

Belmonte backs Eleazar's appointment as NCRPO head

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Quezon City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte has expressed approval of the appointment of Chief Supt. Guillermo Eleazar as the new director of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO).

Eleazar, who used to head the Quezon City Police District (QCPD), is one of the most outstanding directors of the city police force, Belmonte said in her text message.

"We are very happy. We are ecstatic that he's now our NCRPO chief. He deserves it," she said.

She added: "Things are

bright in the region under his leadership."

Belmonte has worked closely with Eleazar, especially in the city government's war against illegal drugs.

As head of the QCPD, she said Eleazar's support to the programs of the Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QCADAAC), which she chairs, is invaluable.

The Daily Tribune was informed that about 16,000 drug suspects have surrendered to QCADAAC and QCPD during Eleazar's time through the Oplan Tokhang of the Philippine National Police (PNP).

"He set the standard for

what a DD (district director) should be or should be doing, and should be like, especially in terms of community relations," she explained.

With his good "PR" (public relations) skills, Eleazar earned the trust of the people in the communities, Belmonte said.

"I think everything starts with trust and confidence built between the police force and the community. He was able to establish that here in QC and that's why we are very successful because we rallied behind him, he rallied behind us. We have true genuine cooperation and a very good working relationship," Belmonte

further said.

With the entire Metro Manila region now in his hands, Belmonte said she hopes Eleazar "can bring that culture of good working relationship between the police and the people to a greater and wider reach."

After leaving QCPD that he led since July 2016, Eleazar was reassigned as police director of Region 4-A or Calabarzon (Cavite-Laguna-Batangas-Rizal-Quezon).

Eleazar, who has vowed to do his best now that he heads the NCRPO, replaced Director Camilo Pancratius Cascolan who was named head of the Civil Security Group.