DISTORTION OF CAPACITY ON INTER-REGIONAL TRADE OF IMT-GT: STUDY CASES ON FOUR SELECTED PROVINCES IN SUMATRA, INDONESIA)

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ABSTRACT

The objective of the paper was to understand the impact of sub regional economic cooperation, known as the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT), on trade sector in Indonesia. The approach of research based on export macro information by provinces and commodities.

The method used in the analytical framework was a fixed effect method. The regional study covered Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam, North Sumatera, West Sumatera Barat, and Riau provinces, and the commodities involved CPO, coffee and rubber, with 1990-2008 data series.

Based on pooled regression, the IMT-GT, there was a significant impact on export from the four provinces to Malaysia and Thailand for all based years. One might focus on commodity level that, in fact, CPO was the only one coomodity that had a significant impact within the IMT GT region. In addition, Thai Bath and Malaysian Ringgit, with respect to GDP for both countries, had significant influenced on Export, especially after the IMT GT endorsed.

Keywords: IMT-GT, Province, export, CPO, coffee, and rubber export, pooled regression

INTRODUCTION

Economic globalization is a reality faced by many countries in the world today, including Indonesia. It is as pronounced by President Soeharto in the 2nd Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders Summit in Bogor 1994, "Indonesia has no more choice except taking part of globalization, whether ready or not" (Soesastro, 2004:12). IMT-GT sub-regional cooperation is a form of broader scope than the Sijori (Singapore, Johor and Riau), ie, covering ten provinces in Sumatra, eight states in Malaysia, and fourteen Provinces in Southern Thailand.

Establishment of the IMT-GT is essentially a follow-up and development of cooperation between private businessmen from Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand which have had historical relations because of the position of the adjacent territory. Development of sub-regional economic cooperation in the IMT-GT is one of government's efforts to improve the welfare of society as equitable and sustainable through increasing utilization of human and natural resources of each region.

Associated with the IMT-GT (Sub-regional Economic Cooperation/KESR) a question arises, how the influence of sub-regional economic cooperation of Indonesian exports (mainly from provinces in Sumatra to
Malaysia and Thailand) are involved in these KESR? How does it affect the main commodity export provinces in Sumatra? What are the factors that affect exports to Malaysia, Sumatra Province and Thailand both in aggregate and broken down by major commodities before and after the IMT-GT?

Selected sector in this research is the trade sector. Macro-regional trade sector was chosen because it can provide 'color' direct influence on the regional economy in Sumatra. Four provinces (Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam/NAD, West Sumatra, North Sumatra and Riau) are considered to have excellent potential commodities for the trade sector, and also have increased the competitiveness of their exports (ADB, 2007:5). Several reviews fundamental studies in this review were to focus on:

1. The demand side, exports (total demand);
2. Export NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra and Riau provinces;
3. CPO export commodity, coffee, and rubber without distinguishing types and quality;

This study aimed to examine: (i) the impact of economic integration of ASEAN countries in the sub-regional scale of exports of NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand before and after the IMT-GT; (ii) the impact of economic integration of ASEAN countries on a scale sub-regional on CPO exports, coffee, and rubber to Malaysia and Thailand before and after the Presidential Decree. 13 year 2001 about the IMT-GT, and (iii) the factors that influence the export of NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand, both in aggregate and by commodity CPO, coffee, and rubber before and after IMT-GT.

The data used comes from a regional macro data of BPS-Statistics Indonesia both central and regional in 1990-2008, especially for observation of the aggregate value of exports, and commodity data in 1998-2008 according to the CPO, coffee, and rubber. Options review of commodities is based on the superior capacity of Sumatra.

Although many international economic cooperation agreement which amounts to tens of (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2007:6), but still limited research on the benefits of international economic cooperation for Indonesia more over detail to commodities. There is more research examining the impact of international economic cooperation at the state level (aggregative nature).

Simplified hypothesis in this research used in two directions: (i) the alleged difference in aggregate value of both exports and per-commodity CPO, coffee, and rubber from NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau before and after the IMT-GT; (ii) suspected Ringgit exchange rate, the rates of Bath, Malaysia's inflation, inflation in Thailand, Malaysia's GDP per capita, GDP per capita of Thailand, the international price of CPO commodity, coffee, and rubber affect the export value of NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau both in aggregate and by CPO commodity, coffee, and rubber.

OVERVIEW OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION MACRO INTER-REGIONAL TRADE TO MALAYSIA AND THAILAND

Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (KESR) is a forum of economic cooperation covers the geographical area which is adjacent to cross the boundary of two, three or more countries. The aims to create a trade as a key strategy of the government to participate in raising social and economic development in less developed areas and their isolated in order to run the process of economic integration as an investment zone oriented to international markets (Sahman, 2007:1). Clearly, the development of this sub grouping lies in the private sector as a driver of growth with the government as an entity that provides support facilities.
Figure 1. Progress of Indonesia’s exports to Malaysia and Thailand, 1980-2008

Figure 2. The Growth of Indonesia’s Export to Malaysia dan Thailand, 1981-2008

Figure 3 below shows the development of exports and imports to Malaysia and Thailand during the years 1990-2008. Shown in Figure 3 the development of exports and imports to Malaysia and Thailand are both showing a tendency to increase from year to year.

In the development of Indonesia’s trade balance to Malaysia and Thailand in the period 1990-2008, Indonesia’s trade pattern was fluctuating trend, was not unexpected. This is shown in Figure 4. It appears that starting in 2006, Indonesia’s trade balance to Malaysia and Thailand suffered a contraction of up to US$ (-) 5,200 million, meaning the difference between exports to reduce imports to Malaysia and Thailand experienced a huge difference.

BASIC APPROACHES

To “break in” problems and achieve the objectives, of the study used the approach some relevant statistical tests, among others: (i) Average Difference Test and (ii) Regression Analysis of Panel Data. The average difference test is used to refer to the difference in effect before and after the implementation of Decision KESR, especially in IMT-GT (Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand Growth Triangle). To find out the effect before and after the IMT-GT both on the value of the export value of NAD. North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau both in aggregate and by commodity CPO, coffee, and rubber, the study
\[
y_{it} = \alpha_i + x_{it}' \beta_t + \epsilon_{it} \\
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where \( x \) is the \( k \)-dimensional vector of explanatory variables, excluding the constant. This means, that the effect of changing \( x \) is the same for every unit and every period, but the average of the unit \( i \) may vary from unit \( j \). To capture the effects of these variables unique to the individual \( i \) and constant in time.

In this research, there are 76 provincial export data to an aggregate model and 1999 data for commodity export model. Regression model is an econometric panel data can be written as follows:

1. Aggregate exports of NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau in the aggregate before and after IMT GT.

\[
E_{it} = \alpha_i + \alpha_2 D_{2i} + \alpha_3 D_{3i} + \alpha_4 D_{4i} + \beta_2 X_{2it} + \\
\beta_3 X_{3it} + \beta_4 X_{4it} + \beta_5 X_{5it} + \beta_6 X_{6it} + \\
\beta_7 X_{7it} + \epsilon_{it} \\
\]

Description:
- \( E \) = Export value to Malaysia and Thailand (Mill US$).
- \( X_2 \) = Ringgit rate to Rupiah.
- \( X_3 \) = Bath rate to Rupiah.
- \( X_4 \) = Malaysia Inflation Rate (%).
- \( X_5 \) = Thailand Inflation Rate (%).
- \( X_6 \) = GDP per capita Malaysia (US$).
- \( X_7 \) = GDP per capita Thailand (US$).
- \( i \) = NAD, North Sumatera, West Sumatera, and Riau
- \( t \) = 1990-2008
- \( D \) = Dummy variable
- \( D_{2i} \) = 1 if observation is NAD, and 0 if not.
- \( D_{3i} \) = 1 if observation is North Sumatera and 0 if not.
- \( D_{4i} \) = 1 if observation is West Sumatera and 0 if not.
- \( \alpha, \beta \) = Coefficient of parameter.
- \( \epsilon_{it} \) = Disturbance factor.

2. Aggregate exports of North Sumatera, West Sumatera, and Riau by commodity of CPO, k

\[
E_{itk} = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 D_{2it} + \alpha_3 D_{3it} + \alpha_4 D_{4it} + \\
\beta_2 X_{2itk} + \beta_3 X_{3itk} + \beta_4 X_{4itk} + \beta_5 X_{5itk} + \\
\beta_6 X_{6itk} + \beta_7 X_{7itk} + \beta_8 X_{8itk} + \epsilon_{itk} \\
\]

Description:
- \( E \) = Export commodity value to Malaysia and Thailand (10.000 US$).
- \( X_2 \) = Ringgit rate to Rupiah.
- \( X_3 \) = Bath rate to Rupiah.
- \( X_4 \) = Malaysia Inflation Rate (%).
- \( X_5 \) = Thailand Inflation Rate (%).
- \( X_6 \) = GDP per capita Malaysia (US$).
- \( X_7 \) = GDP per capita Thailand (US$).
- \( X_8 \) = International price commodity
- \( i \) = NAD, Sumut, Sumbar, Riau
- \( t \) = 1990-2008
- \( k \) = CPO, coffee, rubber
- \( D \) = Dummy variable
- \( D_{2it} \) = 1 if observation is NAD, and 0 if not.
- \( D_{3it} \) = 1 if observation is Sumut, and 0 if not.
- \( D_{4it} \) = 1 if observation is Sumbar and 0 if not.
- \( \alpha, \beta \) = Coefficient of parameter.
- \( \epsilon_{itk} \) = Disturbance factor.

DISCUSSIONS

Sets of data collected are used to observe the export of the province of NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau in the period of 19 years from 1990 to 2008. To export data CPO, coffee, and rubber from NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau, the data collected for a period of 11 years from 1998 to 2008.

NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau are four provinces in Sumatra Island in KESR that involved in the IMT-GT. Export growth, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand in 1990-2008 can be seen in Figure 5.

Figure 5 shows that the progress of export value, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau in 1990 to 2008 was very diverse.
Figure 7. The Progress of CPO, Coffee, Rubber from NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand, 1990-2008.

Figure 8. The Progress of Export CPO from NAD, Sumut, Sumbar, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand, 1990-2008.

Figure 8 shows the progress of CPO exports from the province of Aceh, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand during the years 1998-2008. The trend of the CPO export value continues to increase. In the year 2007 CPO exports rose high enough to reach more than U.S. $ 50 million or more than 64 percent of total CPO exports. This shows decree has been able to encourage the export of CPO. Figure 8 refers to the tendency of increase in CPO exports after the issuance of Presidential Decree.

Figure 9 reveals the development of coffee exports from the province of Aceh, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand in 1998-2008. Sumatra coffee produces two types of coffee, ie Arabica and Robusta. Shown in Figure 9 the value of coffee exports to Malaysia and Thailand showed a tendency to fall.

Compared to CPO and coffee exports, Figure 10 shows the development of rubber exports to Malaysia and Thailand, a relatively small value. Even in certain years such as 1998, 1999, 2003, and 2005 there was no rubber exports to Malaysia and Thailand. Only in 2004 the value of rubber exports to Malaysia and Thailand reached about U.S. $ 40 thousand, which are relatively small compared to CPO and coffee exports.
Table 1. Different Test Average Export NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to 
Malaysia and Thailand Before and After IMT-GT

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a. Based on negative ranks.
b. Wilcoxon Signed Ranks Test

Table 2. Different test average by Provinces Before and After IMT-GT

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a. Based on negative ranks.
b. Wilcoxon Signed Ranks Test

ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENT TEST
AVERAGE EXPORT OF CPO, COFFEE,
AND RUBBER FROM NAD, NORTH
SUMATRA, WEST SUMATRA, AND
RIAU TO MALAYSIA AND THAILAND

Having made a calculation of the average difference test of the value of palm oil exports, coffee, and rubber, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau obtained the following results.

Table 3 shows the different test average CPO export, coffee, and rubber. Shown in the table significant value of CPO, coffee, and rubber is 13 percent, 72 percent and 65 percent, greater than 5 percent error rate. This means accepting Ho, where Ho is no significant differences in the export of CPO, coffee, and rubber before and after the IMT-GT.

REGRESSION ANALYSIS OF PANEL
DATA EXPORT, NAD, NORTH
SUMATRA, WEST SUMATRA, AND
RIAU TO MALAYSIA AND THAILAND

Estimation of panel data regression model to export, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand before and after IMT GT get results as shown in Table 4 below.

1. Regression Model Panel Data of Aggregate Export Province

Based on the value of the significant independent variable coefficient, only Malaysia's GDP per capita does not significantly affect exports, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand in 1990-2008. Other independent variables affect significantly to the export, ie Ringgit exchange rate, the rates Bath, inflation in Malaysia, Thailand, inflation, and dummy variables. Thailand's GDP per capita exports affect significantly but have the error rate of 10 percent.

Interpretation of the processing Eviews 4.0 above are as follows. coefficient of determination (adjusted R-squared) shows the independent variables in the model can explain 85 percent or strong enough for the factors that affect exports, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand, while the rest equal to 15 percent is influenced by factors outside the model. The value of the significance of dummy variables showed no significant difference exports, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand before and after the IMT-GT. While the magnitude of the F-statistic 0.000 shows the overall independent variables in the
ent variables in the model (exchange of Bath, Malaysia's inflation, inflation Thailand, Malaysia's GDP per capita, GDP per capita, and dummy variables) then the value of exports to Malaysia and Thailand from NAD = U.S.$9.96 million, North Sumatra = U.S.$11.45 million, West Sumatra = U.S.$8.89 million, and Riau = U.S.$12.50 million.

Coefficients of independent variables on panel data regression model, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau can be interpreted as follows.

1. If the ringgit to rupiah exchange rate increased by one unit, then exports would increase by 0.001 percent.
2. If the exchange rate of rupiah Bath increased by one unit, then the exports will decrease by 0.01 percent.
3. If Malaysia's inflation rose by 1 percent, then the exports will increase by 0.17 percent.
4. When Thailand's inflation rose by 1 percent, then the exports will decrease by 0.20 percent.
5. When Thailand's GDP per capita increased by one unit, then exports would increase by 0.0006 percent.
6. Influence of the IMT-GT against exports amounting to 0.52 percent.

Based on the estimated regression panel data model can be concluded that the Ringgit exchange rate, the rates of Bath, inflation in Malaysia, Thailand's inflation rate, GDP per capita, and dummy variables significantly affect exports, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand, while the rest equal to 29 percent is influenced by factors outside the model. The value of the significance of dummy variables showed no significant difference in CPO exports, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand before and after the IMT-GT. While the magnitude of the F-statistic 0.0000 shows the overall independent variables in the model significantly influences the export of the province. Panel data regression model is as follows.

\[
Y_{NAD} = 1.059 + 1.21 I_m + 2.56 D + u
\]

\[
Y_{Sum} = 1.286 + 1.21 I_m + 2.56 D + u
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Y_{Sumb} = 1.065 + 1.21 I_m + 2.56 D + u
\]

\[
Y_{Riau} = 1.315 + 1.21 I_m + 2.56 D + u
\]
determination (adjusted R-squared) and the number of independent variables are not significant, the estimation of panel data regression model coffee exports cannot be done. This happens because due to Malaysia and Thailand is not the main export of coffee from Aceh Province, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau.

Panel regression model of rubber export data. Based on the results of processing for export of rubber from the province of Aceh, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand in 1998-2008, found that the result is not significant at all the independent variables and the low adjusted R-squared. Therefore, panel data estimation model cannot be made of rubber exports. Similarly, coffee exports, Malaysia and Thailand is not the main export of rubber from the province of Aceh, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau.

CONCLUSIONS AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Conclusions

Conclusion the analysis of the influence of sub-regional economic cooperation in the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) toward the trade sector in Indonesia are as follows.

1. Sub-regional economic cooperation (KESR) IMT-GT has a positive effect on exports both nationally and by province according to the research.

2. When analyzed by export commodities, i.e. CPO, coffee, and rubber of NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thailand, only the export of CPO, which had significant influence before and after the Presidential Decree. No.13/2001 concerning the Strengthening of the IMT-GT KESR.

3. The factors which significantly influence the export of NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau to Malaysia and Thai-land in the IMT-GT are KESR Ringgit exchange rate, exchange of Bath, Malaysia's inflation, and GDP per capita of Thailand, while the factor which significantly influence Malaysia's CPO export is inflation.

Policy Implications

Based on the above conclusion, it can be interpreted as following policy implications.

1. Reviewing potential, NAD, North Sumatra, West Sumatra, and Riau, and all provinces in Sumatra generally can utilize IMT-GT cooperation that was initiated Government.

2. The necessity of recording detailed data on the origin of the flow of goods (rules of origin) between the regions to see the impact of international economic cooperation for the region.

3. Similar research should be developed for review value of import port value to encourage of the achievement of inter-region, particularly focused on sub-regional cooperation.

4. Regional policy is needed (relevant permits and regulations) to support and encourage increased inter-regional export.

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