

QC food program bags Galing Pook Award

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Quezon City's food security project was among the Top 10 Galing Pook awardees this year, Mayor Joy Belmonte revealed on Friday.



The multi-sectoral and community-based program titled “GrowQC Kasama ka sa Pag-unlad sa Pagkain, Kabuhayan at Kalusugan” was intended to meet several United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

These are SDG Goal No. 2 on achieving zero hunger, No.2 on ensuring good health and wellbeing, No. 8 on having decent work and economic growth, and No. 17 on partnership for sustainable development goals.

“GrowQC is not just urban farming; it is also looking at better food flow or Improved Food Systems,” project head Emmanuel Hugh Velasco said.

“Part of the improved food systems is the creation of community-level food hubs and markets that allow agricultural raw materials to be available and the value-adding of food that creates livelihood,” he said.

Velasco said the city will continue to support urban farmers and producers “so that we can have a safe, affordable and nutritious food.”

The win is a demonstration of the city's commitment to improving and transforming food systems from the ground-up to ensure a food self-reliant city, Belmonte said.

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