

Belmonte wants QC as preferred business destination, eyes fresh jobs for constituents

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MAYOR Joy Belmonte plans to turn Quezon City into a preferred destination for business and create more fresh jobs for her constituents during her term.

During a presentation of her 14-point executive agenda, Belmonte has committed to ease the process of registering and establishing new businesses and automate the process of acquiring permits and payments of fees and taxes.

To entice businesses to make Quezon City their ideal destination, Belmonte will promote transparency by publishing the city's tax rates and making the process of assessments transparent.

"We will aim to issue new permits for low-risk businesses in one to two days, and for high-risk businesses within a week," Belmonte told elected and other city officials.

"Our businesses will understand exactly how we compute their fees and taxes. They will no longer fear hidden charges and arbitrary exactions," Belmonte added.

In terms of job creation across more businesses, Belmonte plans to introduce incentives for underdeveloped business sectors, such as tourism and arts and culture, encourage and support small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

In particular, Belmonte said agri-tourism, eco-tourism, heritage tourism, culinary tourism and medical tourism may generate additional employment for Quezon City residents.