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Dear Ms. Encarnacion,

This refers to your letter with respect to the news article entitled "RCBC expects to end 2014 with P4.2-billion net income" published in the January 6, 2015 issue of the BusinessMirror. The article reported in part that:

"Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. (RCBC) looks to making P4.2 billion in net income for 2014 and projects a more profitable year ahead on higher consumer-loan growth.

RCBC effectively anticipates a drop in net income in 2014 by more than 20 percent from the P5.312 billion it reported in 2013.

'We forecast 2014 net income of P4.2 billion. This year will be better because the plan is to grow the small and medium enterprise and consumer-loan book by 25 percent,' RCBC Executive Vice President John Thomas G. Deveras told the BusinessMirror.

The lower net-income projection was traced to projected lower trading gains.

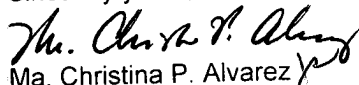
RCBC President and CEO Lorenzo V. Tan in an earlier interview said, most banks, except for a few, have lower earnings because of the low trading gains in 2014 than previous.

'But if you look at the core operations of banking like lending, most banks should have good growth rates,' Tan said...."

The Bank has not officially disclosed its 2014 Net Income, the statement quoted was based on current estimates and may change depending on the final numbers. It is within the range of possible results.

We hope we have sufficiently clarified the matter.

Sincerely yours,

  
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