

# Joy vows to put up scitech university for Quezon City

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IF elected as mayor, Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte on Tuesday said she would put up a science and technology university for the city.

“One day, it is my dream to establish a Quezon City Science and Technology University in our city,” she said.

The university would be a city-run pioneering institution that intends not only to build-up expertise in science and technology but also to promote entrepreneurship and innovation.

Believing that the future is in technology, Belmonte said: “My dream is to hone and develop the interest and skills of our children in science, technology, engineering and math [STEM] so that they can be inventors, innovators, creators, techpreneurs, engineers or scientists in the future.”

Earlier, Belmonte said she hoped young people will dream of becoming “not just ordinary employees or businessmen, but innovators.”

Along with advocating STEM education in the city, the vice mayor is also active in institutionalizing support from the local government for the city’s small businesses.

Meanwhile, police have arrested a taxi driver who works for professional basketball star Douglas Kramer for robbing a house in Quezon City.

Chief Supt. Joselito Esquivel Jr., QC police chief, identified the suspect as Eddie Valiente, 48, and his cohort as Ronald Calderon, 47.