

QC eyes own Bangsamoro village—Joy

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QUEZON City will have its own Bangsamoro cultural village that would be developed into a tourist destination, Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte said Sunday.

Amid the recent approval of the Bangsamoro Organic Law by the congressional bicameral conference committee, Belmonte is seeking to involve the city in the Bangsamoro people's movement for peace through the development of a model cultural village in Salaam compound, Barangay Culiat.

"I was thinking along the lines of transforming the Salaam compound into a tourist destination. Now, it's still not as pretty, but you know it's just a matter of fixing the electrical lines, making some sidewalks and then asking residents to spruce up their façade," she said.

The improvement and development of the compound is a joint project of Belmonte and a cause-oriented group, designed to transform the area into a "flourishing green economy" under the campaign "iLove Quezon City."

The group is working with landscape architects and volunteers to provide vertical gardens and solar lamp-posts as well as values formation and training for residents.