

QC traders hail 10 'heroes of the pandemic'

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SIX individual achievers and four nongovernment organizations were on Sunday conferred the 2nd Dragon Star Awards by the Quezon City Association of Filipino-Chinese Businessmen Inc. for “going beyond the call of duty to serve their communities at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These awardees were cited as “reallife heroes” of the pandemic for helping save many lives and inspiring countless others to follow in their footsteps.

Quezon City **mayor Joy Belmonte** graced the awarding ceremony held at the Novotel Hotel in Cubao, Quezon City.

The individual awardees were Ana Patricia Non; Lou Sabrina Ongkiko; Kathrina Bianca macababad; Dr. Glenn Angeles; Dr. Hilda Co-Ong; Dr. maria Asuncion Silvestre, and Roy maceda.

The awards were also given to the Tzu Chi Foundation, Salamat PH Healthcare Heroes, and the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Inc.

Ex-mayors Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and Brigido Simon Jr. also received a special award from the organizers.

Non, the first Filipino to lead the establishment of a community pantry on maginhawa Street, Quezon City, and Ongkiko, who formulated and developed a critical learning continuity plan in the field of STEm at the Culiati Elementary School were earlier honored during the 19th manuel Luis Quezon Gawad Parangal Awards in 2021.