

## QC Public Affairs Department launches children's book on disaster preparedness



■ Quezon City Mayor **Herbert Bautista** presents copies of "*Handa Ako!*" to Department of Education Secretary **Leonor Briones** during an inauguration in **Flora A. Ylagan High School** on **May 21**.



■ Mayor-elect **Joy Belmonte** and Vice Mayor-elect **Gian Sotto** led the book launching ceremony during the flag-raising ceremony at the **Quezon City Hall**.

IN its commitment to keep the residents well updated and informed especially in times of emergency and disaster, the Quezon City government released "*Handa Ako,*" a children's book on disaster preparedness.

Mayor-elect **Joy Belmonte** and Vice Mayor-elect **Gian Sotto** led the book launching ceremony on **May 27** during the flag-raising ceremony at the **Quezon City Hall**.

"*Handa Ako*" is a primer on

disaster awareness and preparedness for children written by **Liwiwa Malabed** and published by **Adarna House**.

The book features basic and easy to understand information with colorful illustrations by **Mia Lagos**.

"This is good. I will give this immediately to my son because he's always asking me on what to do in times of disaster," **Belmonte** said.

Over 15,000 copies of "*Handa Ako*" will be distributed to the

**Social Services and Development Department (SSDD)** for the day care centers, **Quezon City Public Library**, and the city's public elementary and secondary schools.

Meanwhile, **Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista** handed over copies of "*Handa Ako*" to **Department of Education secretary Leonor Briones** during an inauguration in **Flora A. Ylagan High School** last **Tuesday, 21 May**.

"Whether natural or man-made

disasters, having pamphlets or books to read is really important for students. They can bring the book home, but as much as possible after they use it, students should leave it to other kids to read," **Mayor Bautista** said.

"*Handa Ako*" is a project of the **Quezon City Public Affairs and Information Services Department (PAISD)** together with the **Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (QC DRRMO)**.