

## Ms Maria Christina G Aquino



Ma. Christina G. Aquino is the Chair of the Tourism Industry Board Foundation Inc, (TIBFI). She is an Associate Board Member for the Hotel and Restaurant Association of the Philippines (HRAP), and a Director/Company Secretary of THE-ICE Board. Ms Aquino is 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 DTI Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Assessor, and an accreditor for the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA). She is a Past President of the Council of Hotel and Restaurant Educators of the Philippines (COHREP) National and Asia Pacific Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (APacCHRIE).

Ms. Aquino recently retired from Lyceum of the Philippines University where she was the Executive Director for Linkages & Standards and International Affairs Office and Deputy Integrated Management Representative for various ISO programs (QMS & EMS) and oversees 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 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, journal articles, completed research papers in Tourism and Hospitality areas, and invited as speaker in several workshops, fora and conferences.

Ms Aquino holds the qualifications of BS HRA (cum laude); MA in Education, major in Educational Administration, and has completed all the academic requirements for a PhD in Education, specialising in Curriculum Studies. She has the following certifications: AHLEI's Certified Hospitality Education (CHE) and Certified Guest Service Professional (CGSP), STR Hotel Industry Foundations Introduction to Analytics (HIFIA), and ASEAN Master Assessor for Housekeeping.