

# QC mayor bats for healthy food, cleaner air

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QUEZON City Mayor Josefina “Joy” Belmonte has vowed to implement measures to keep her constituents healthy.



Belmonte said she signed two international declarations — “Good Food Cities” and “Clean Air Cities” — at the 2019 C40 World Mayors Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark.

“One is the declaration to commit ourselves to clean air. And the second is the declaration to commit ourselves to healthy foods and food security for our people,” she said at the Pandesal Forum held at Kamuning Bakery on Wednesday.

Under the “Good Food Cities” commitment, urban farming in schools, villages and communities will be implemented and the selling of sugared drinks and junk foods near schools will be banned.

The local government will also campaign for a “meatless” meal at least once a week, and encourage farm-to-consumer relationship through weekend markets. Meanwhile, the “Clean Air Cities” declaration seeks to reduce air pollution and meet the World Health Organization’s air quality recommendations.

Sen. Cynthia Villar, who also attended the forum, said global food production should increase by 70 percent to avert food shortage.

“In 2050, there will be a shortage of food because our population will grow from the present 7 billion to 9 billion,” the senator said.