

DoT commends QC's film tourism initiative, holds Lupon convention

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DEPARTMENT of Tourism (DoT) commended the Quezon City government for its vision to be the center of “film tourism” in the Philippines, through its annual QCinema International Film Festival (QCinema).

“We trust that initiatives such as the QCinema will boost the leisure and entertainment tourism of the country,” Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said during the festival’s opening at Gateway Mall, Cubao on Oct. 21. “The QC International Film Festival is the only international film fest in the country and, of course, is promoting film tourism.”



Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte (2nd,R) welcomes Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat (2nd, L) during the QCinema International Film Festival opening with other guests.

Launched by Mayor Bautista and Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte in 2013, QCinema is the city's official film festival funded by its local government.

Meanwhile, as part of her campaign to strengthen the capacities of barangay (village) officials, Vice Mayor Belmonte called on Lupong Tagapamayapa officials to be the keepers of good values in QC barangays during the first Lupon Convention held at the Quezon Memorial Circle on Oct.16 to17.

“As the peace committee, our principle of being the keepers of peace, justice, and equality should never be forgotten,” Belmonte said in her speech.

The two-day convention conducted training for barangay officials to enhance their skills on handling conflicts in the barangay.