



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
COMMISSION ON AUDIT
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chairman TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.

Professional Regulation Commission
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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the **Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)**, which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at December 31, 2021, and the Consolidated Statement of Financial Performance, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, Consolidated Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts for the year then ended, and Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the effects on the matters discussed in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our Report, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the PRC as at December 31, 2021, and its consolidated financial performance, consolidated changes in net assets/equity, consolidated cash flows, and consolidated comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions (ISSAIs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the PRC in accordance with the Revised Code of Conduct and the Ethical Standards for Commission on Audit Officials and Employees (Code of Ethics) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Philippines, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

As discussed in Part II of the Report, a total misstatement of ₱30,336,859.32 was found in the audit of Cash and Cash Equivalents, Accumulated Depreciation, Accounts Payable and Trust Liabilities of the PRC Central Office (CO) and its Regional Offices (ROs) due to accounting errors and omissions, and other accounting deficiencies in the amount of ₱115,365,722.30, affected the fair presentation of its FSs for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IPSASs and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the PRC financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISSAIs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISSAIs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

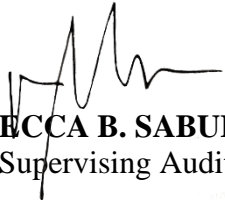
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the PRC's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transaction and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit observations, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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REBECCA B. SABUELBA
OIC-Supervising Auditor

July 20, 2022