

QC student tilt awards P725,000 to 27 startup ideas

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THE Quezon City government has awarded a total of P725,000 in cash prizes to 27 outstanding teams in the **StartUp QC student competition.**

“We believe that our students already have innovative ideas and the desire to make a meaningful impact in the world. It is our job in the city government to support them and help them make these concepts come to fruition,” Quezon City **Mayor Joy Belmonte** said.

A smart backpack system startup idea that revolutionizes maternal healthcare systems and empowers rural women and healthcare workers was named the best among the finalists, clinching the P100,000 grand prize. The 27 outstanding student teams, out of 39 finalists, submitted their business pitches on sustainability, health, education, agriculture and governance.

The students were also provided networking opportunities during the program’s demo day at the Matrix Creation Events Place in Barangay Pinyahan. Rio N. Araja