



QC successfully hosts Smart City Summit

Quezon City continues to be at the forefront of innovation after it hosted this year's Philippine Smart City Summit. The Smart City Summit gathered local government executives and experts from 18 participating countries and organizations that utilize information communication technology (ICT) in governing their localities.

Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista led the opening of the two-day 2018 Philippine Smart City Summit at the ABS-CBN Tent in Vertis North, North Avenue, Quezon City. In his keynote speech, Mayor Bautista presented Quezon City's best practices in adopting information and communication technology in governance, taxation, and disaster risk reduction and management.

Highlighting the first day of the summit is Quezon City's presentation of its innovations in technology especially in disaster response, community health information tracking, and cashless transactions.

"It cannot be denied that technology is a critical component of government efficiency. In the modern world, it is the fastest mean

to engage to thousands, and even millions of stakeholders quickly," Mayor Bautista stressed.

Plenary sessions were conducted wherein businessmen and government executives from Russia, South Korea, Malaysia, China, Indonesia, Turkey, Mexico, Brazil, Sri Lanka, Rwanda, Belgium, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Sudan, Nepal, Kenya, Tunisia, and Mongolia exchanged ideas and best practices in the application of information and communication technology in their cities.

International leaders with Quezon City's executives expressed their support to the Smart City Urban Agenda by signing a digital declaration of support.

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The delegates were treated to an evening of rich Filipino culture during the cultural night at the Quezon City Experience Museum.



An exhibit on the innovations in communications and information technology were showcased during the two-day summit.



WAGO Secretary General Kyong Yul-Lee receives the key to the City from Mayor Herbert Bautista while QC Information Technology Development Office head, Ruel Inojada looks on during the opening ceremonies of the Philippine Smart City Summit 2018.

"Smart City initiative is a commitment of political leadership to invest in the resources and technologies," WAGO Secretary General Kyong-Yul Lee said.

On the second day, the plenary was divided into several breakout sessions focusing on the use of ICT in governance, Internet of Things, disaster risk reduction, and environmental preservation among others.

As the premier city of the Philippines, Quezon City serves as the benchmark and incubator of both cutting edge systems.

The Philippine National Competitiveness Council has bestowed on Quezon City the distinction of being the most competitive highly-urbanized city in the country for three straight years.

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Smart City Summit delegates visited the QC Disaster Risk

Reduction and Management Council's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is an integrated and centralized command center that facilitates emergency management through the city.

After the two-day event, a Smart City Urban Agenda was crafted and presented to member countries. The agenda will serve as a guide for member-cities in facilitating the smart city initiative in their respective localities.



The City's chief executives share best practices during the plenary sessions.



On the third day of the Summit, the delegates visited the QC Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office - Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is a centralized hub for emergency response. More than 300 of the city's closed circuit cameras are linked to the EOC.