IMPACT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ON INTERNET FINANCIAL REPORTING: A STUDY IN SRI LANKA

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Internet Financial Reporting (IFR) is the emerging concept all over the world. The purpose of this study is to examine the impact of Corporate Governance (CG) on internet financial reporting of the selected listed firms in Sri Lanka. The content analysis approach is used in this study. Selected 100 listed firms in Sri Lanka were considered as the sample of this study. Internet financial reporting disclosure index was used as the proxy of IFR and the corporate governance variables such as board size, board independence, gender diversity, CEO duality, audit committee independence and audit committee meeting are used as the proxies of corporate governance. Using the data collected from the annual report and websites of the selected firms the study was carried out. Regression analysis and correlation analysis have been performed. It revealed board size and audit committee meeting were significantly impact on internet financial reporting in selected listed firms in Sri Lanka and those variables also had the significant relationship with internet financial reporting. Rest of the variables are not have any significant impact. The study recommends that regulatory bodies should develop a guideline of disclosing information through the internet in order to enhance the corporate transparency among selected listed companies in Sri Lanka.

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