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ABSTRACT

This research provides evidence on the influence of financial services access towards economic growth in selected ASEAN countries. There is empirical evidence that show financial inclusion has been a crucial factor in order to contribute to economy growth. The previous study conducted to examine the impact of financial inclusion on growth of the economy in country of India for period of seven years (Iqbal & Sami, 2017). It has been concluded that financial inclusion is strongly associated with the economic progress and development but proper financial inclusion regulation is need in the India country to access financial services and customer awareness. Issue that arise on financial inclusion are 1.7 billion adults remain unbanked, yet two-thirds of them own a mobile phone that could help them access financial services (World Bank, 2018). The main reasons for financial exclusion are distance from branch, branch timings, unsuitable products, cumbersome documentation and procedure and etc. Due to all these reasons, excluded group feel it easier to borrow money from informal credit sources (Weekly, 2014). Thus, the purpose of this research is to identify how the financial service access influences economic growth. The finding results from this research found that the financial services access can influences the economic growth in ASEAN countries. The model can be explained by number of ATMs, number of bank branches and loan deposit ratio.

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