

QC partners with PDEA to combat illegal drug addiction

THE Quezon City local government through the **Quezon City Anti-Drug Abuse and Advisory Council (QCADAAC)** has partnered with the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) to combat the use of illegal drugs and substances among street children in Quezon City under the "*Sagip Batang Solvent*" program.

"We signed a memorandum of agreement with PDEA Director General Aaron Aquino in March this year to work closely to rescue children from Quezon City who are

addicted to sniffing solvent which, among others, can lead to their use of other illegal drugs," shared incoming Quezon City Mayor **Joy Belmonte** who chaired QCADAAC in her capacity as vice mayor.

Under "*Sagip Batang Solvent*", PDEA and QCADAAC have established a residential reformation center in Novaliches, Quezon City that will house kids aged 10 years and below to prevent their further involvement in the use and trade of legal substances and drugs.