

Belmonte vows to turn QC into 'millennial' city

VICE Mayor Joy Belmonte had vowed to turn Quezon City into a "millennial city."

In her address to Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officers on Tuesday, Belmonte said she plans to implement programs that would propel the city to grow technologically and industrially.

"My aim is to make Quezon City a 'millennial city.' I was inspired by a book because it said that the city where the young want to live is the city of the future. We will make Quezon City that city of the future," she said.

Belmonte bared her plans to adopt certain technologies to make the delivery of services faster and more convenient.

"A millennial city means our constituents can access various services through their

smart phones such as business permits, clearances, and other document applications. It means they won't have to go personally to our city hall and wait for a long time just to acquire certain papers," she said.

"Why won't we adopt the technology in embassies wherein you set appointments and that's the only time you can transact; and when you go, you will be immediately given the services that you need?" she added.

Belmonte also unveiled plans of putting up the city's own university.

"We want to put up a Quezon City University. I think we lack a school focused on technology so, in this school, we plan on offering courses in science and technology, engineering, and software develop-



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ment. If we have enough graduates who can man our tech industry, we may even have our own Silicon Valley here in QC," she said.

"We want our city to be attrac-

tive to young people because I am aware that many of our citizens are looking for jobs in other cities like Taguig, Makati, and Pasay, and even migrating to other countries, just because there are more opportunities there. If we make this vision possible, then our residents won't have to live in other places because the jobs are already there in front of them," she added.

The vice mayor called on the SK officers to practice good governance.

"The SK is a breeding ground for developing good, productive and honest leaders; you do not all have to be politicians. You want to be a member of SK because you want to help the city move forward," she said.

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