



GAWAD MANUEL QUEZON Making an impact in QC

Fourteen outstanding residents and nine institutions in Quezon City were bestowed the Manuel L. Quezon Gawad Parangal in recognition of their valuable contributions to nation building.

Manuel L. Quezon Gawad Parangal is an annual search and recognition of individuals and institutions' exemplary performance in the fields of government service, education, justice and law, humanitarian and community service, arts and culture, health and medicine, sports, science and technology, social work, business and entrepreneurship, and media arts.

Meriting the Gawad Parangal. It has always been your impact on people, if lives are being made better because of the knowledge you share and use to enlighten and inspire others. The information you report and analyze for the greater understanding of all. The talents you have been using to enrich culture as well as to nurture and cultivate others. It recognizes your passion and dedication to be of service to others, whether it

is for a school, a community, or the whole country," Mayor Herbert M. Bautista said in his keynote speech.

Among the awardees under the individual category are: poet, journalist, and script-writer Jose Maria Flores 'Pete' Lacaba, Jr.; former principal of Ramon Magsaysay (Cubao) High School Dr. Josefina T. Perlado; former National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) director general Dr. Felipe Medalla; former senator Santanina Tillah Rasul; former vice president Manuel de Castro, Jr. also known as Noli de Castro; pediatrician Dr. Carina Cruz-Quimbo; news anchor Miguel 'Mike' Enriquez; entrepreneur Wilson Flores Lee; chef Alejandro 'Sandy' Daza; University of the East president and chief academic officer Dr. Ester Albano Garcia; Mapua Institute of Technology CEO and president Dr. Reynaldo B. Vea Ph.D.; Manila Bulletin editor-in-chief Crispulo J. Icban, Jr.; retired national athlete Jose Jimbo Saret; and award-winning actor Eduardo Verzebal Garcia a.k.a. Eddie Garcia.

The nine outstanding institu-

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Actor Eddie Garcia is a recipient of this year's Gawad Manuel Quezon. Eddie Garcia is recognized for his contributions to the growth of Philippine cinema.



Former vice president Noli De Castro is awarded the Gawad Manuel Quezon for his contributions in the field of mass media and communication.



Ma Teresa Mariano, former QC Social Services Development Department Head, is awarded as one of the QC Performance Team for her exemplary public service.

tions are: the University of the Philippines Concert Chorus, Ma Mon Luk restaurant, Arugaan, Adarna House Incorporated, University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP), Operation Smile,

Angelicum College, Siena College, and Erehwon Center for the Arts.

Mayor Herbert Bautista noted the importance of the awards as a source of inspiration to Filipinos.

"In this day and age of harsh realities, it is always nice to reserve a day for inspiration and motivation. For people to see living examples of how far they can reach, how more they can become," Mayor Bautista said.



More than just honoring the achievements and the best practices of the individuals and institutions, the Manuel L. Quezon Gawad Parangal, named after the beloved founder and visionary of Quezon City, is a realization of the dream of empowering the common man and epitomizing the ideals and aspirations that these individuals represent.

In previous ceremonies, Quezon City has given recognition to some of the most illustrious personalities of the country: former presidents of the Philippines, several magistrates of the Supreme Court, government and public servants, corporations, educational institutions, journalists,

doctors, actors, and artists. But more than that, it also puts to the pedestal the feats of ordinary citizens: civic leaders, cultural workers, educators, community organizers, advocates of the poor, human rights, and the environment.

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This year's awardees:



- JOSE MARIA FLORES 'PETE' LACABA, JR.
- JOSEFINA T. PERLADO
- DR. FELIPE MEDALLA
- SANTANINA TILAH RASUL
- NOLI DE CASTRO
- DR. CARINA CRUZ-QUIMBO
- MIKE ENRIQUEZ
- WILSON FLORES LEE
- ALEJANDRO 'SANDY' DAZA
- DR. ESTER ALBANO GARCIA
- DR. REYNALDO B. VEA PH.D
- CRISPULO J. ICBAN, JR.
- JOSE JIMBO 'COACH JIM' SARET
- EDDIE GARCIA
- UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES CONCERT CHORUS
- MA MON LUK RESTAURANT
- ARUGAAN
- ADARNA HOUSE INCORPORATED
- UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (UAAP)
- OPERATION SMILE
- ANGELICUM COLLEGE
- SIENA COLLEGE
- EREHWON CENTER FOR THE ARTS

