

QC GOVT MOBILIZES 8,000 YOUTHS IN ANTI- DRUG CAMPAIGN

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QUEZON City Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, who heads the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council, said the city government is mobilizing about 8,000 in the anti- drug youth force called “Barkada Kontra Droga” (BKD). “If we want to create a drug-free and drug-resistant city, we have to focus on our young people to make sure that the leaders of our next generation will be the first ones to adopt and sustain a drug-free lifestyle,” she said. BKD was formed in partnership with the Department of Education and the city’s schools. There are now 8,653 registered BKD members engaged in seminars, information campaigns, and training programs in partnership with educators, families, and other sectors to spread information on the anti- drug laws. The program is open to students and youth aged 12 to 25 years old. There are 344 BKD chapters nationwide with about 90,000 members since its launch in 2004. Meanwhile, QC Police Director, Chief Supt. Joselito Esquivel Jr. reported that five teenagers were arrested in a string of buy-busts on Thursday night. Kamuning Police Station arrested Jayson Eroles, 19 and Reynaldo Briones at about 9:40 p.m. along Matiyaga corner Mapagbigay Street in Barangay Pinyahan; Dominic Galida, 18 and a minor were caught smoking marijuana in a bar in Katipunan corner Xavierville, Barangay Loyola Heights; Eugene Estrellado, 18 was arrested along Don Pepe St., Barangay Santo Domingo.