## QC govt to train PCOO Visayas Ave employees in disaster management

THE Quezon City government will assist offices under the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) in Visayas Avenue in improving their disaster risk reduction and management capability.

The Quezon City Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD) met with administrative and security and safety managers from the Philippine Information Agency, Philippine News Agency, APO printing unit, Philippine Broadcasting Service, APO Production Unit, Inc., and People's Television Network Incorporated to facilitate the strengthening of their capacities during emergencies.

Employees and officials of the various offices will undergo skills training and workshops in disaster risk reduction and management, Incident Command System (ICS), basic life support, and contingency planning.

Under the Herbert Bautista administration, the QC Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council had been adjudged as the Gawad Kalasag national champion for 2018 and also awarded as a hall of famer in the Regional Gawad Kalasag in the National Capital Region.

Gawad Kalasag is an annual award given by the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) since 1998. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council through the OCD utilizes the Gawad Kalasag to harness continuous commitment and support of DRRM practitioners in strengthening the resilience and capacities of communities and regions to disaster risks.