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Red Cross QC opens doors

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A new three-story building now stands inside the Quezon City Hall complex for the **Philippine Red Cross Quezon City (PRCQC)** Chapter. The new building is testament to the partnership between the **Quezon City government** and the PRC.

The building hosts a Blood Center at the ground floor; a command center, a training room, and a multipurpose hall. Its construction was funded by the Quezon City government that also provided furniture and fixtures needed by PRCQC.

It is located alongside other City Health Department buildings, with the city government ensuring it was built taking into consideration the requirements of the PRCQC to enhance its capacity in responding to emergencies and provide blood assistance to Filipinos residing in the National Capital Region.

The new building was inaugurated last 15 April. The inauguration was one of the activities to celebrate the 77th founding anniversary of the Philippine Red Cross. It was on 22 March 1947 when then President Manuel Roxas signed Republic Act 95, known as the PRC charter. Its first chairman was Mrs. Aurora Quezon and its inaugural ceremony was held on 15 April 1947.

Among those present during the inauguration were Sen. Christopher “Bong” Go, chairman of the Senate Committee on Health; PRC chairman and CEO Richard Gordon, PRC Secretary-General Dr. Gwendolyn T. Pang, **Mayor Joy Belmonte**, Quezon City **Rep. PM Vargas**, former QC Mayor and Speaker Feliciano Belmonte, Gov. Ernesto Isla, Chapter Administrator Janice Melody Adolfo, SM Foundation executive director for Health and Medical Service Connie Angeles, and guests from different Red Cross chapters..

In his welcome remarks, Isla who is chairperson of the board, said the Quezon City Chapter was one of the Red Cross chapters already in operation in 1947 and was formerly part of the Red Cross Manila Chapter.