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Maria Christina G Aquino is the Executive Director for Linkages and Standards of the Lyceum of the Philippines University Manila. She is also the Project Director for Tourism and Hospitality Education Programmes throughout the four campuses of LPU (Manila, Cavite, Batangas and Laguna), Deputy Integrated Management Representative for various ISO programmes and oversees various QA programmes in the University.

She has teaching and administrative experiences in post-secondary school settings including a state university, a private technical vocational school offering Culinary Arts programmes and a private non-sectarian university. Aside from teaching and administration, she was a flight attendant and cabin services line instructor for two international airlines, a foodservice operator, and liaison officer of a quasi-government agency. She is an author of several books, written some journal articles, presented papers, and invited as speaker in several workshops, fora and conferences.

Ms Aquino is the Chair of the Tourism Industry Board Foundation Inc, (TIBFI), accreditor for the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA), an Associate Board Member for the Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines (HRAP), a member of CHED Technical Committee of Tourism and Hospitality and an NCR Regional Quality Assurance Team (RQAT), a resource person for TESDA specifically in the Tourism sector, an ASEAN Master Tourism Assessor for Housekeeping and a Philippine Quality Award Assessor. She is a Past President of the Council of Hotel and Restaurant Educators of the Philippines (COHREP) National, Past President of the Asia Pacific Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (APacCHRIE).

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