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ABSTRACT

This study is to examine the mean difference of earnings management, opportunistic behaviour, pressure behaviour and financial risk ratio between Asean countries namely Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia, and also to find the relationship between opportunistic behaviour, pressure behaviour and financial risk ratio on earnings management. Based on the data gathered amounting 194 listed firms from Bursa Malaysia (Malaysia), Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) and Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX) for each country from the year of 2014 to 2017. The study proposed that there will be significant mean difference of earnings management, opportunistic behaviour, pressure behaviour and financial risk ratio between those three countries. Besides that, it is assumed that there will be significant relationship between opportunistic behaviour, pressure behaviour and financial risk ratio on earnings management The result of this study enable the readers or regulators to have better explanation on the relationship between variables thus alter the rules and regulation for a better and soundness of the financial reporting in which will increase the reliabilities.

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