

Belmonte promotes early detection of breast, cervical cancer

AS an advocate of women's welfare, Quezon City Vice Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte urged women to be proactive and undergo breast and cervical cancer screening, especially this women's month.

"I encourage women to undergo these kinds of screening so that we can detect early the signs of cervical and breast cancer," said Belmonte. "Early detection of those irregularities is important because that dictates if the cancer is still curable or not."

The Quezon City local government launched a free breast and cervical cancer screening caravan,

together with the Philippine Cancer Society (PCS), that provided services in different villages in the city as part of the celebration of women's month on March 6.

Moreover, Belmonte stressed that it is her personal advocacy to promote women health care citing that her late mother, Betty Go-Belmonte had breast cancer which led to various complications and her death in 1994.

The vice mayor also disclosed plans of funding a special center for women in the hospitals in the city that will specifically address different health concerns of women.