

200 CCTVs help keep QC safe, says city admin

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WITH the installation of 200 high-definition closed-circuit television cameras on major road and even secondary streets, the Quezon City government was able to deter crime, help secure the safety of the public, and improve its quick response to emergency situations in the past two years.

City Administrator Aldrin Cuña on Sunday said the installation of the CCTV cameras has provided wider monitoring coverage, and even further advance the city government's quick dispatch at real time, and faster and better coordination with different agencies, particularly during critical situations.

"For instance, we were able to identify the vehicle used by the suspects that installed the controversial 'Welcome to the Philippines, province of China' tarpaulins," Cuna told Manila Standard.

Last July 12, Quezon City residents woke up to see such red banners hanging from footbridges.

Cuña said safety in Quezon City could create more jobs and other economic opportunities, adding it has also improved its delivery of public service.

The city government earlier ordered the purchase of MiGuard CCTV cameras and their installation in strategic locations in the locality's 142 barangays.

According to the city's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office, CCTVs are a very useful instrument for monitoring efficiency.

The city administrator reminded business establishments in the city to comply with Ordinance No. SP-2139 enforcing the "no-CCTV, no-business permit" policy.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court's Office of the Court Administrator issued Circular 131-2018 affirming Resolution No. 6 from the Court's Second Division ordering the suspension of the city's legal officer, Christian Valencia, from the practice of law for six months.

Mayor Herbert Bautista issued Office Order 124-2018, designating Farley Sabillo to replace Valencia effective immediately.

The order, however, did not state the reason for Valencia's suspension.