

Siargao officials learn best DRR practices from QC

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LOCAL government officials from Siargao recently visited Quezon City to benchmark its disaster risk reduction and management practices.

Quezon City has become a learning hub for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation due to its trail-blazing measures and schemes and investment in public safety.

A two-time winner of the Gawad Kalasag awards for having the best disaster risk reduction and management council among highly urbanized cities nationwide, the city government of Quezon City under Mayor Joy Belmonte constantly shares information, skills and processes with various national and local government agencies as well as with the private sector, research institutions and the academe.

The Siargao delegation was led by Del Carmen Vice Mayor Alfredo Corro.

According to Vice Mayor Corro, Siargao is fast becoming a top tourist destination as it is positioned as one of the best destinations for surfing and aquas ports.

The expected influx of local and foreign visitors to Siargao prompted the LGU to seriously ramp up its DRRM capabilities, hence the learning visit to Quezon City.

“With Siargao growing as a tourism destination, we want to benchmark with the best.

Mahirapnamanmagbenchmark sa hindi the best. Quezon City ang inirekomenda ng DILG (Department of the Interior and Local Government),” Vice Mayor Corro said.

QCDDRRMO head Karl Michael Marasigan said imparting the city’s practices on disaster preparedness and mitigation, preparedness, response, relief and recovery is the city’s contribution to nation-building.