

Joy explains delay in teachers' stipends

QUEZON City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte on Wednesday said “major inefficiencies and blatant discrepancies in payroll documents” caused the delay in disbursement of allowances to the city’s public school teachers.

“I called a meeting early [Monday] morning with representatives of the following offices: local school board secretariat, Communications Coordination Centre, office of [education committee chairperson] Councilor Aly Medalla, and the city accounting department to get at the root cause of the teachers’ delayed allowances,” she said.

Belmonte noted the errors and inconsistencies in payroll documents submitted by the schools’ division office to the city accounting department, which involved incorrect account numbers, misspelled names, and outdated civil status, among others. **Rio N. Araja**