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Taxation in Indonesia; Tax Harmonization Law, Second Tax Amnesty Program, Tax Revenue in 2021, and the Future of Tax Holidays

It is time to turn our attention to tax, again, as we detected a number of interesting developments in Indonesia (related to tax) over the past couple of months. First of all, something that is quite rare, Indonesia managed to collect more tax revenue in full-year 2021 than it targeted in the 2021 State Budget (APBN 2021).

It was the first time since 2008 – and the first time during Indonesian President Joko Widodo's reign – that tax revenue exceeded the target. And there are several reasons behind this anomaly. Obviously, it helped that economic activity rebounded in 2021 after a weak performance in 2020 (although tax revenue is still not fully back at the pre-COVID-19-crisis levels). This economic activity includes Indonesia's impressive trade performance as well as high commodity prices. Meanwhile, the adjustment of certain tax rates has also supported tax revenue (such as the increase in the stamp duty tariff to IDR 10,000 per piece).

But, possibly more importantly, Indonesia's 2021 tax revenue target was the lowest since 2014 (due to the COVID-19 crisis). This low target certainly helped to achieve it. Meanwhile, the government's tax revenue target for 2022 is still not too ambitious

(in fact it is even below tax revenue realization in 2021, which likely was a year with less economic activity than 2022), and so this target should be met again in 2022.

Tax Revenue and Targets of the Indonesian Government (in IDR trillion):

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Realization	1,106.0	1,151.0	1,313.3	1,332.7	1,070.0	1,277.5
Target	1,355.2	1,283.6	1,424.0	1,577.6	1,198.8	1,229.6
Gap	249.2	132.6	110.7	244.9	128.8	47.9

Red color indicates shortfall

Green color indicates excess

Source: Finance Ministry of the Republic of Indonesia

Tax Revenue and Target of the Indonesian Government in 2021 (in IDR trillion):

	Realization 2021	Target 2021
Income Tax	696.5	683.8
VAT & Luxury Tax	551.0	518.5
Land/Building & Other Taxes	30.1	14.8
Total	1,277.5	1,229.6

Source: Finance Ministry of the Republic of Indonesia

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