

# 3,000 in QC donate blood

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OVER 3,000 residents of Quezon City have again donated blood in an award-winning bloodletting drive to provide indigent or poor patients with free blood unit assistance.

“Blood-letting is one way in which we can show our love for our country and for countrymen. And I would like to thank everybody who is part of this,” Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte said.

Launched in 2010, the bloodletting drive organized by the Office of the Vice Mayor attracts thousands of donors yearly.

This year, the donors came from the city’s 142 barangays.

Due to the high volume of blood donors, the annual endeavor has reaped multiple recognitions from the Dugong Bayani Awards organized by the Philippine Blood Center under the Department of Health.

In 2017, the initiative was given the highest honor for institutions donating blood—the Jose Rizal Award.

The bloodletting drive was also recognized twice with the Andres Bonifacio Award, the second highest award under Dugong Bayani.