

PDEA, QC officials open youth reformation center

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Officials of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) and incoming Quezon City Mayor **Joy Belmonte** led other personalities in the inauguration on Friday of the Project Sagip Batang Solvent (PSBS) Reformation Center in Novaliches, Quezon City (QC).

Retired Bishop Antonio Tobias, and representatives from non-government organizations (NGOs) also graced the event.

“Sagip Batang” Solvent Reformation Center is an initiative program of PDEA Director General Aaron N. Aquino aimed at keeping the children off the streets and away from being involved in illegal drug activities and drug use.

The center has bedrooms, mess hall, kitchen, comfort rooms, receiving and entertainment room, study room, library, multi-purpose hall, music room, training room, garden, playground, security and staff making it more conducive to learning and values formation.

Aquino said the reformation facility can accommodate up to 60 reach-out clients. The goal of the center is to provide reformatory care and reintegrated interventions like education, counseling, values formation, talent and skills development, livelihood and entrepreneurship training to youth hooked on inhaling solvent.

The reformation center was established through a Memorandum of Understanding entered into by PDEA in its Project “Sagip Batang Solvent” and the Quezon City government on March 25, 2019 in Clemente Subdivision, Barangay San Agustin, Novaliches Quezon City.

“As PDEA’s pilot reformation center, this will serve as the model facility as we aimed to establish reformation centers in different cities and municipalities nationwide,” Aquino said.