

# QC POGO hubs issued violation notices

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Notices of violations were issued by Quezon City Mayor **Joy Belmonte** against several Philippine offshore gaming operator (POGO) hubs based in Eastwood City in Libis following a surprise inspection on Friday night.



The surprise inspection was aimed at ensuring that POGO centers operating in the city comply with local requirements and ancillary clearances for business.

The POGO hubs, which received notices of violations, were Omniworld Enterprise Inc., Singtech Enterprise Inc. and Great Empire Gaming and Amusement Corp. for failure to present necessary clearances required to conduct business in QC, such as locational clearance, sanitary permit, environmental clearance and occupational permits of its employees.

These hubs have been given a 15-day grace period to comply with the business permit requirements of Quezon City.

“While we welcome the business locators in our city, we want to ensure that our rules and regulations are followed to the letter. Otherwise, you will have to face the consequences of non-compliance,” she told one POGO hub owner during the inspection.

For their part, POGO establishments welcomed the chance to get their businesses in order and promised to comply with the needed requirements.

While she aspires for Quezon City to become a preferred investment and business destination, the mayor said rules, regulations and processes must be complied with.

“We cannot set aside or let slip the regulations of the city, because we will ultimately apprehend you,” Belmonte said.