

# QC mayor signs ordinance for women entrepreneurs

MAYOR Herbert Bautista has signed an ordinance that promotes and supports the development of women entrepreneurs in Quezon City (QC).

The Quezon City Women Entrepreneurship Ordinance, introduced by Councilors Irene Belmonte, Lena Marie Juico, Elizabeth Delarmente, Estrella Valmocina, Ivy Xenia Lagman, Marra Suntay and Julianne Alyson Rae Medalla, provides programs and projects for the development of women entrepreneurs in the city.

Through the ordinance, a Quezon City Women's Business Development Council will be created to develop and carry out a series of women-oriented programs and projects.

The council will be led by the City Council Committee on Trade, Commerce and Industry chairman, with Bautista as the honorary chair-

man and Vice Mayor Josefina "Joy" Belmonte as honorary vice chairman.

The council will be composed of the chairmen of the City Council's Committee on Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality, and the Committee on Micro, Small and Medium Business and Entrepreneurship Development. Representatives from the Small Business Development and Promotions Office, Community Relations Office, and the women's sector of the accredited non government organization-business section will also be part of the council.

"The QC Women's Business Development Council will be responsible for the organization, promotion and development of women-oriented programs and projects, activities and events in areas related to business and career, including those areas determined suitable by the Council, by way of facilitating and closely coordinating efforts to promote and support the endeavors of the women of Quezon City," the ordinance read.

Further, the month of March will be declared as the QC Women Entrepreneurs' Month to coincide with the city's Women's Month celebration.