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QC backs Catantan's Olympics bid

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ALOCAL government-inspired sports organization called QCSEP vowed to support the Paris Olympics bid of fencer Samantha Kyle Catantan through Quezon City First District Rep. Juan Carlos "Arjo" Atayde.

Catantan, a resident of Barangay Del Monte, is the first Filipino to qualify for Olympic fencing in 32 years—she's the 13th Filipino athlete to officially qualify for Paris.

"Fencing is one of the many sports that young Filipino athletes can excel in and we are working with Councilor Joseph Juico so that we can help QCSEP better develop Filipino fencers who can compete not only in local tournaments, but also in international competitions," said Atayde, a member of the Youth Sports Development Committee in the House of Representatives.

e QCSEP, established by Juico 18 years ago, has been maintaining a fencing program in the city.

Atayde had a meeting with Juico and QCSEP'S young fencers and their parents at the congressman's offices along West Avenue.

"It's great to know that there's a grassroots sports program for fencing in Quezon City," said Atayde, who extended financial support to the team's programs. "With enough helping hands, QCSEP can produce fencers who one day could win medals for the country in the Olympics."

"QCSEP deserves credit for developing world-class fencers like our very own Samantha Catantan," Atayde said. "Her Olympics stint is proof that we should invest time and resources in fencing, which is why we plan to provide support for this sport in our district, and later on the entire Quezon City."