

QCADAAC most effective anti-drug advisory group

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The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) has named the **Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QCADAAC)** as the most effective in the country. Cited for having a “high functionality rate” on its anti-drug abuse program, Quezon City earned its latest national prize as it led 240 other awardees in the DILG’s first list of local government units (LGUs) that have “best practices and programs in the anti-illegal drug campaign.” Aside from drafting a comprehensive anti-drug code for the city, QCADAAC successfully transformed 23 barangays into becoming drug-free communities. Some 560 drug “surrenderers” in the city have also undergone rehabilitation programs. QC Anti-Drug Committee chairperson Councilor **Gian Sotto** acknowledged the efforts of the city government as well as its partner civil society and religious groups in trying to rid the city of illegal drugs. (Chito A. Chavez)