

# QC builds P58-m women's dorm to decongest jail

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**Q**UEZON City Mayor Herbert Bautista on Thursday announced the construction of a P58-million female dormitory for “persons deprived with liberty” inside the Quezon City Police District headquarters in Camp Karingal to relieve the crowded women’s dormitory.

The new dormitory is a four-story building that could accommodate at least 620 female detainees, Bautista said. It will also house a multipurpose hall, a clinic, an administration office and a separate facility for pregnant women, he added.

According to Supt. Marie Rose Laguyo of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, the old dormitory is designed for only 90 inmates, but currently houses 982.

Meanwhile, the QCPD lauded the Quezon City government for helping

authorities deter crime.

At least 200 MiGuard security alarm system introduced by Green Energy have been installed in strategic areas to monitor traffic, fire, floods, emergency situations and incidence of criminality.

QCPD director Chief Supt. Joselito Esquivel Jr. reminded businesses to comply with City Ordinance No. SP-2139 requiring the installation of closed circuit television system.

“Let us invest in the security of our business establishments by taking ad-

vantage of the benefits from the advance technology,” he said.

The CCTVs shall be monitored at all times in order to immediately report crime incidents to the nearest police station or barangay, he added.

In another development, the city council has authorized Bautista to grant P2,948,040 in financial assistance to fund the projects and activities of the Quezon City Ladies Foundation Inc.

City Resolution 7545-2018, introduced by Councilor Raquel Malangen, states that the grant shall allow the Ladies Foundation to carry out its health, education, livelihood, and human rights projects further that address the needs of women and children.

“In order to fulfill its mandate and operate, there is a need to fund the administrative and activity expenses,” the resolution reads.