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## 23 AUDITORS OF METROPOLITIAN BANK (Philippines) GRANTED CICA CERTIFICATION



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Earlier this year, the Institute for Internal Controls (IIC/TheIIC) granted the Certified Internal Control Auditor (CICA) certification to 23 employees under the Internal Audit Group (IAG) of Metrobank including its Chief Audit Executive, Mr. Leo R. Fragante. CICA is a certification program for auditing professionals who are specialists in internal controls such as prevention and detection of fraud and other illegal acts, compliance to governing laws and regulations, and improvement of efficiency and effectiveness of operations and performance.

Metrobank IAG’s mission is to provide independent, objective assurance and consulting services designed to add value and improve the Bank’s operations. IAG promotes the highest level of professional competence and technical proficiency among its auditors. Other professional certifications of Metrobank IAG auditors include Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), Certified Money Laundering Specialist (CAMS), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA), Certified Treasury Professional, and other similar certifications.

Based on the results of the last three external quality assessment review of internal audit activities, Metrobank IAG generally conforms to the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, the Definition of Internal Auditing, and the Code of Ethics.

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