

Joy, QC shine light on 'lupon'

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QUEZON City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** has urged village peacekeepers or “Lupong Tagapamayapa” officials to be keepers of good values at the barangay level.

In the recent first Lupon Convention, the vice mayor told the members of the barangay judicial system to stand by their principles in dispensing justice and equality and promoting peace and order.

“Lupong Tagapamayapa must be looked up to as a present-day ‘council

of elders’ that ensures the upkeep of integrity, dignity and justice in the barangay,” Belmonte said.

The two-day Lupon Convention focused on the skills enhancement of the pacification committees and was participated in by resource persons from the Department of the Interior and Local Government, **Quezon City Police Department**, and non-government agencies.

They provided direct knowledge on the resolution of disputes, mediation procedures and legal rights.