

Mayor Belmonte to focus on housing, social services in first 100 days

QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte promised on June 30 to the residents of Quezon City that her administration will focus on housing, social services, education, and health in her first 100 days in office as the city's local chief executive.

In her first speech as the city's chief executive, Mayor Belmonte stressed that Quezon City, no matter how developed it is, should protect and show care for its indigent residents.

Mayor Belmonte instructed the restructuring of the Housing, Community Development, and Resettlement Department (HCDRD) to resolve concerns in city housing and to provide free technical services and hasten the processes involved in housing.

Mayor Belmonte vows an increase in burial assistance for indigent citizens from 10,000 pesos

to 25,000 and medical assistance from 3,000 pesos to 5,000 pesos.

Provisions for social protection under our city ordinances are assured to be complied and funded to support the city's most vulnerable sector and expand the number of beneficiaries of the city educational assistance program.

Mayor Belmonte also promised the establishment of a Solo Parents Welfare Office as well as a system in which financial assistance to fire victims will be distributed within three to five days after the validation of the social workers.

For the education sector, Mayor Joy assured the construction of the Bagbag National Integrated High School in Novaliches.

Quezon City will also enter into public-private partnerships with hospitals per district to provide



■ Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte during her oath taking with her family.

public school students with free eye, medical, and dental check-ups.

According to Mayor Belmonte, her four priorities will be implemented successfully by executing

her four initiatives namely information and accurate data; internal governance and housekeeping; strategic planning and goal setting; and listening to citizens.