

## Ms Maria Christina G Aquino

Since retiring from fulltime work, she is now an Adjunct Professor of Taylor's University Lakeside Campus, Malaysia, and a part-time faculty member of the Graduate Studies of Lyceum of the Philippines University, Batangas. She is also a Resource Person for the Development Academy of the Philippines and Department of Trade and Industry for various PQA training programs, Department of Tourism for various tourism related programs, a member of CHED Technical Committee of Tourism and Hospitality Management programs, a member of the NCR Regional Quality Assurance Team (RQAT), a TESDA STAR External Validator; a DTI Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Assessor, ALCUCOA Accreditor, an ASEAN Master Tourism Assessor for Housekeeping,



Ms. Aquino was with the Lyceum of the Philippines University, Manila as the Executive Director for Linkages & Standards and International Affairs Office, Deputy Integrated Management Representative for various ISO programs (QMS & EMS), Project Director for the LPU Dusit Thani partnership of the Tourism and Hospitality programs offered in all LPU campuses, oversaw institutional and program quality assurance programs in the University. She pursued local and international networking opportunities with academic institutions, government and industry partners in the areas of collaborations in student & faculty, research and extension programs. She was also Dean of the College of International Tourism and Hospitality Management and a faculty member also.

She joined various professional organizations and occupied various board positions. She is the immediate past Chairperson of the Tourism Industry Board Foundation Inc, (TIBFI), the designated National Tourism Professional Board in the implementation of the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Tourism Professionals, former Associate Board Member of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines (HRAP). Past President of the Council of Hotel and Restaurant Educators of the Philippines (COHREP), Asia Pacific Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (APacCHRIE), and a former Board Member & Corporate Secretary of International Center for Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality Education (THE-ICE).

Ms. Aquino was a faculty member the University of the Philippines Diliman, College of Home Economics, School Director of the Center for Culinary Arts, Manila, and various administrative and faculty posts at the LPU Manila. Early in her career, she was a flight attendant of Cathay Pacific Airways, a cabin services line instructor of Qatar Airways, an entrepreneur of family owned food service company, 5A Resources Inc, and liaison officer of Philippine Phosphate Fertilizer Corporation. She is an author of several books, journal articles, completed research papers in Tourism and Hospitality areas, and has been invited as speaker and facilitator in several workshops, fora, webinars and conferences, locally and internationally. She has undertaken various local and international consultancy projects in Tourism and Hospitality operations.

Ms Aquino holds the following qualifications from the University of the Philippines Diliman Quezon City: BS Hotel and Restaurant Administration (cum laude); MA in Education, major in Educational Administration, and has completed all the academic requirements for a PhD in Education, specializing in Curriculum Studies. She has the following certifications: AHLEI's Certified Hospitality Educator (CHE) and Certified Guest Service Professional (CGSP), Certified Microsoft Office Specialist (Office Word 2016), STR Hotel Industry Foundations Introduction to Analytics (HIFIA), and ASEAN Master Assessor for Housekeeping.

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