

QC's food security program leads 2021 Galing Pook Awards

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THE Quezon City government's innovative food security and selfsustainability strategy through urban farming was among the 10 programs recognized during the 2021 Galing Pook Awards on Wednesday.



Under the “GrowQC: Kasama ka sa Pag-unlad, Kabuhayan at Kalusugan Food Security Program,” the local government has converted idle lands into abundant food sources that helps boost the city's food security efforts. Launched by Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte during the height of the pandemic in April last year to boost food security in the city, it has also provided displaced workers alternative sources of income, and community access to healthy and nutritious food.

The 2021 Galing Pook Awards also selected three programs of Hall of Famer Valenzuela City: Valenzuela Live: The Valenzuela City Streaming School, Paspas Permit and the Tagalag Fishing Village; Cagayan de Oro's Local Health Board expansion; Negros Occidental's rehabilitation and protection of their marine resources; Tagum City's IM Seacure coastal rehabilitation program; Agusan del Sur's USAid conservation program; the Municipality of Alabat's coconut sugar production; and San Juan City's all-inclusive Covid-19 response.

Galing Pook Chairman Mel Sarmiento said there was much cause to honor and celebrate the best models of excellence in this year's awards as they had delivered the most outstanding innovations even in the most challenging times.

SM Prime Holdings Inc., Galing Pook's private institutional partner for the awards, is excited to work with these local government units (LGUs) in building smart, safe and sustainable communities.

“I am confident that the outstanding LGU programs recognized by the awards will undoubtedly make their respective communities more resilient and sustainable as well as generate awareness and inspiration to other local governments and communities to level-up their respective governance and other practices to be more efficient and effective,” said SM Prime President Jeffrey Lim.