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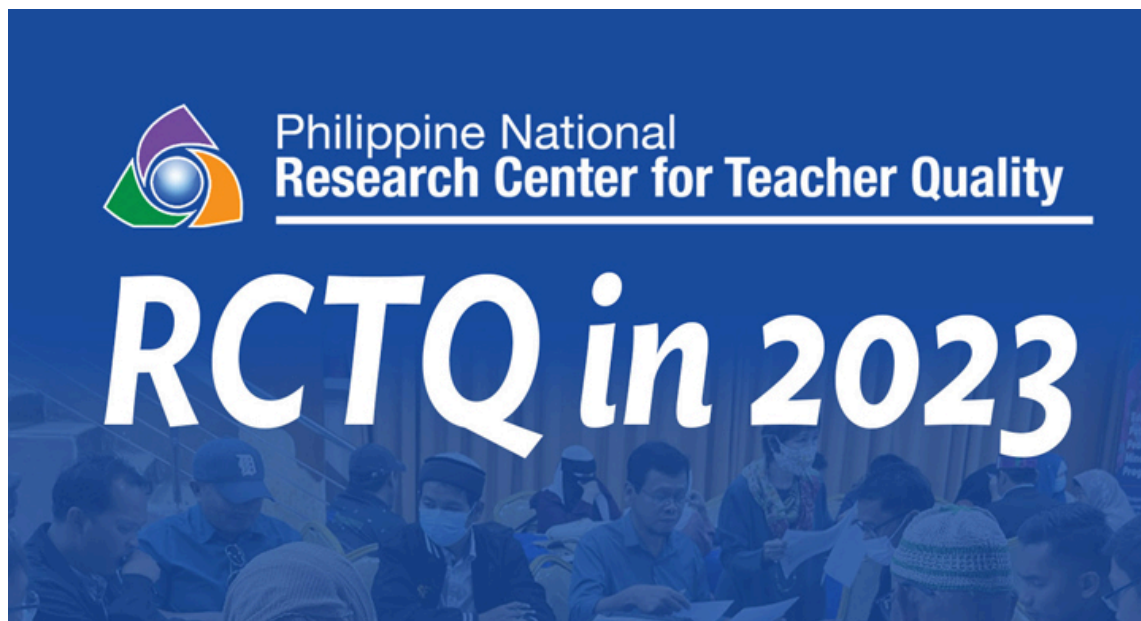
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Top Stories

RCTQ in 2023: Enhancing teacher quality through collaborative projects



As the curtains draw on 2023, RCTQ—now on its eleventh year—stands at the forefront of transformative initiatives aimed at enhancing education outcomes and uplifting the teaching profession across the Philippines. Working with both the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Bangsamoro Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE), RCTQ’s journey throughout the year has been marked by synergy and unwavering commitment.

Learn about RCTQ’s key contributions and engagements in 2023 that highlight its role in shaping the landscape of teacher development and education quality in the country. [Read Full Story](#)

RCTQ issues statement on PISA 2022 results



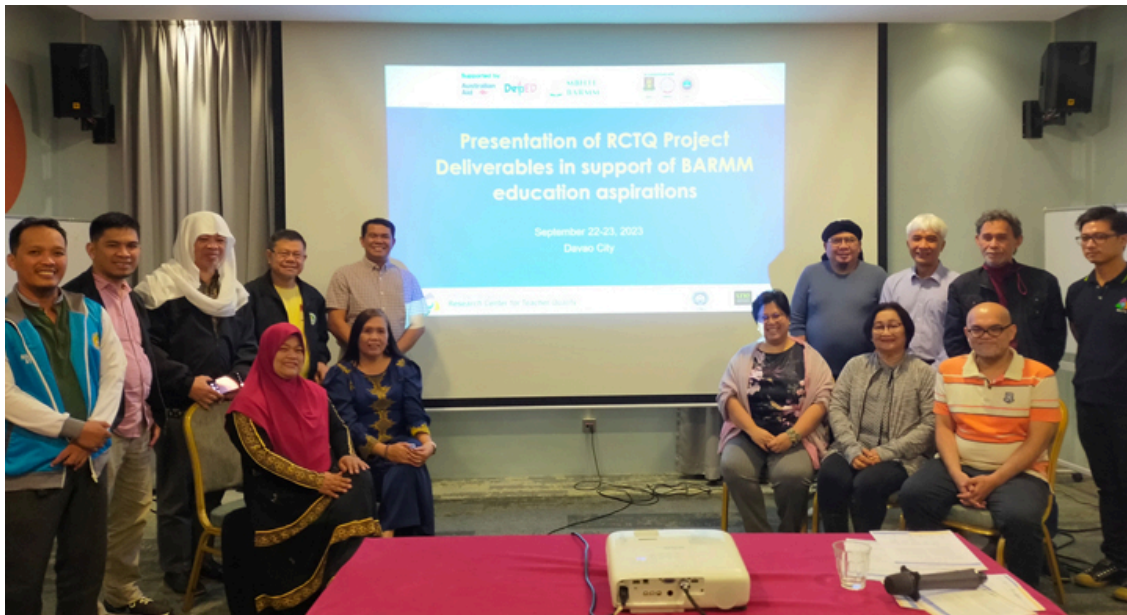
Following the recent findings from the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), which highlight the underperformance of 15-year-old Filipino students compared to their global counterparts, RCTQ has issued a statement calling for urgent national attention and collective action to address the crisis, while also acknowledging initiatives undertaken in the past decade to enhance teacher quality and introduce evidence-based reforms. [Read Full Story](#)

Becoming the Research Institute for Teacher Quality



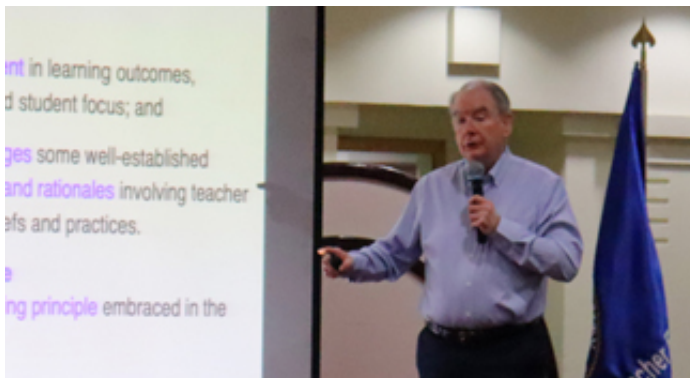
RCTQ will soon transform into a bigger organization from a center to an institute. Reappointed president of the Philippine Normal University Dr. Bert J. Tuga reaffirmed his commitment to bring the current RCTQ to greater heights with the integration of the new Research Institute for Teacher Quality (RITQ) in the latest PNU organizational structure. [Read Full Story](#)

Accomplishments of teacher development project for Madrasah teachers presented to MBHTE officials



RCTQ presented the accomplishments of its third project with the Bangsamoro Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) at a program on 22-23 September 2023 in Davao City attended by the three director generals of the ministry. [Read Full Story](#)

Other Stories



Dr. Pegg discusses science of learning at initialization conference for developing MATATAG learning materials

SiMERR National Research Centre Director and RCTQ Co-Director Dr. John Pegg spoke at the initialization conference for the development of learning

materials on 3-6 October 2023, marking the commencement of a partnership between PNU (through RCTQ) and DepEd. [Read Full Story](#)



Aligning preservice teacher education with in-service teacher training ensures that the knowledge and skills acquired during initial teacher training are continually honed throughout a teacher's career. Such an alignment is not merely a choice but a necessity for the advancement of education in the country.

EdCom II and the future of teacher quality

On the culmination of this year's National Teachers Month celebration, RCTQ Director Dr. Jennie Jocson wrote about the importance of aligning pre-service teacher education with

in-service teacher training, and the crucial roles of the Commission on Higher Education, Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), and Department of Education (DepEd) in operationalizing this alignment. [Read full article on the Philippine Daily Inquirer](#)



Workshop held for developing MATATAG learning materials

RCTQ organized a workshop on 18-20 December 2023 in Manila for developing and validating the learning resource package for the MATATAG curriculum of the Department of Education (DepEd). [Read Full Story](#)

RCTQ in the News

Tracking how RCTQ's work has been reported in the media or mentioned in other websites

- [35 schools identified for MATATAG testing](#) (Malaya, 18 Sep 2023)
- [EdCom II and the future of teacher quality](#) (Philippine Daily Inquirer, 4 Oct 2023)

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