

Eye-care proposal for QC poor passed

WITH over two million people nationwide suffering from blindness and poor vision, the 37-member Quezon City council has passed an ordinance instituting a comprehensive eye-care program for the city's residents.

Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte said Ordinance No. Sangguniang Panglungsod-2689 gives priority to poor, visually-impaired residents who could not afford the basic eye-care treatment and ophthalmological services that are commonly expensive in private hospitals and eye clinics.

“Blindness or severe visual impairment is usually avoidable thus we should make essential eye care available to all, especially to the less privileged,” she said. **Rio N. Araja**