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## Siklab to honor Atayde

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For putting premium on grassroots sports development, **Quezon City First District Rep. Juan Carlos “Arjo” Atayde** will be honored with the Trailblazer of the Year award in the Nickel Asia Corporation Siklab Youth Sports Awards 2024 on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Market! Market! Activity Center, Ayala Malls BGC in Taguig City. Atayde's efforts as a prime mover of the Youth Football League (YFL) will be recognized as well as for establishing the D1 basketball and volleyball leagues for the youth in Quezon City's first district where tournaments are being shown live on Facebook everyday to inspire more kids to get into sports.

The QC District 1 Warriors, the team formed and supported by Atayde, crowned themselves champions of the 2024 CLS Cup in Indonesia last June after beating ACBA Tigers Sydney in the final.

The actor-lawmaker is also a staunch supporter of the QCSEP fencing team of City **Councilor Joseph Juico** that produced the likes of Paris Olympian Samantha Catantan while giving life-changing opportunities through the YFL with his uncle YFL president Mike Atayde in discovering and developing 18-and-under talents through the years.

Organized by the Philippine Sports Commission-philippine Paralympic Committee-philippine Olympic Committee Media Group (PSC-PPC-POC Media Group), the Siklab Youth Sports Awards' Trailblazer of the year plum is awarded to outstanding individuals who promote quality grassroots sports development that created massive impact to the sporting community.

Three more special awards will be presented to Olympic boxing medalist Nesthy Petecio as this year's Sports Idol, longtime sports manager Agapito “Terry” Capistrano as Godfather of the Year and noted youth sports supporter Senator Christopher Lawrence “Bong” Go as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award.