

2nd WEEK**July 2021**❖ **MACRO**

- Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell is tasked this week with convincing Congress that the ultra-easy policies the central bank has followed during the pandemic are still the right ones. It might not be such an easy task this time around. While Powell's parleys with Congress have been notably genial affairs, there's at least a chance this time around that the questioning could get a little pointed. Some in congressional leadership, particularly on the Republican side, have pushed the Fed to start easing its foot off the policy pedal, specifically pertaining to the at least \$120 billion a month in bond purchases still in play. Powell, then, will have to show that a rapidly improving economy that is contending with its highest inflationary pressures in well over a decade still needs crisis-level policies to pull it through.
- On Friday 9 and Saturday 10 July 2021, the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBGs) gathered in Venice for their third official meeting under the Italian G20 Presidency. This was the first in-person Finance Track meeting since February 2020. G20 members continued their discussions on issues related to global economy and health, and on the efforts to promote economic recovery and the transition towards greener and more sustainable economies and societies. G20 Ministers and Governors also had a very fruitful exchange of views on the support to the most vulnerable countries, international taxation matters and financial sector issues, including sustainable finance. The result of their discussions is detailed in the official Communiqué, issued at the end of the meeting. G20 members recognised that the global outlook has further improved, mainly thanks to the roll out of vaccines and continued policy support.

Review:

The Fed's response to the Covid-19 crisis last year, in which it wheeled out an unprecedented set of tools to combat upset in the markets and tumult in the economy, generally received high grades in Congress.

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- Bank Indonesia (BI) has officially extended the deadline for submitting the exemption of Export Suspension Sanctions (SPE). Initially, the SPE was only valid for a maximum of 1 (one) year since the issuance of PBI No. 21/14/PBI/2019 concerning Foreign Exchange Export Proceeds and Foreign Exchange Import Payments (PBI DHE and DPI) dated November 29, 2019. Then it was extended until the end of December 2022. "The extension of the deadline also applies to exporters who have been subject to SPE after November 29, 2019," said the Executive Director of the Head of the Communications Department Erwin Haryono in a written statement, Tuesday (13/7/2021). He explained that the extension policy was effective from July 13, 2021 until December 31, 2022. Erwin also explained a number of reasons behind this SPE extension. "This time limit extension was carried out taking into account the condition of the Indonesian economy in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is on its way to recovery, as well as to capture export opportunities in line with the increase in prices of various export commodities and the improving economic conditions of trading partner countries," he explained.
- There are 11 business activities suspected of carrying out business activities without permission from the authorities. Their fraudulent investment activities have been stopped by the Investment Alert Task Force in July 2021. The head of the Investment Alert Task Force, Tongam L Tobing, said that of the 11 entities there were 2 money game activities, 5 crypto assets, 2 forex and forex robots without permits and two other activities. He said that all investment offers through Telegram social media were illegal, so the public was asked to be vigilant. "We urge the public before making an investment

to ensure the legality of companies offering investments or permits to offer products from the competent authorities in accordance with the business activities being carried out," Tongam said in an official statement, quoted Thursday (15/7/2021).

Review:

This extension continues various previous BI policies to create a conducive situation to encourage exports. For your information, BI has issued a policy of not imposing SPE from March 31, 2020 until the end of December 2020.

❖ **BANKING**

- Coinciding with its 75th Birthday on July 5, 2021, Bank Negara Indonesia (BNI) launched its newest mobile banking application, The New BNI Mobile Banking. The presence of this latest mobile banking application is said to answer the needs of retail segment customers who are now increasingly dynamic. "For that we are equipped with more complete features, and come with a new interface that is SIMPLE, FRESH, CLEAN, which allows us to start doing any kind of transaction now, #GaPakeNanti", said Deputy President Director of BNI Adi Sulistyowati in a written statement, Monday (12/7/2021). Susi said the public's interest in using the BNI Mobile Banking application continues to increase. This can be seen from the number of users who grew 56.82% YoY in the 2nd quarter of 2021. Users are also actively using this application, as can be seen from the number of transactions which also continues to grow. In the 2nd quarter of 2021, it was recorded that the number of transactions using BNI Mobile Banking grew by 54.2% YoY. he said.
- The pandemic is a difficult time for everyone, including business people. However, the pandemic should not be a barrier for those of you who want to start a business in 2021. CEO and Founder of Hijup.com, Diajeng Lestari shared her story about her business in the e-commerce field that started 10 years ago as well as sharing tips for starting a business in 2021. The woman who is familiarly called Ajeng said that even though the pandemic required people to keep their distance and at home, the business can survive

because it has relied on digital technology and online platforms since 2011. In the midst of the pandemic, he saw more and more businesses starting to explore online sales. He said that even in the midst of difficulties, there are also conveniences that can be utilized, one of which is through online sales. Ajeng also shares various stories and 5 other tips in the Mandiri Virtual Talk Ep.7 entitled 'Manage the Finances of Beginner Businessmen' which can be listened to for those of you who want to start a business in 2021.

Review:

In the midst of Emergency PPKM, BNI Mobile Banking is present as an application that provides transaction solutions that also support health protocols with cashless or digital transactions. Any transaction can be done anywhere and anytime.

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