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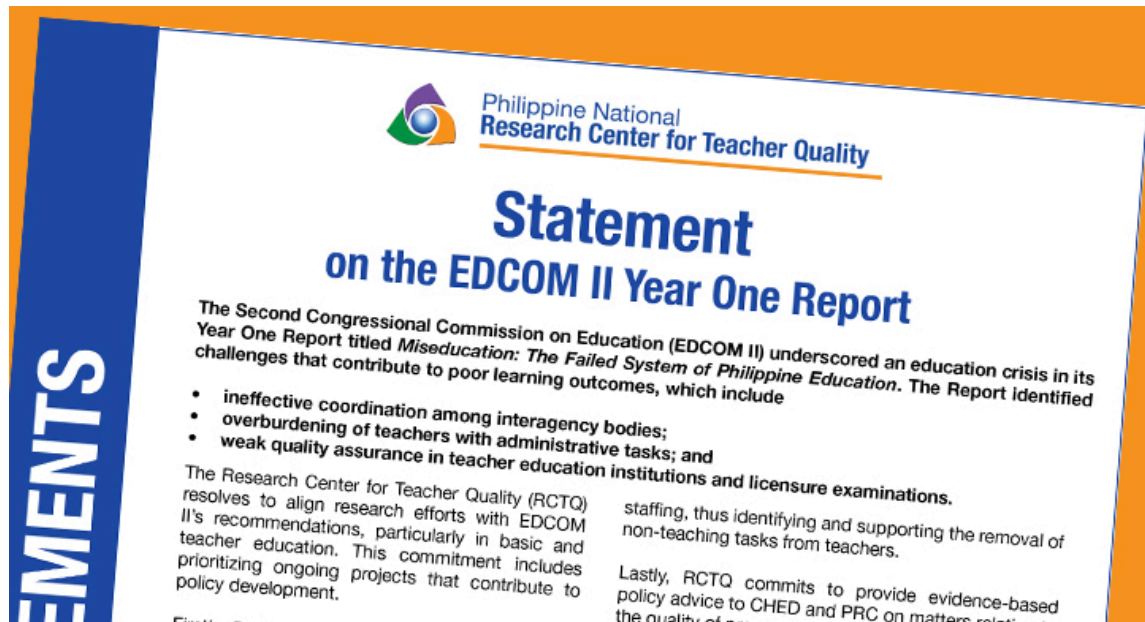
### RCTQ lauds DepEd for removing admin tasks from teachers; issues statement in response to DepEd's BER 2024



VP and Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sara Duterte shone the spotlight on teachers during her second Basic Education Report (BER) on 25 January 2024 by announcing more teacher benefits, one of which took effect a day after she delivered her report. RCTQ commends DepEd for ‘walking the talk’ by issuing DepEd Order No. 002, series of 2024, which ordered the “immediate removal of administrative tasks of public school teachers” to ensure their welfare and improve their quality of teaching.

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# EDCOM II releases first annual report; RCTQ commits to align research efforts with report's recommendations



Following the release of the Year One Report by the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) which highlighted challenges and recommendations for the education sector, RCTQ issued a statement committing to align research efforts with the Report's recommendations, particularly in basic and teacher education. [Read Full Statement](#) | [Download EDCOM II's Year One Report](#)

## Related story



### EDCOM II holds teacher education consultation

Education agencies presented relevant data at the teacher education consultation organized by the Sub-Committee on Teacher Education and Development of the Second Congressional Commission on Education

(EDCOM II) on 18 January 2024 at the House of Representatives. RCTQ Director Dr. Jennie Jocson participated and provided feedback during the consultation. [Read Full Story](#) | [Share on Facebook](#)

## Meet the new RCTQ leaders



RCTQ welcomes a new Deputy Director and two Senior Program Managers to its management team. Read more about [Dr. Allan Reyes](#), [Dr. Brando 'ER' Palomar](#) and [Dr. Maria Teresa Manicio](#).

## Other Stories



students. [Watch Full Interview](#)

### DepEd's return to old academic calendar discussed

RCTQ Director Dr. Jennie Jocson shared the rationale and advantages for reverting to June as the start of basic education classes nationwide, and how this will be beneficial both for teachers and



2024 in Makati City. [Read more](#)

### RCTQ represented at Australia Day reception

Australian Ambassador HK Yu welcomed guests including RCTQ Director Dr. Jennie Jocson and former director and now DepEd undersecretary Dr. Gina Gonong at the Australia Day 2024 reception on 25 January

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