

QC's Belmonte eyes rehab clinic just for women

IN line with Quezon City's thrust to wipe out the problem of illegal drugs, 3,502 graduates have started anew after completing Katatagan Kontra Droga sa Komunidad, a community-based drug rehabilitation program.

"Since the program was launched in 2016, we have seen how successfully these 3,502 graduates are able to turn their lives around especially since the program offers livelihood programs and employment assistance after graduation," Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** said Thursday.

This came a day after she revealed a plan to put up a drug rehabilitation center for women and a voluntary recovery clinic in the city.

"We have been discussing with the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, and by next year, we will have a partnership to establish a facility just for women," Belmonte said.

As for Katatagan, the rehabilitation program involves the surrenderer, the barangay, the family, and even the church "to make sure that there is a whole community working together to help the graduate avoid a relapse," she said.