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ORG-ARMM Special Audit Team wins CSC Pag-asa award

The team that conducted the special audit of the Office of the Regional Governor (ORG)-Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) covering the period January 2008 to September 2009 won the Pag-asa award conferred by the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

The ORG-ARMM special audit team uncovered anomalies including fictitious procurements amounting to P1.3 billion. Of that amount, transactions amounting to more than P393 million were denied by alleged suppliers as having been contracted with them. Likewise, the other suppliers were not licensed or have questionable capability to supply the agency requirements.

The team was composed of Director Evelyn P. Reyes (over-all team supervisor), Director Elsielin C. Masangcay (team supervisor), Auditors Florefe S. Avila (team leader) and Grace T. De Castro (co-team leader), and Marilyn C. Bibat, Joselita G. Corteza, Gale Kathrine M. Hernandez and Dondon P. Marcos (team members).

“We are honored to receive such an award. While it is recognized that at some time or another, we are at risk in conducting our audits, it is still our responsibility to perform our work to the best that we can with honesty, integrity and independence,” said Director Reyes. “We feel that credit should also go to Assistant Commissioner Susan Garcia who was involved in the audit, accompanying the team in obtaining additional documents, conducting confirmation and project inspections in ARMM while she was director of the Special Audit Office,” she added.

As Pag-asa awardees, the team will receive a gold-gilded medallion and plaque as well as P100,000 cash prize. The CSC confers the Pag-asa Award to an individual or group of individuals for outstanding contributions resulting from an idea or performance which directly benefits more than one department of the government.

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