

QC task force formed for nat'l infra projects

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QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte has established a task force for five major national infrastructure projects, including the Metro Manila subway project.

Belmonte said she will personally head the Task Force Build 5, which will include all stakeholders and the Quezon City communications team, to ensure the smooth planning and implementation of the projects.

"With the help of the task force, we can ensure an orderly planning for our infrastructure projects," she added.

Belmonte earlier met with representatives from the Department of Transportation and the Japan International Cooperation Agency regarding the Metro Manila subway project.

By 2025, all 15 stations should be fully operational, connecting Quirino Highway in northern Metro Manila to the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 in Pasay City within 30 minutes. Subway trains will run at up to 80 kilometers per hour.

Seven of the 15 stations will be in Quezon City, including the vital North Avenue and Quezon Avenue portals, the mayor noted.

Belmonte said four other major infrastructure projects are also in the pipeline, including the Metro Rail Transit 7, the new Skyway section, Segment 8.2 from North Luzon Expressway to C-6, and the relocation site for 18,000 informal settler families.

She is seeking the understanding and cooperation of all stakeholders to ensure the smooth and speedy completion of the projects.

"I am asking for your cooperation. Let us help one another so we could fix swiftly the construction of the projects toward the uplift of our living condition in Quezon City," Belmonte said.