

## PHC Receives Award in HB Resilience Search 2018

The Philippine Heart Center won second place in the National Hospital Category of the ***HB Search for Resilience: Huwaran sa Kahandaan para sa Ligtas na Bayan 2018***, Quezon City's search for *Tatak Kyusi Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)*, during the awards night held at the Novotel Hotel Manila, Araneta Center, Quezon City, on November 18, 2018. The search was launched last July 16, 2018 during the local government's observance of National Disaster Resilience Month and was participated in by *barangays*, government and private hospitals, businesses, civil society groups, and volunteer fire rescue organizations in the city. With this incentive program, the Quezon City DRRM Office (QCDRRMO) hoped to take a step forward in mainstreaming DRRM and CCA practices in the National Capital Region's largest municipality to pave the way for building a more disaster-resilient Quezon City. Participating organizations and agencies underwent thorough desktop and field validation by the representatives of the Quezon City DRRM Council (QCDRRMC) in the run up to this year's awards night.



PHC Execom Dr. Joel M. Abanilla (PHC Executive Director), Dr. Gerardo S. Manzo (Deputy Executive Director for Medical Services), and Marietta A. Velasco, RN, MAN (Acting Deputy Executive Director for Nursing Services), with the Hospital Safety and Risk Management Committee Officers and Members, headed by Dr. Pedro P. San Diego, Jr. (Chairman of the Hospital Safety and Risk Management Committee) and Mr. Elmer Benedict E. Collong (DRRM-H Manager)

A field evaluation team from the QCDRRM Council led by Dr. Augusto Cortes of Quezon City General Hospital and Dr. Kristine Mae Agbayani-Obmerga of the Quezon City Health Department visited the PHC and interviewed members of the Hospital Safety Committee last August 30, 2018. The PHC was then invited to deliver a presentation on October 9, 2018 at the QCDRRM Office as one of the finalists. Dr. Pedro P. San Diego, Jr., Management Services Office Head and Chairman of the PHC Hospital Safety and Risk Management Committee, delivered the presentation and answered questions fielded by the search panel together with Engr. Ricardo C. Limpin, Engineering and Maintenance Division Chief, and Elmer Benedict E. Collong, RMT, the institution's DRRM-H Manager.

Dr. San Diego and Mr. Collong received the award on behalf of the PHC from no less than Quezon City Mayor Hon. Herbert M. Bautista. Other awardees in the formal black-tie awards night were the Philippine Children's' Medical Center which garnered first place in the National Hospital Category and St. Luke's Medical Center which topped the Private Sector Hospital Category. It is hoped that the completion of the new Hospital Operations Center and the institution's continued advances in disaster resiliency will win for the PHC first place next year.

