

Inton wants gab with mayors over border traffic

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IN A crackdown against colorum tricycle units, Quezon City's traffic czar, Ariel Inton, wants the cooperation of Mayors Vico Sotto of Pasig City and Oscar Malapitan of Caloocan City to fix the traffic woes at the respective border areas of Libis and Ugong Norte and Camarin and Novaliches.

Inton said Wednesday he wants to "immediately" sit down with Sotto and Malapitan to address various administrative and traffic violations being committed by the tricycle operators and drivers' associations in the boundaries of Caloocan and Quezon City, and Pasig and QC.

In an interview, Inton cited the big challenge the Quezon City government is facing in implementing its traffic rules and regulations on tricycles because of territorial issues with Pasig and Caloocan.

"We will go after [and tow] unregistered units and apprehend overcharging drivers," he told Manila Standard.



QC ANTI-HPV. The Quezon City government, the Department of Health, and the Department of Education introduced the human papillomavirus vaccine in its School Based Immunization Program for all public elementary schools in the city, the largest in the Philippines by population. Photo shows Dr. Marizel Wong, Quezon City District Health Officer (District IV) leading the HPV ceremonial vaccination during the 'Back to BakUNA' SBI program launch at the Betty Go Belmonte Elementary School. Over 17,000 Grade 4 girls are set to receive HPV vaccination to protect them from diseases such as cervical cancer later in life.

"There are units crossing from one city to another city, such as ours and Pasig."

Meanwhile, District 1 Councilor **Bernard Herrera** wants more professionals in Quezon City.

In an interview, Herrera said he is studying a possibility of extending educational assistance for poor but deserving students who would wish to take up law, medicine, architecture or engineering.

"We need more lawyers and doctors,"

he said, noting that while Quezon City has already produced many college graduates, financial constraints have prevented them from enrolling in graduate studies.

"Not all college graduates come from well-to-do families. Some of them are poor who could not afford to pursue a master's degree or doctor's degree. If we want to see our city to further improve, we must produce more professionals," Herrera noted.