

Joy: Pro-LGBT governance to continue in QC

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IN LINE with Pride Month, Quezon City Mayor-elect Joy Belmonte on Thursday promised to continuation a gender-responsive governance through comprehensive gender and development programs and projects supporting the lesbian, gays, bisexual, and transgender community. “In the new administration, we will definitely continue our commitment to making Quezon City a safe space that respects the rights of all people,” Belmonte said.

The city government shall continue to “institutionalize laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and that penalize harassment of any kind,” she noted.

“I think it’s important that we highlight the programs of Quezon City in this regard because, to me, the celebration of Pride Month is a call to local government leaders to take action,” the Mayor-elect said.

“When we say we are proud and that we respect the members of the LGBT community, it shouldn’t end with this month or with the upcoming Pride March. It’s an ongoing commitment to create programs and implement laws that support the cause,” she added.

The 2019 Metro Manila Pride March will take place on June 29.