

Nova District Hospital organizes pageant for teen moms



FIRST-time mothers walked confidently during the *Buntis* pageant held to mark the 18th founding anniversary of Novaliches District Hospital (NDH) on June 27.

Twenty soon-to-be-moms, ages 16 to 20, took centerstage during the pageant. Of the 20 candidates, 10 were chosen as finalists and had the chance to showcase their talent. A final five made it to the question and answer portion.

According to Olivia Favor, director of NDH, the 2018 *Buntis* Queen will receive free natal services from the hospital.

Novaliches District Hospital also offered free bone scan, diabetes screening, and services for senior citizens in line with the hospital's anniversary.

"Ang mananalo ay libre na ang panganganak sa NDH, whether cesarean or normal delivery. Mabibigyan din siya ng groceries," Favor said.

Sheena Briz was crowned as *Buntis* Queen 2018, while Claren Jacinto and Ariane Aquino won 1st and 2nd-runner up respectively.

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A garage sale and gift-giving activity was held for the children of Barangay San Bartolome.

Under the administration of Mayor Herbert Bautista, the city government-owned hospital has received state-of-the-art medical equipment and facilities.