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COA Auditor wins Dangal ng Bayan

MANILA, PHILIPPINES – An auditor whose exemplary work resulted in the dismissal of two government officers for malversation of public funds totalling P1.23 million is named one of this year's Outstanding Public Officials and Employees.

State Auditor Haydee P. Pasuelo of Commission on Audit Regional Office No. VI is one of the winners of the Dangal ng Bayan Award for exemplary adherence to the norms of conduct and ethical behaviour.

President Benigno S. Aquino will personally hand the award at tomorrow's (September 19) 2012 Search for Outstanding Public Officials and Employees Awards Rites to be held at the Rizal Ceremonial Hall, Malacanang Palace. The awards highlights the national celebration of the 112th Philippine Civil Service Anniversary.

Auditor Pasuelo also issued significant audit disallowances in three (3) government agencies totalling P97.84 million. This includes procurement of defective digital sterilizer for Don Valerio Palmares, Sr. Memorial District Hospital, granting of financial assistance to volunteer health workers on supplemental budget found without legal basis and payment of extra cash gifts for employees of the Provincial Government of Iloilo.

This will be the second time Auditor Pasuelo is conferred an award for outstanding work by President Aquino. She was Most Outstanding Woman of COA for 2011, an award conferred by the President during the COA Anniversary celebration.

The Commission has been on a winning streak for the prestigious Dangal ng Bayan Award. Past winners include Engr. Owen Kim S. Monter in 2007, Adela B. Cortez in 2008, Trinidad S. Gozun in 2010 and Helen M. Cailing in 2011.

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