

PDEA commends QC campaign; 30 barangays declared drug-free

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The Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency-National Capital Region (PDEA-NCR) has commended Quezon City's anti-drug use and abuse campaign following a recent declaration that at least 30 of its barangays are drug-free.

PDEA-NCR Director Joel Plaza cited the efforts of the **Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QCADAAC)** for enforcing its anti-illegal drugs campaign.

As of March, 30 barangays in Quezon City were declared drug-free after passing parameters set by the PDEA.

The PDEA-set standards include the non-availability of drug supply, absence of clandestine drug laboratory, drug warehouse, marijuana cultivation site, drug den, drug pusher and user, existence of Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC) and Ugnayan ng Barangay at mga Simbahan (UBAS)/ Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya, Mamamayang Ayaw sa Ilegal na Droga (MASA MASID).

The drug-free barangays are: Damar, West Triangle, Maharlika, Philam, Blue Ridge B, Libis, Quirino 2B (Claro), Mangga, St. Ignatius, White Plains, Valencia, Horse-shoe, Kalusugan, Paligsahan, Laging Handa, Teacher's Village East, Capri, No-valiches Proper, Greater Fairview, Greater Lagro, New Era, Marilag, Masagana, Don Manuel, Escopa I, Dioquino Zobel, Camp Aguinaldo, Blue Ridge A, Ugong Norte, and San Agustin.

The city government has approved and implemented comprehensive programs and ordinances on illegal drugs, such as the QC Integrated Drug-Abuse Profiling System Ordinance (City Ordinance 2540-2016), QC Business Establishment Drug-Free Ordinance of 2016 (City Ordinance 2539-2016), QC Special Anti-Illegal Drug Education Center Ordinance (City Ordinance 2538-2016), and the QC Drug-Free Work Place Ordinance of 2015 (City Ordinance 2460-2015).