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ORDINANCE NO. SP- 3282, S-2024

AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE QUEZON CITY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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WHEREAS, Section 17, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that "the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development";

WHEREAS, Section 1, Article XIV of the same Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels, and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all";

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10533 or the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013” broadened the goals of basic education to include college preparation, vocational and technical career opportunities as well as creative arts, sports and entrepreneurial employment;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government aims to institutionalize the Center of Excellence (CENTREX) Program designed to provide supplementary support aimed at enhancing academic and non-academic development, contributing to the overarching goal of nation-building.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY. – Recognizing the pivotal role education plays in shaping a thriving society, the Quezon City Government is committed to institutionalizing a program for supplementary support, aimed at fostering a conducive learning environment and nurturing essential skills, values, and character traits among its citizens. Through this initiative, the City endeavors to empower individuals and contribute to the overarching goal of nation-building, ensuring the equipping of our citizens for prosperity and resilience in a dynamic global landscape.

SECTION 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUEZON CITY CENTER OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM. – The Quezon City Center of Excellence (CENTREX) Program is hereby established, with the Department of Education Schools Division Office – Quezon City (SDO-QC) tasked with supervision, implementation, and monitoring duties.

CENTREX Program shall encompass various disciplines including leadership, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Journalism, Humanities, Creatives, Sports and other relevant fields.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE OF CENTREX PROGRAM. – Through the enhancement of academic and non-academic development, the CENTREX Program will contribute to the overarching goal of nation-building by empowering individuals, fostering innovation, and equipping citizens with the skills and values needed for prosperity and resilience.

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**SECTION 4. OBJECTIVES OF CENTREX PROGRAM.** – *The Quezon City CENTREX Program has the following objectives:*

1. **Enhance Academic Development** – *provide supplementary support to enhance academic skills, knowledge and performance;*
2. **Foster Holistic Development** – *nurture non-academic skills, values, and character traits essential for holistic development, including leadership, creativity, critical thinking, and communication;*
3. **Promote Innovation and Excellence** – *foster a culture of innovation and excellence by facilitating research initiatives, specialized programs, and collaborative partnerships to advance knowledge and expertise in targeted fields; and*
4. **Strengthen Community Engagement** – *encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, community engagement, and partnership to address local challenges, drive social impact, and promote sustainable development.*

**SECTION 5. CENTREX PROGRAM COMPONENTS.** – *The components of the CENTREX Program shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:*

1. *Specialized Curriculum;*
2. *Outreach and Engagement;*
3. *Research Initiatives;*
4. *Recognition and Awards; and*
5. *Alumni mentoring and fellowship.*

**SECTION 6. QUALIFICATIONS OF A CENTREX BENEFICIARY.** – *Applicants to the CENTREX Program shall comply with the following minimum qualifications:*

1. *bona fide resident of Quezon City;*

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2. a student enrolled in public elementary, secondary, and Alternative Learning System (ALS);
3. with good moral character; and
4. in good health to participate in the Program;

*provided that SDO-QC shall identify any additional pertinent pre-requisite for each CENTREX field in its implementing guidelines.*

*SECTION 7. BENEFITS OF CENTREX PARTICIPANTS. – Qualified learners enrolled in the CENTREX Program will have access to rigorous training activities at partner institutions, educational trips, community immersion experiences, and other potential incentives.*

*SECTION 8. CONDUCT OF CAREER TRACER STUDY. – The SDO-QC will carry out a career tracer study to track the progress of learners who have successfully completed the CENTREX Program.*

*SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The SDO-QC shall promptly establish the required rules and regulations to ensure the swift and efficient implementation of this Ordinance within 60 days following its enactment.*

*SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION. – The budget necessary for the effective implementation of the Program will be incorporated into the annual appropriations of the subsequent fiscal year upon the approval of this Ordinance, in accordance with relevant rules, regulations, and procedures.*

*SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly.*

*SECTION 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. – In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.*

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*SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Ordinance shall take effect on the date of approval and shall remain in force until it is amended or repealed. Duly approved copies hereof shall be furnished to all concerned offices for proper implementation.*

ENACTED: May 13, 2024.

  
GIAN G. SOTTO  
City Vice Mayor  
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

  
ATTY. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS, III  
City Government Department Head III  
(City Council Secretary)

APPROVED: JUN 10 2024

  
MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE  
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

*This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 13, 2024 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on May 20, 2024.*

  
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