

Joy B assures rights of LGBT in Quezon City

By Rio N. Araja

QUEZON City Vice Mayor **Joy Belmonte** on Thursday assured constituents that she would continue to raise the rainbow flag and vowed to protect the rights of the members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender community.

“Our message to the LGBT sector is that you are safe here, we welcome you here, we protect your rights here and you can call Quezon City your home,” she said.

Belmonte underscored her platform of making the city “a millennial city” that embraces diversity, innovation, and progressive ideas to encourage young people to reside in a city “full of potential.”

She said Quezon City is the first locality to pass an ordinance that protects the rights of the members of the LGBT community.

“It was 2014 when we passed an ordinance that aims to defend the members of the LGBT community from any form of discrimination. It is a clear message to everyone that Quezon City discriminates no one, and the city government assures every citizen that your rights will be protected whatever your sexual orientation is,” she added.