Meralco inks RE partnership with ERC, QC gov't

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MANILA ELECTRIC Co. (Meralco) has partnered with the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) and the Quezon City (QC) local government to facilitate the adoption of renewable energy (RE) in Quezon City by streamlining the net metering application process.

In a statement on Tuesday, Meralco said the tripartite agreement seeks to foster public-private collaboration to help advance the country's renewable energy targets.

For Quezon City, the initiative aligns with its broader sustainability agenda as a member of C40 Cities — a global network of mayors from leading cities around the world committed to addressing climate change.

"One of our core priorities in Quezon City has always been to make energy cleaner, more reliable, and more accessible not just for our whole operations but for households and businesses in our city," Quezon City Mayor Josefina "Joy" G. Belmonte said.

"Through this agreement with ERC and Meralco, we're putting systems in place, clear processes, better coordination, and stronger support so that more stakeholders can take part in our clean energy transition."

According to the power distributor, the collaboration aims to streamline the processing of net metering and distributed energy resource (DER) applications and to raise public awareness through the efficient dissemination of information on programs and policies that support RE adoption.

The net metering program allows customers with eligible RE systems, such as rooftop solar panels, to export excess electricity to the grid and receive credits, which they can use to offset their electricity bills.

As of end-July, nearly 2,500 net metering customers were in Quezon City — the highest number and largest aggregated capacity among all cities and municipalities within Meralco's franchise area.

As part of the agreement, Meralco will set up a booth within the Quezon City Hall Compound and assign personnel for consultations and the processing of net metering and DER applications, as well as other services offered by the distribution utility.