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QC gov't, DENR forge agreement to boost environmental programs

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The local government of Quezon City forged a partnership with the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to ensure an integrated and who-leof-society approach in tackling the effects of climate change through Project TRANSFORM.

"We welcome the Quezon City Government's 14-point agenda in which environmental protection and climate action are at the core of the city's interventions. We extend our appreciation for your commitment to sustainable environmental conservation efforts and in building a liveable, green, and sustainable city for present and future generations. The DENR stands ready to engage in a dialogue and possibly collaborate with you on the city's notable, successful programs," DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga said.

Project TRANSFORM is aimed at strengthening Quezon City's existing climate actions such as biodiversity and greenhouse gas (GHG) accounting, financial literacy, disaster management, and nature-based solutions.

Mayor Joy Belmonte and DENR Undersecretaries Marilou Erni and Atty. Jonas Leones led the signing of the pledge of commitment for the program on Tuesday, April 23, 2024.

"We are very grateful to the national government, through the DENR, for recognizing the city's environmental action. Through the implementation of Project TRANSFORM in QC, we look forward to developing and enacting more green, sustainable, and inclusive climate initiatives for Qcitizens," Belmonte said.

Quezon City has been implementing various initiatives aligned with the City's Enhanced Climate Change Action Plan for 2021-2050 to provide a sustainable, liveable, and quality community for all.