

Belmonte signs covenant for women's welfare in QC

QUEZON City Vice Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte recently vowed to uphold women's rights and welfare in the city by signing a covenant with the city's women leaders under the Quezon City Community Women Leaders' Federation in time for women's month.

"As a leader, I stand with all the women in our city by promoting programs that support women's rights and welfare," said Belmonte during the Quezon City Women Convention on Friday.

Belmonte pledged to implement the programs listed in the group's 10-point agenda which includes district hospitals with specialty clinic for women illnesses and mental health, district colleges or technical vocational center with state-of-the-art facilities; and a live-

lihood, training and showcase center for the women entrepreneurs.

The vice mayor has also vowed to create shelters and homes for abandoned senior citizens; special discount and privileges for solo parents and persons with disabilities (PWDs); a health and wellness center; free maintenance medicines; scholarship and financial grants; child-minding centers; a 24 hour emergency hotline; and a holistic anti-drug education campaign.

The Quezon City local government has lined up programs for the women's month celebration including a month-long free breast and cervical cancer screening and a dance competition for women with the theme "We Can Make Change for Women."