

574 graduate from QC drug rehab program

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THE Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council on Wednesday announced the graduation of 574 participants from the fourth batch of its community-based drug rehabilitation program.

Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte, the council head, congratulated the graduates for completing the program, saying a total of 2,800 have already completed the community rehabilitation modules and prescribed counseling since it started in 2016.

“We will do our best to help everyone change. But the commitment for you to change must come from you,” she said.

Belmonte promised to support the graduates in terms of their livelihood, citing the city’s integrated drug abuse profiling system that lack of employment usually causes illegal drug abuse.

“The next step for us is to provide assistance on how they can attain jobs and livelihood so that they can have something to do to distract themselves from going back to drugs,” she said.

Belmonte expressed confidence that Quezon City has already improved in the alleviation in the number of drug users and pushers with the intensified government intervention on rehabilitation and prevention among communities.