

QC advocates safer cyberspace for children

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THE Quezon City government, in partnership with Plan International, Department of Information and Communications Technology, and Microsoft Philippines, has conducted a Child Protection Seminar with internet café and computer shop owners.

The program is part of the series which campaigns for a safer cyberspace for children. Internet café operators from Barangay Batasan Hills and Barangay Commonwealth were among the participants in the seminar.

Several issues, such as the Philippine situation on Online Sexual Exploitation of Children, are raised. Ma. Sheila Estabillo, project manager of Cyber-Safe Spaces for Children and Youth in Manila and Quezon City, expounded on the increasing number of cases related to child pornography and cybercrime.

Atty. Raul Cortez from Microsoft Philippines said there are ways to determine and prevent computers from getting hacked such as getting authentic softwares and avoid sharing private information, photos and videos that strangers can have access to. Policies and laws on online safety were presented to further disseminate the government's initiative on online child protection.