

# QC enlists barangay volunteers against illegal drugs

THE Quezon City local government through the efforts of the **Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse and Advisory Council (QCADAAC)** is intensifying efforts to fight illegal drugs in the city by enlisting the assistance of volunteers at the barangay level.

“Under QCADAAC, we have been making sure that the Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Councils or Badacs are functional and effective in their mandate to suppress illegal drugs and criminality at the barangay level. One way to ensure that is through the recruitment of volunteers to help in the barangay’s campaign against dangerous drugs,” shared QCADAAC Chairperson and Quezon City Mayor-elect **Joy Belmonte** during a recent oath-taking

of Badac volunteers.

According to a 2004 memorandum from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), barangay anti-drug councils are required to form a Badac Auxiliary Team (BAT) to strengthen anti-drug efforts at the grassroots level and further involve all residents in reducing drug-related crimes.

The BAT must be composed of at least 25 members per 2000 residents of the barangay.

“Badac volunteers are expected help in reporting drug incidents and cases, facilitating an information campaign through their families and communities, and implementing programs that prevent drug addiction,” the outgoing Vice Mayor explained.