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It seems difficult to overstate the versatility of the humble shipping container. Just recently we've seen it used to create a [pop-up shopping mall](#) and a [touring kitchen](#); past sightings have included [pop-up health clinics](#), [restaurants](#) and [hotel rooms](#). The latest spotting? [Citihub Mandaluyong](#), a dormitory in the Philippines that's built from shipping containers and designed for low-income workers and students. The brainchild of Manila's Arcya Commercial Corporation, Citihub Mandaluyong is situated on a stretch of land in Mandaluyong along the Pasig River, according to a [report](#) on the Manila Bulletin. Four shipping containers make up the dorm, which includes separate air-conditioned housing and bathrooms for men and women. Pricing is just PHP 1,500 per month including water and electricity. Besides fulfilling what's clearly a pressing unmet need, Citihub Mandaluyong is also a perfect example of what our sister site would call a [functionall](#) offering — one that's simple, inexpensive and designed primarily with low-income consumers in mind. It also seems ripe with global potential; one to emulate in your neck of the woods?

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