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ABSTRAK

Fungsi utama Jabatan Kastam DiRaja Malaysia (KDRM) adalah memungut hasil melalui Cukai Tak Langsung disamping memberi kemudahan dan galakan kepada masyarakat perindustrian dan pedagang selaras dengan peruntukan undang-undang semasa bagi mencapai visi “*menjadikan perkhidmatan kastam dikenali dan dihormati serta bertaraf dunia*”. Setiap tahun KDRM telah mensasarkan pungutan hasil tahunan selaras dengan Perancangan Strategik Jabatan 2001-2005. Sasaran pungutan hasil telah menjadi agenda yang penting kepada semua Pengarah Kastam Negeri di mana setiap negeri perlu menetapkan sasaran pungutan berdasarkan kemampuan dari segi sumber percukaian, pelesenan dan prestasi semasa.

Peramalan pungutan hasil menggunakan model statistik asas telah digunapakai oleh KDRM mulai tahun 2002 melalui penggunaan perisian lengkap peramalan *Forecast Pro Versi 4.0*. Kepentingan peramalan bagi jabatan ialah ianya dapat menyediakan satu kaedah memantau prestasi pungutan dari masa ke semasa dan mengambil langkah-langkah yang berkesan bagi memastikan sasaran pungutan dapat dicapai seperti yang telah ditetapkan. Ini adalah kerana prestasi pungutan hasil bergantung kepada beberapa factor seperti ekonomi, politik, dasar kerajaan dan persekitaran perniagaan yang sentiasa berubah-ubah.

Kajian ini lebih menjurus kepada penerokaan kaedah baru menggunakan Rangkaian Neural Buatan ke arah peramalan pungutan hasil. Data bagi tujuan latihan telah diperolehi daripada rekod Penyata Pungutan Hasil yang disediakan oleh Bahagian Perkhidmatan Teknik, Jabatan kastam DiRaja Malaysia, Alor Setar, Kedah. Sebanyak 1 727 data telah digunakan dalam kajian ini yang terdiri daripada 7 jenis cukai dan duti serta pungutan hasil bukan cukai, bagi tempoh 159 bulan berturutan bagi tempoh 1 Januari, 1990 hingga 30 Mac, 2004. Rangkaian Neural Buatan melalui model perambatan balik, *Multi Layer Perceptron (MLP)* telah dilatih dengan data berkenaan bagi membangunkan model peramalan pungutan hasil. Adalah diharapkan hasil kajian ini akan dapat membantu KDRM bagi membangunkan kaedah peramalan pungutan hasil yang lengkap pada masa hadapan.

Hasil kajian ini telah membuktikan kesahihan dan kebolehpercayaan Rangkaian Neural Buatan ke arah peramalan pungutan hasil KDRM. Pencapaian daripada pembangunan model perambatan balik telah memberi ketepatan melebihi 92 peratus. Rangkaian Neural Buatan didapati dapat mengambil rekod data ke arah peramalan pungutan hasil serta menjadikan peramalan lebih pantas dan senang digunakan. Selain dari itu, kajian ini juga dapat menambahkan bidang kajian berkaitan Rangkaian Neural Buatan sedia ada di Fakulti Teknologi Maklumat, Universiti Utara Malaysia.

ABSTRACT

Royal Customs Department Malaysia (RCDM) has the main function to collect revenue through indirect taxes, instead of giving facilitation and encourage industrialization and trades according to current provisions by laws and regulations towards vision "*to be recognized respected and world class services*". RCDM was setting revenue collection target yearly along with Strategic Planning 2001-2005. The revenue collection target has become an important agenda for every State Director of Customs through nationwide. Every state has to set their collection target based on the capability and tax resources, licensees and current performance.

Forecasting revenue collection used statistical fundamental model has been used by RCDM by the year 2002 via deployment completed forecasting software that recognized as Forecast Pro Version 4.0. The significant of revenue forecasting is it provided a method to monitor collection performance and to take effective planning in order to ensure that revenue collection target can be achieved. This is as a result of the revenue collection performance was depends on various factors such as economics, politics, government policy and business environment that always been changing.

This study is more on a new exploration technique using Artificial Neural Network (ANN) towards forecasting revenue collection of RCDM. The data sets were gathered from Monthly Revenue Return that provided and allowed to be used by Technique Division, RCDM, Alor Setar, Kedah. The data sets comprises of 1 727 data that composed by 7 types of the duty and tax with non tax revenue from 159 successive month starting from 1st January, 1990 to 30th Mac, 2004. ANN with back propagation model, MLP has been used to train data sets in order to develop forecasting model revenue collection. Hopefully this study can be assists RCDM to develop a complete forecasting revenue collection tools using ANN for future enhancement.

This study has proven the capability and reliability of ANN towards forecasting revenue collection. The results from BP model have proven the accuracy of forecasting is more than 92 percent. The ANN was found that can feed the data towards forecasting revenue collection. Thus, making it faster and easy to use. On the other hand, this study also adds more study domain related to current ANN applications for Faculty of Information Technology, Northern University of Malaysia.

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

Revenue refers to government income due to taxation. In Malaysia there are two types of taxation has been implemented; direct taxation and indirect taxation that was organized by different authority. Royal Customs Department Malaysia (RCDM) is obliged to enforce indirect taxation, whereby Inland Revenue Board (IRB) concerned in direct taxation that involved income tax collection for every taxable person subject to the current provisions.

RCDM was placed under The Ministry of Finance to implement the laws and regulations regarding indirect taxation. An indirect tax has several categories or resources such as Import Duty, Export Duty, Sales Tax, Service Tax and Excise Duty. By the year 2003, indirect taxes share 25.4% of Federal Government Revenue (FGR). Whereby, non-tax revenue share 7.5%, Excise Duty and Sales Tax contributed about 5.5% and 9.5% respectively for FGR (*Malaysia Economics Report 2003/2004*).

This study is an exploration of the use of Data Mining technique, especially Neural Network (NN) to build a forecasting (predicting) model for revenue collection. Generally, data mining sometimes called data or knowledge discovery is the process of analyzing data from different perspectives and summarizing it into useful

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