

DILG honors QC anti-drugs drive

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DEPARTMENT of Interior and Local Government (DILG) recognized the Quezon City government's anti-drug campaign with a perfect 100 functionality points (ideal/ high functionality), during the recently concluded 1st National Anti-Drug Abuse Council (ADAC) Performance Awards.

Vice Mayor and **Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QCADAAC)** Chair **Joy Belmonte** was pleased that QC anti-drug abuse council (ADAC) was recognized as one of the most effective ADACs nationwide, following its Best ADAC in National Capital Region (NCR) Award in December 2018.

"I am very proud that we are, once again, recognized as one of the Best ADACs among all LGUs nationwide. It's because we have the most effective working framework and the political will to implement programs to lessen the city's drug problem," said Belmonte. "We now have 23 drug-free barangays, and the youth of our city continues to engage in our anti-illegal drugs campaign. It just shows that the city government and our people are working harmoniously because all of us want a drug-free city."

Belmonte's anti-drug programs include preventive education and values formation in schools and the where the youth are encouraged to join campaigns that counter the effects of illegal drug abuse.

There are also Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils (BADAC) that works hand-in-hand with QCADAAC and the **Quezon City Police District (QCPD)** in conducting barangay drug clearing operations.

DILG Secretary Eduardo Año congratulated the awardees and acknowledged the importance of every LGUs' role on the administration's thrust to eradicate illegal drugs.