

Belmonte bats for automated transactions at city hall offices

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IF elected as the next mayor, Quezon City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** on Tuesday bared a plan to automate city hall transactions using technology.

"We do not just plan to bolster the internal management program. I would like a fully automated city hall linked up to our traffic management system, our barangays, our planning office and other offices," she said.

Belmonte said there is a need for an automation to be able to create a comprehensive plan based on data gathered from automated programs.

"Data from all these transactions is the most important tool we can use to plan future projects and services. This is where we'll find out what the people really need and where we need to improve," she added.

Technology could help reduce corruption in government transactions since "automation would also minimize face-to-face interaction that can help eliminate corruption, so we have to use technology to its utmost potential in our city," the vice mayor added.

Meanwhile, Mayor Herbert Bautista spearheaded the inauguration of the new seven-story Commission on Elections building in District 1's Santo Cristo, Bago Bantay.

He said there is a need to provide Comelec with its own new structure because he has not seen any improvement on its old office inside the city hall since he began his political career in 1985.