

Belmonte to enhance efforts vs violence against women

QUEZON City Vice Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte vowed to enhance the city’s response against violence against women (VAW) in the city through installing more CCT cameras and improving its 24-hour emergency hotline.

“Bawat sulok ng Quezon City ay dapat may CCTV camera — every single nook and cranny — because that is the only way we can combat criminality and ensure our women live in peace and within harmony,” said Belmonte on Quezon City Women’s Convention during the women’s month celebration.

The vice mayor also pledged to

enhance the 122 24-hour emergency hotline in Quezon City, saying it is an effective way to provide immediate responses to emergencies just like what she had experienced in Davao City.

“In Quezon City, we have 122 for different emergencies pero hindi pa ito ganu’n kapulido. We still have to enhance it nang sa ganu’n we can make sure that every concern is immediately addressed and everyone who encounters mishaps in Quezon City can access it anytime,” she added.

Belmonte also mentioned the city’s anti-catcalling ordinance and

urged women to report to authorities whenever they experience this.

“Alam ko may iba sa atin na pinapalampas na lang ang mga ganoong insidente dahil natatakot na maghain ng reklamo. Pero dito sa Quezon City, mayroon na tayong napakulong dahil sa catcalling kaya huwag na kayong matakot dahil nandiyan ang batas para sumuporta sa inyo,” said Belmonte.

“Hindi tayo titigil sa ating kampanya kontra karahasan. Handa tayong ipasa ang anomang batas na kailangan pa nating ipasa para maproteksyunan lang ang ating mga kababaihan,” she said.



Quezon City was recently awarded by Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) for its gender-responsive governance and comprehensive programs on gender and development.