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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP), which comprise the statements of financial position as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the statements of financial performance, statements of changes in net assets/equity, and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts for the year ended December 31, 2024, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects and possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of DAP as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSASs).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

The faithful representation of the balance of the Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) accounts, with a total cost of P560.258 million and a carrying amount of P291.802 million, could not be established due to the following deficiencies:

- a. Building and Other Structures account, with a carrying amount of P70.598 million, was affected by: i) Non-maintenance of PPE Ledger Cards and Property Cards to substantiate the balance; ii) use of inappropriate useful lives and residual values in depreciating capitalized repairs, improvements, betterments and additions;
- b. Report on the Physical Count of PPE included 195 unaccounted items amounting to P19.722 million;
- c. Land account was overstated by P1.026 million due to the inclusion of unsubstantiated land improvements; and
- d. Overstatements were also noted in the Machinery and Equipment (M & E), Accumulated Depreciation - M & E, Accumulated Impairment Losses - M & E and

Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit) accounts amounting to P4.283 million, P3.730 million, P216,607 and P0.647 million, respectively, due to the non-derecognition of disposed properties.

These deficiencies cast doubt on the reliability of the recorded balances, and affect the fair presentation of the PPE accounts in the financial statements, contrary to Paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of the Conceptual Framework for General Purpose Financial Reporting (CFGPFR) by Public Sector Entities (PSE) and Paragraph 27 of IPSAS 1.

Also, the faithful representation of the Receivables account, with a recorded balance of P217.285 million and a net realizable value of P125.388 million as at December 31, 2024, could not be ascertained due to:

- a. Variances between the recorded balances in the books and the confirmed balances, totaling P12.404 million; and
- b. The existence of dormant accounts amounting to P52.831 million, which were still recorded in the books at year-end, contrary to the provisions of Paragraph 72 of IPSAS 41.

These deficiencies affect the fair presentation of the Receivables account in the financial statements, contrary to Paragraph 27 of IPSAS 1, and Paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of CFGPFR by PSE.

Moreover, the Unearned Revenue/Income and Accounts Receivable – Government accounts were both overstated by P10.392 million, while the Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit) account was understated by the same amount due to the recording of advance billings to clients for contracted projects despite the non-completion of deliverables/services and the non-receipt of payments. Such recording constitutes an error in recognizing revenue and affects the fair presentation of the accounts in the financial statements, contrary to Paragraphs 14 and 19 of IPSAS 9, and Paragraph 27 of IPSAS 1.

We were not able to perform alternative audit procedures to determine if any adjustments to the PPE, Receivables, and Other Unearned Revenue/Income accounts are necessary due to the status of records of the DAP's Accounting Division.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the 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 DAP in accordance with the Revised Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for the 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 opinion.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with IPSASs, 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the DAP's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate DAP or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the DAP's 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 misstatement 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 for 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 DAP's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the DAP's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material

uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause DAP to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions 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 findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information for the year ended December 31, 2024, required by the Bureau of Internal Revenue as disclosed in Note 34 to the financial statements is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements prepared in accordance with IPSASs. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management.

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