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PRC, SM FOUNDATION JOIN HANDS FOR BLOOD CENTER

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Last year was another remarkable period for the Philippine Red Cross (PRC) Quezon City Chapter. In April, the chapter celebrated the inauguration of its new building within the Quezon City Hall compound, coinciding with the 77th founding anniversary of the humanitarian organization.



In December, the PRC Quezon City Chapter further expanded its services by inaugurating its blood center clinical laboratory.

The blood center clinical laboratory was established through the partnership of PRC Quezon City Chapter and SM Foundation.

The area now occupied by the clinical laboratory used to be an empty dilapidated bodega. With the renovation undertaken by SM Foundation, the bodega has been transformed into a modern laboratory. It now has a welcoming and warm atmosphere with a reception area equipped with furniture to provide comfort to blood donors and clients.

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Help for cancer patients

Medical conditions requiring apheresis platelets are cancer treatments (leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma), major surgeries, organ transplantation, bleeding disorders, aplastic anemia and severe thrombocytopenia or low platelet count.

Before the establishment of the clinical laboratory, the screening process for blood donors takes a significant amount of time and effort, even involving visits to external clinical laboratories for complete blood count tests which sometimes result in the discouragement of potential donors.

The establishment of the clinical laboratory aims to streamline the testing process for blood donors. Provided with modern equipment, laboratory procedures are hastened for blood components segregation. This enables quicker response to blood donation requests as well as encourages more blood donors.