



Maraming Salamat Po, PAMAG!

Through a collaboration with the Philippine-American Medical Association of Georgia (PAMAG) and the UP Kalilayan Alumni Association (UPKAA), the University of the Philippines Alumni Association (UPAA) Quezon Chapter successfully implemented a series of community outreach projects from 2024 to 2025. Children's books, elementary textbooks, teachers' manuals, learning materials, dental supplies, and pre-loved clothes were distributed to different schools and communities from September 2024 to June 2025 during the UPAA Quezon Chapter UP IKOT activities in Sampaloc, Quezon in 2024 and Brigada Eskwela 2025.

The following were the recipients of the donated materials:

Supplies	Recipients
Dental kits	Parents and pre-school children during the Medical and Dental Mission under the UP Isang Kilos Oblation Tour (UP IKOT) project in Sampaloc, Quezon on September 6, 2024. Around 200 kits for adults and children were given out during the session on oral health awareness and proper toothbrushing.
	The remaining 30 dental kits will be given to Dupay Day Care Center through the office of City Councilor and UPAAQ Founding Member, Rhaetia Marie Abcede-Llaga. (Date of distribution to be finalized).
Children's books, elementary textbooks, teachers' manuals, learning materials,	Balikbayan boxes of storybooks were handed to Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO) and some of their daycare coordinators during the UP IKOT launch on September 6, 2024. The books were to be distributed to all the Barangay Day Care Centers of the Municipality of Sampaloc, Quezon through the MSWDO.
	Storybooks, teachers' manuals, and other learning materials were donated to Sampaloc Elementary School on September 18, 2024.
	Textbooks, storybooks and other learning materials were donated to the following elementary schools during the Brigada Eskwela in June of 2025: (1) Castañas Elementary School in Sariaya, Quezon; (2) East 8 Elementary School in Lucena City; and (3) Piis Elementary School in Lucban, Quezon,
Pre-loved clothes, bags and shoes	Distributed by the members to different communities in Lucena and Lucban, Quezon from 2024-2025.

The book donation project was initiated as part of the UPKAA's Road to 50 anniversary activities and UPAAQ's Sampaloc, Quezon stop for UP Isang Kilos Oblation Tour. Dr. Cristine Villena-Amurao - both PAMAG and UPKAA member—spearheaded the book donation drive—including the donation of dental kits and other learning materials—in the US and sent the boxes to UPAA Quezon for distribution to communities in Quezon.

PAMAG was founded in 1976 by Dr. Ludi Villanueva and a group of like-minded Filipino doctors in Atlanta, Georgia. PAMAG is committed to its mission of healthcare, education, and community service, continuing to make a lasting impact both in the Philippines and within the Filipino-American community. (<https://pamag.us/>)

UPKAA is the association of UP Kalilayan, a socio-cultural organization at the University of the Philippines Diliman composed of students from the provinces of Quezon and Aurora. It aims to serve these provinces, foster camaraderie among its members, and develop their potential. The organization has a long history, dating back to the late 1970s, and is known for its various community projects and activities. (<https://www.facebook.com/upkalilayanalumni>)

UPAA Quezon Chapter is an association of graduates from the different campuses of the University of the Philippines system who trace their roots in Quezon or are currently residing in Quezon. UP IKOT is one of its flagship projects where the alumni (and its network of friends) give back to the different communities of the province through a series of initiatives conducted in partnership with the local government. Sampaloc, Quezon was the UP IKOT partner community for 2024-2025. (<https://www.facebook.com/upaaquezon>)



L-R: Distribution of dental kits, proper toothbrushing demonstration by Quezon Dental Association officer, and parents and day care children practicing proper toothbrushing during the UP IKOT launch on September 6, 2024.



L-R: Donation of storybooks and learning materials to Sampaloc Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office and Day Care Centers representatives during the UP IKOT launch (Sep 6, 2024) and follow-up visit (Sep 18, 2024).



Book donation at Sampaloc Elementary School on September 18, 2024.



L-R: UPAAQ June 2025 Brigada Eskwela campaign poster, book donation at Lucena East 8 Elementary School, and at Castanas Elementary School.