

LGBTQ laud Herbert for QC Pink Filmfest

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FILMMAKERS in Quezon City on Tuesday lauded Mayor **Herbert Bautista** for advocating anti-discrimination among the lesbians, gays, bisexuals, transgenders and questioning (LGBTQ) community.

Nick Deocampo, Quezon City International Pink Film Festival director, thanked Bautista for providing a comprehensive anti-discrimination policy on sexual orientation and gender identity.

“Quezon City is the leading local government that promotes such anti-discrimination policy through a film festival,” he said.

Deocampo said LGBTQ-themed films as platforms have helped raise public awareness on the social and health issues besetting the members of the community.

This year’s filmfest features the free showing of 64 award-winning local and international films, and hosting seminars on LGBTQ rights and health issues.

The Quezon City International Pink Film Festival will run from Nov. 14 until Nov. 25 at the Gateway Cineplex, University of the Philippines Film Center, and Cinema Centenario.

The city government vowed to uphold and protect the LGBTQ sector its right to human dignity; reduce social, economic and political inequalities, and remove cultural inequities under the Section 1 (a), Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution.