- a. To have awareness that not only the six (6) publicly listed companies are adopting the best practices but there are other companies that are striving to achieve organizational goals in which it can be the object for further research.
- b. To research on the other proxy for audit quality that affects accounting information quality.

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