

# Free high-speed Wi-Fi in QC? Dad hopes so

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**Q**UEZON City Councilor **Winston Castelo** wants free Wi-Fi access with a broadband speed of 65 mbps in “high-profile” public places to play “a major role” for students and teachers, increase workers’ productivity, and allow better business and investment opportunities.

At a media gathering, Castelo said local network providers “could only offer a speed of 30 mbps. We deserve no less. (We will) Put this Wi-Fi connection as soon as possible.”

“We are embracing the necessity of information technology through a fast, efficient and reliable Wi-Fi access,” added the councilor, who has already filed a proposal to provide a free Internet access in the city by 2020.

“Hopefully, it would be approved with the support of our Mayor (**Joy Belmonte**),” Castelo, who had just served three terms in Congress, told reporters.

In other QC news:

\* The city government has denied any involvement in the recent demolition of shanties in Barangay Tatalon.

Ricardo Belmonte Jr., Secretary to the Mayor, clarified the city government was not behind the demolition in

a slum area along Victory Avenue last July 13 that left 30 families homeless.

He said the disputed property is privately-owned, therefore city officials could not intervene with the court’s decision on its ownership.

The city government called the lot claimant, a certain Rebecca Genato, along with barangay chairperson Rodel Lobo, police officers, the affected families, and representatives from the city’s Housing, Community Development and Resettlement Department for a dialogue.

\* Police have arrested a former Pampanga councilor in Quezon City for car theft.

QC Police Chief Supt. Joselito Esquivel Jr. identified the suspect as Glendy Nacu, 39, a former councilor of Sasmuan town residing at QC’s Sitio Sta. Cruz in Barangay Sto. Tomas.