



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**COMMISSION ON AUDIT**  
CORPORATE GOVERNMENT SECTOR  
CLUSTER A - FINANCIAL

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

**The Monetary Board**  
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas  
Manila

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2012, income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with RA No. 7653 and applicable Philippine Financial Reporting Standards and Philippine Accounting Standards as aligned with the International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas as at 31 December 2012, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with applicable Philippine Financial Reporting Standards and Philippine Accounting Standards as aligned with International Financial Reporting Standards.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to Note 2.8.3 to the financial statements which disclosed that as approved by the Monetary Board effective CY2010, gains/(losses) due to changes in exchange rates are realized only when the foreign currency is repatriated to local currency or the foreign currency is used to pay foreign obligations, or upon maturity of a foreign exchange forward or option contract involving the Philippine Peso. This practice of recognizing realized gains/losses on foreign exchange rate fluctuation is generally the industry practice of other central banks. Moreover, we draw attention to the same Note 2.8.3 to the financial statements which disclosed that change in price and exchange rates of financial assets, liabilities, and derivative instruments are booked under "Revaluation of International Reserves" (RIR) account, either asset (if loss) or liabilities (if gain) in accordance with Section 45 of RA No. 7653. These are deviations from PAS 21 on the Effect of Changes in Foreign Exchange.

## **COMMISSION ON AUDIT**

  
**MA. TERESITA R. GOJUNCO**  
Supervising Auditor

20 June 2013